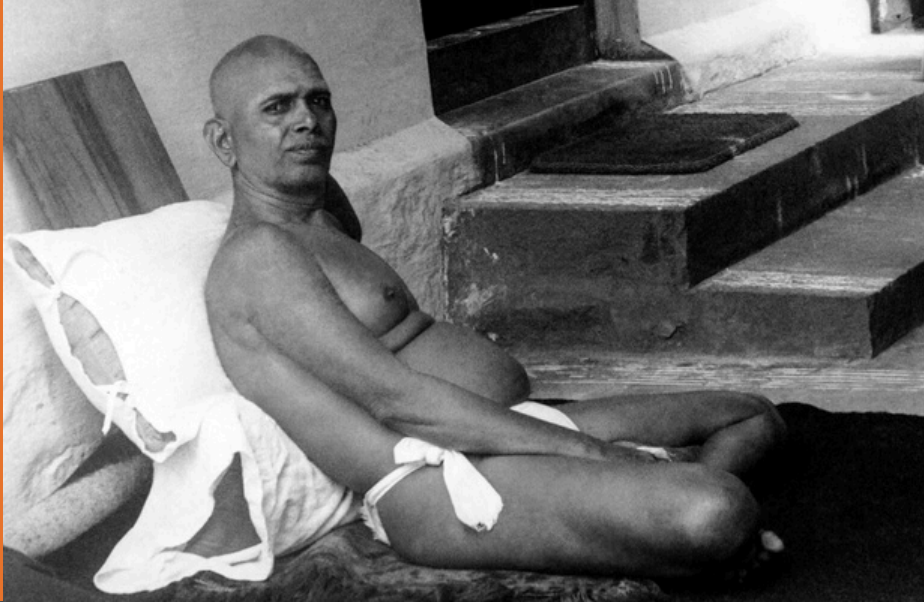




# SRI RAMANA MAHARSHI HERITAGE

## 2025 First-Half Year Report



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Sri Ramana Maharshi Heritage (SRMH) continues to actively sponsor and support various activities both in the United States and India.

All that one gives to others, one gives to one's self. If this truth is understood, who will not give to others?"

-SRI RAMANA MAHARSHI

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### In the United States

- [Sonoma Retreat Center Expansion](#)
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### SONOMA RETREAT CENTER EXPANSION

Peter Berking, a long-standing devotee, has transformed his home in Sebastopol, California, into a retreat center—Sri Ramana Maharshi Center of Sonoma—to serve the community of Bhagavan's devotees. Nestled amidst the natural beauty of Sonoma County, the center offers a serene environment for spiritual retreat and reflection.

The satsang hall is now open for drop-in, independent meditation or study. Devotees may request a door code for access at any time. The hall accommodates up to 45 people.



Meditation hall (left) and front yard (right) of Sonoma Retreat center

Overnight facilities are also available, with space for up to 12 devotees. A new lending library houses the main Ashram publications, making Bhagavan's teachings easily accessible.

Affiliated with Sri Ramanasramam and Sri Ramana Maharshi Heritage, the center welcomes both seasoned practitioners and newcomers, fostering spiritual exploration in a warm and dharmic atmosphere.

For more details about the center and its offerings, please visit their [website](https://www.srmh.org).



Backyard and guest rooms of Sonoma Retreat Center

### PERMANENT DISPLAY OF BHAGAVAN'S PHTOTO AT SV LOTUS TEMPLE IN VA



SV Lotus Temple receiving Bhagavan's portrait from SRMH

The Washington DC chapter of SRMH has collaborated with the SV Lotus Temple authorities to secure a dedicated room for its monthly satsangs. A 10-year agreement has been signed with the temple, ensuring this sacred space remains available. A 21" x 27" photo of Bhagavan is permanently displayed in the Godhavari Room.



Devotees holding satsang in the Godhavari room



## BOOK AND CALENDAR SALES

Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi lives on through his timeless teachings. At SRMH, we are dedicated to preserving and sharing these precious teachings, working closely with Sri Ramanasramam in India to make them accessible to current and future devotees.

Our [U.S. bookstore](#) continues to grow. We have added high-resolution photographs to our website, providing devotees with even more ways to connect with Bhagavan's legacy. The bookstore allows US devotees to purchase the centenary coin online. Additionally, the bookstore stocks Ashram calendars and diaries annually, ensuring devotees have access to these cherished items year after year.

We see the bookstore as a vital part of our mission to keep Bhagavan's teachings alive and feel deeply blessed by its successful growth.

[Here](#) is a beautiful video that highlights our work.

The screenshot displays the SRMH North America bookstore website. The header includes the SRMH logo and navigation links: SRM BHAGAVAN HERITAGE USA, COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, ACTIVITIES, CORE TEACHING, RESOURCES, REPORTS, and NORTH AMERICA BOOKS. The main heading is 'North America bookstore'. Below this, a banner for bulk orders is visible. Two product listings are shown:

**Bhagavan Sitting on Stone at Mango Tree Cave (Photo)**

Price (By mail within USA)	Price (in-person at Washington DC Metro)	Price (By mail within Canada)
\$5	\$3	\$7

\$5 per photo, including the shipping cost

[View Product](#) [Add to cart](#)

Bhagavan sitting on stone at mango tree cave. Size 10 x 8 inches.

**Bhagavan Sitting on Deer Skin (Photo)**

Price (By mail within USA)	Price (in-person at Washington DC Metro)	Price (By mail within Canada)
\$5	\$3	\$7

\$5 per photo, including the shipping cost

[View Product](#) [Add to cart](#)

Bhagavan sitting on a deer skin when young. Size 10 x 8 inches.

SRMH online bookstore



75<sup>th</sup> ARADHANAAltar at 75<sup>th</sup> Aradhana celebrations of SF Bay area

The Satsang groups in California Bay Area and Washington, D.C., were established in 2003. Since then, they have gathered regularly in devotees' homes and observed Bhagavan's Jayanti, Aradhana, and Advent at Arunachala annually. In 2021, these groups came together under the formal banner of Sri Ramana Maharshi Heritage (SRMH), a registered non-profit organization.

This year, both Satsang groups celebrated Bhagavan's Aradhana with devotion and joy. In California, Swami Chidananda, founder, Trustee, and chief resource person of the FOWAI FORUM, an NGO dedicated to spiritual education, and an ardent devotee of Bhagavan, gave an inspiring talk on Bhagavan's greatness and the continuing relevance of his teachings.



SF celebrations: Swami Chidananda doing arathi to Altar (left), Devotees chanting Aksharamanamalai (center) and a young devotee acting as Jnaneshwar in a children's skit

75<sup>th</sup> ARADHANA

Altar at 75<sup>th</sup> Aradhana celebrations of Washington D.C.

The Washington, D.C., celebration featured a talk by Sri Dinu Patel, along with children's performances, musical and dance presentations, and Vedic chanting. The program concluded with a bountiful lunch prasadam, leaving all participants with a deep sense of unity and shared grace.

Video links to the Aradhana celebrations of both the Bay Area and Washington, D.C., groups can be viewed [here](#) and [here](#)

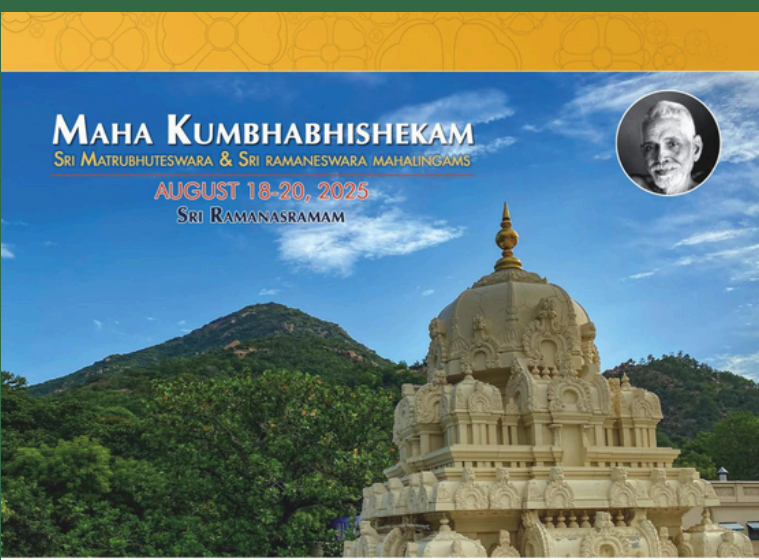



D.C. celebrations: Devotional music by Smt.Villanur G Lalitha and Students (left), Sri.Dinu Patel (center) and Music by devotees (right)

## ASHRAM KUMBHABHISHEKAM

SRMH supported Sri Ramanasramam's sacred Maha Kumbhabhishekam, held from August 18–20, 2025.

As part of the celebrations, extensive renovation work was undertaken at the shrines of Matrubhuteshwara and Sri Ramaneshwara Mahalingams, in full accordance with traditional śāstric principles. These periodic renovations and Kumbhabhishekams are far more than structural undertakings; they are profound acts of preservation and consecration. Through the decades, such ceremonies have safeguarded the sanctity, spiritual power, and architectural beauty of these hallowed shrines with unwavering devotion and discipline.



Date	Day	PROGRAMME	
		Morning	Evening
18-8-2025	Monday	7:00. a.m. Anujnai, Sri Vigneswara Puja, Acharya Varnam, Sri Ganapati Homam, Madhuparkam, Navagraha Homam, Sri Sukta Homam, 10:30. Purnahuti, 11:00. Mantra Pushpam, Maha Arati	4:30. p.m. Mruthsangrahanam, Rakshabandanam, Yagasalai Pravesam, Vastu Homam Puja, 1st Kala Japam, Homam, Rudra Trisathi, 7:30. Purnahuti, 8:00. Maha Arati
19-8-2025	Tuesday	7:00. a.m. 2nd Kala Yagasala Puja Japam, Homam, Kanya, Swasini Puja 8:30 Trimurthy Ashtabandanam 10:30. Purnahuti, 11:00. Mantra Pushpam, Maha Arati	4:30. p.m. 3rd Kala Yagasala Puja, Japam, Homam, Bhimba Suddhi, Punyahavachanam, Gouthuga Bandhanam, Sri Ramana & Lalita Sahasranama Archanai 7:30. Purnahuti, 8:00. Maha Arati.
20-8-2025	Wednesday	6:00. a.m. 4th Kala Yagasala Puja Japam, Homam, 9:00. Purnahuti, 9:30 Maha Arati. 10:00 Yatradhanam 10:15 Maha Kumbhabhishekam of Vimanas (Towers) 10:30 Maha Abhishekam to Bhagavan and Matrubhuteswara, 11:00 Maha Arati	 <b>SRI RAMANASRAMAM</b> TIRUVANNAMALAI

Sri Ramanasramam Kumbhabhishekam programme





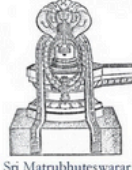


## ASHRAM KUMBHABHISHEKAM

The first Kumbhabhishekam in 1949, led by the revered Vaidyanatha Sthapathi, inaugurated a sacred tradition that has since been carried forward by his lineage. In this auspicious year of 2025, his grandson, Selvanatha Sthapathi, once again upheld and renewed this timeless legacy.

Videos of this sacred celebration are available on the Ashram's YouTube channel, organized by date and time: August 20, 2025, August 19, 2025 evening, August 19, 2025 morning, August 18, 2025 evening and August 18, 2025 morning.

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Om Namo Bhagavate Sri Ramanaya

**MAHA KUMBHABHISHEKAM INVITATION**

O stone hearted Ganesha, resident-ever of the wall-niche! You have reduced your hapless father to the level of a common beggar, just to feed your cavernous belly! Am I not also his other son? Why don't you have a graceful glance at your sibling young!  
- Sri Bhagavan

Sundaryamba became the effulgence, proclaimed by the Vedas and Upanishads, the effulgence that has pervaded all the worlds, the effulgence that manifested through the gaze of the son, Guha (Ramana).  
- Ganapati Muni

O Lord of Annamalai! In your hall, on dark nights, herds of boar, deers-beautiful, fierce bears and elephants-huge gather together in numbers great! Thou stand as the epitome of jnana. Thy glance denudes the devotees of the mass of stupefying matter.  
- Jnana Sambandar

We bow unto Him whose spreading grace is like the friend of the blue lily (the moon), who is bright like the lord of the lotus (the sun), who by his abidance in Brahman (state of pure Being), reminds one of his Father, who is firm like a rock under the Banyan tree.  
- Ramana Gita - Ch.18, V.13

Dear fellow devotees,

The living presence of Sri Ramana Maharshi continues to inspire the path of Self-enquiry in those who remember Him. For those who surrender to Him, He is a guide across the ocean of samsara to the peace of the Self.


In 1922, following the liberation of His mother, her samadhi led to the founding of Sri Ramanasramam at the foot of Arunachala. She is worshipped as Matrubhuteswara.

After Sri Bhagavan's mahasamadhi in 1950, the Ramaneswara Mahalingam was established and consecrated in His honour.

By the Grace of Sri Bhagavan it is proposed to perform the Maha Kumbhabhishekam of Sri Matrubhuteswara and Sri Ramaneswara Maha Lingams on Wednesday the 20th August 2025 between 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

All devotees are warmly invited to take part in this sacred event and receive the blessings of Sri Ramana Maharshi.

Sri Ramanasramam P.O.  
Tiruvannamalai – 606 603  
27th June 2025.



*Vaidyanatha Sthapathi*  
President  
Sri Ramanasramam  
Tiruvannamalai

Sri Ramanasramam Kumbabhishekam invitation

## CENTENARY COIN



Sri Ramana Maharshi Centenary coin

On May 15, 2025, the Government of India officially announced the issuance of a special ₹100 commemorative coin to mark the Centenary of Sri Ramanasramam. Minted in silver (99.9% purity), the coin weighs 40 grams, measures 44 mm in diameter, and features 200 serrations along its edge. Classified as a numismatic coin, it is distinct from everyday currency. Such coins are valued for their historical significance and unique design, making them especially treasured by collectors, historians, and those devoted to preserving cultural heritage.

Devotees in the U.S. may pre-order the coin through the [Sri Ramana Maharshi Heritage website](https://www.srmh.org) by selecting “Coin” from the pull-down menu.

The coin will be formally released at a special event in Fremont, California, on September 14, 2025. Presiding over the function will be Dr. Venkat S. Ramanan, President of Sri Ramanasramam; Sri Rakesh Adlakha, Deputy Consul General of India in San Francisco; Dr. David Frawley (Pandit Vamadeva Shastri), Padma Bhushan awardee; and Sri Raj Salwan, Mayor of Fremont.

## SUPPORTING KENDRAS

SRMH supports the Ashram's efforts in organizing celebrations, community outreach, and renovation projects at various kendras across India. These initiatives help to spread the teachings of Sri Ramana Maharshi through publications and spiritual gatherings, fostering vibrant centers of devotion and inquiry throughout the country.



Delhi Ramana Kendra - Auditorium (left) and Library Capstone (right)