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RAMAKRISHNA MISSION CHILDREN'S HOMES IN THE EAST OF SRI LANKA**



Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Chief Guest: Swami Dhanyananda Resident Monk
Vedanta Centre of Sydney, Australia

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by
Gaanalaya Fine Arts

Students of
**Smt. Sivarathy
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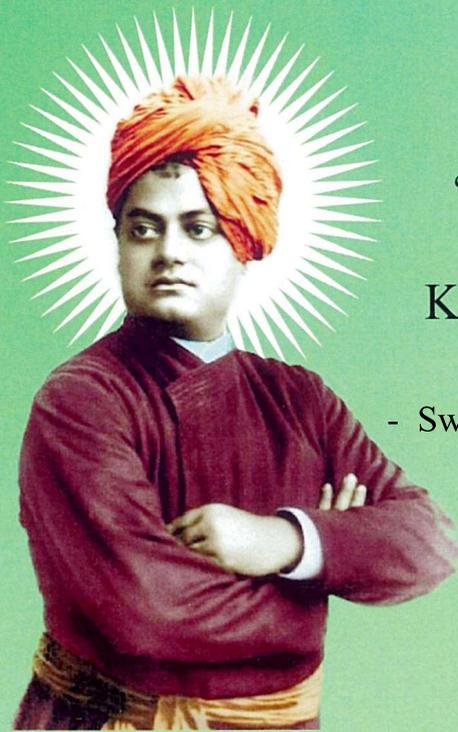
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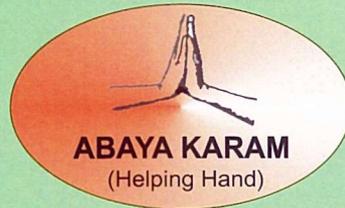
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“The poor, the illiterate, the ignorant,
the afflicted, let these be your God.
Know that service to them is the highest
Religion”

- Swami Vivekananda, Founder of Ramakrishna Mission -



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OUR MISSION

In following the philosophy quoted above by Swami Vivekananda, chief disciple of Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa and founder of Ramakrishna Mission, Abaya Karam has identified the most vulnerable and traumatised children in need of a helping hand.

Our mission is to unite the community to achieve the survival of these children and instil hope.

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Abaya Karam Secretary's Message

Friends and well-wishers of Abaya Karam,

Welcome to 2026 Abaya Karam fundraising concert as we celebrate our 34th Anniversary.

Your continued support has been the cornerstone of our success. It enables us to pursue our twin objectives: providing vital funds for disadvantaged children at **Durgapuram Mahalir Illam** (Tellippalai) and the **Ramakrishna Mission Children's Home** (Batticaloa), while simultaneously nurturing Sydney's young talent in the ancient Indian classical performing arts traditions of **Bharatha Natyam** and **Carnatic music**.

Tonight's concert features Carnatic music by the students of Smt Sivarathy Ketheswaran of Gaanalaya Fine Arts, followed by Bharatha Natyam performances by the students of **Smt Suganthy Thayaseelan** of Sydney Kalaabavanam. We extend our deepest gratitude to both institutions for generously producing these outstanding programs pro bono.

We are honoured that **Rev. Dhanyananda Swamiji**, Resident Monk at the Vedanta Centre of Sydney, has graced this occasion as our Chief Guest. We also regret **Dr Aru Thirumurugan**, President of Durgapuram Mahalir Illam, who unfortunately could not be with us tonight.

Over the past 34 years, your generosity has allowed us to remit nearly **A\$1.47 million** to the homes. Thank you for your contributions and ongoing support. Our audited accounts are published in the concert souvenirs and in **abayakaram.org.au**. The website keeps our patrons informed about our mission, ongoing activities, and the life-skills programs undertaken at the homes, and facilitates personal donations for feeding the children and for other activities.

In addition, your immediate response to the urgent appeal from Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa following the catastrophic **November 2025 floods** in Sri Lanka must be highlighted. Thank you for your kindness, we raised and remitted **\$12,700** in December 2025 to support relief efforts via the Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa.

We acknowledge with profound sadness the passing of one of our founding members **Mr Ganeshan Raju** in September 2025 who was a pillar of strength in taking over a number of activities on behalf of Abaya Karam.

A very big thank you to the advertisers for their contribution which will enhance our donations in 2026.

Thank you for joining us tonight at our 34th Anniversary Concert. We wish you an enchanting evening of classical Indian music and dance and kindly appeal for your continued generosity to Abaya Karam.

Rajanthi Ravindra
Secretary, Abaya Karam



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Date: 21 February 2026

Dear Management Committee Members,
Namaste.

We thankfully acknowledge receipt of your kind donations for 2025. Please find the details of your contribution towards the endowment and feeding our children:

Date of receipt	Amount in LKR
27.06.2025	4,768,131.60
24.12.2025	2,524,533.00 (Flood Relief)

Your updated endowment as on 21 February 2026 is Rs. 71,606,640.13. The interest earned from this fund of Abaya Karam has been utilized to cater to the needs of our 120 underprivileged children at our Homes.

Your assistance matters a lot, and we seek every possible help for the above programs. We shall give a short update/stat about our current programs:

1. 7331 patients received treatment at our Family Health Centre, Kallady, in 2025.
2. 7796 availed treatment and medical facilities at Swami Vivekananda Welfare Centre, Kiran, in 2025.
3. 105 and 30 students study at our Sri Sarada Nursery School and Vivekananda Nursery School respectively.
4. 527 students attend our Sunday religious schools at different locations.
5. Medical camps are currently underway in villages near Vaharai and Sittandy. More than 906 patients have been treated during the year 2025.
6. The Mission provided monthly stipends to 45 university students.
7. We carried out relief operations during the recent floods (Nov & Dec 2025) affecting various regions. Total families assisted: 3,553

Other Developmental Activities:

Inclusive Education for the Visually Challenged Through the IRTC Inclusive Resource and Training Centre, providing education and Braille book publication.

The Vivekananda Human Excellence Centre promotes linguistic studies, music, traditional instruments, and cultural arts.

We once again express our profound gratitude for the kind support you have provided us so far. We pray to Bhagavan Sri Ramakrishna, Holy Mother Sri Sarada Devi and Swami Vivekananda for your well-being and success in all your endeavors.

With prayers,

Yours in the service of Lord,
Swami Nilamadhavanada
The General Manager

ABAYA KARAM

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30 JUNE 2025

2024		2025
	INCOME	
39,740.02	Donations	52,761.00
-	Sale of Concert Tickets	18,480.00
-	Advertising Revenue	-
<u>39,740.02</u>	Total Income	<u>71,241.00</u>
	EXPENSES	
-	Dance Production Expenses	-
-	Audio Production Expenses	980.00
-	Hall Hire and Expenses	4,304.00
-	Insurance	1,083.28
-	Refreshments	1,480.00
-	Flowers	150.00
-	Printing	155.00
-	Advertisement	220.00
18.87	Bank and Finance charges	81.35
<u>18.87</u>	Total Expenses	<u>8,453.63</u>
39,721.15	Charitable Activity - Excess of Income over Expenses	62,787.37
	SPECIAL EXPENDITURE	
	Donations	
19,775.00		Durgapuram Mahalir Illam 30,800.00
20,225.00		Ramakrishna Mission 29,200.00
<u>40,000.00</u>	Total Donations	<u>60,000.00</u>
<u>(278.85)</u>	EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE	<u>2,787.37</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30 JUNE 2025

	ASSETS	
3,080.41	Cash at Bank	5,867.78
-	Prepayment	-
	LIABILITIES	
-	Sundry Creditors	-
<u>3,080.41</u>	NET ASSETS	<u>5,867.78</u>
	REPRESENTED BY:	
	Accumulated Funds	
3,359.26		Balance brought forward 3,080.41
(278.85)		Suplus/(Deficit) for the period 2,787.37
<u>3,080.41</u>		<u>5,867.78</u>

Signed

Mrs.K. Anandasayanan
President

12 November 2025

Signed

Mrs.V.Mahadeva
Treasurer



Program

Welcome and Housekeeping

Aaroham

**Thematic Musical Presentation by students of
Smt. Sivarathy Ketheswaran of Gaanalaya Fine Arts**

President's Speech

Address by the Chief Guest

**Swami Dhanyananda Resident Monk
Vedanta Centre of Sydney, Australia**

Message from Dr Aru Thiru Murugan

President Durgapuram Mahalir Illam, Telippalai

Acknowledgement of Our Sponsors

Interval

Message from Swami Nilamadhavananda

General Manager, Ramakrishna Mission Batticaloa

Maathar Mahimai

(The Greatness of Womanhood)

**Thematic Dance presentation by students of
Smt. Suganthy Thayaseelan, Sydney Kalaabavanam**

Honouring the Gurus

"Aaroham" by Students of Dr Sivarathy Ketheswarn

Music Coodinator	Mr Sivabalan Pakeerathan
Mridangam	Mr Ramana Paheerathan
Flute & Keyboard	Mr Jathushan Jeyarasa
Ghadam & Octapad	Mr Peraveenan Jeyarasa
Violin	Miss Agalya Pavalan



Aariyen Senthilkumaran	Hanish Senthilkumaran	Nitya Nimalan
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Adhrika Dhivya Vivek	Jeeva Ram	Prathayini Ravichchandran
Adyadhanvee Saravankumar	Jian Segaram Kuna	Reshikaa Senthilkumaran
Aeraka Rathna Saravanan	Kabinaa Ramanan	Saktiyarl Ganeshkumar
Amara Jeyaganesh	Lavankhy Pakeerathan	Shwetha Saravanan
Aran Srinivasan	Lylah Muralikrishna	Sirushatika Selvarasa
Arun Muralikrishna	Meena Kanthathas	Sujirthana Pratheepan
Asmitha Gnanakumar	Mihira Srishyam	Theshnie Ketheswaran
Ayana Jeyaganesh	Myilan Kumaradevan	Varshni Ketheswaran
Chelvi Sathiakumar	Niksha Nimalan	Viveka Koneswaran
Deshna Prabu		

Aaroham

A rising. A becoming. A journey told not in words alone, but in melody, rhythm, and soul.

This vocal tapestry unfolds through beloved Tamil compositions, tracing the life of a child as it blossoms through time. We begin in innocence — the tender hush of Pachai Kulanthaiyadi, where life is soft, unguarded, and new. Soon, joy takes its first steps in the playful laughter of Theeratha Vilaiyaatu Pillai, where curiosity dances freely and the world is a playground of wonder.

Growth follows. Discipline enters like the steady beat of a heart in Jathiswaram, shaping form, focus, and grace. Emotion deepens in Varnam and Keerthanai, where artistry awakens and the soul begins to speak in its own voice.

But every journey meets its shadows.

With Naan Oru Vilaiyaattu Bommaiya, life reveals its fragile truths — the weight of struggle, the silence of loss, the trials that test the spirit. Conflict, hardship, and sorrow weave themselves into the story, reminding us that growth is not only gentle — it is forged.

And then comes surrender.

Through Ninnai Charanadainthen and the resounding invocation Thaka Thaka Thaka Thaka Sivasakthi, faith rises like flame from ash. Strength is no longer sought outside — it is discovered within.

Finally, we arrive at Thunbam Nerkayil, interwoven with the timeless wisdom of the Thirukkural. Here, the journey transforms. Pain becomes insight. Struggle becomes compassion. And from that awakening emerges Abhaya Karam — the sacred hand of protection — offering refuge, dignity, and hope to every child in need.

This is not merely music. This is a life unfolding.

This is Aaroham — the ascent of the human spirit.



Maathar Mahimai – The Greatness of Womanhood

Presented by the students of Sydney Kalaabavanam
Director and Guru: Smt. Suganthy Thayaseelan

Maathar Mahimai celebrates the strength, compassion and divinity of womanhood through the classical dance form of Bharathanatyam. Inspired by the spirit of International Women's Day, this showcase honors the feminine not only in society, but as the sacred energy revered in Indian culture as the Divine Mother.

Through a selection of devotional pieces, the students pay tribute to various forms of the goddess, portraying grace, courage, wisdom and nurturing love. Each item reflects how the feminine manifests as protector, guide and universal mother.

The central piece is dedicated to Ashta Lakshmi; the eight manifestations of Lakshmi, symbolising the many forms of true prosperity. Through expressive abhinaya and rhythmic movement, the dancers will portray

1. **Adi Lakshmi (Prosperity)**
2. **Dhana Lakshmi (Wealth)**
3. **Dhanya Lakshmi (Nourishment)**
4. **Gaja Lakshmi (Strength)**
5. **Santana Lakshmi (Motherhood)**
6. **Veera Lakshmi (Courage)**
7. **Vijaya Lakshmi (Success)**
8. **Vidya Lakshmi (Knowledge)**

Through **Maathar Mahimai**, the students dedicate their performance to honoring womanhood and sharing the joy of Bharathanatyam in support of a meaningful cause.

Participants

vishaka	Kamesh
Shivapriya	Ananth
Isha	Singh
Naabiga	Nanthakumar
Mansy	Kamalanathan
Harshika	Mohankumar
Shrishaika	Premkumar
Abinaya	Arikan
Anvita	Korde
Prapti	Sonani
Amrethaa	Vithuran Kumaravel
Dakshita	Balasubrahmanian
Madhura Hasini	Kakuturu
Kruti	Patel
Jiya	Daga
Ritikka	Jeyaragavan
Abinaya	Umakanthan
Aaruthi	Arunaharan
Shivani	Ravisanthiran
Mihika	Korde
Shuruthi Shainthavi	Thayaseelan
Raveena	Rajendran
Tanika	Inthirakumaran
Uthisra	Inthirakumaran
Nidhila	Sakthi
Niyati	Shenoy

Nattuvangam:

Mrs SuganthyThayaseelan
Ms Shuruthi Shainthavi Thayaseelan

Vocal:

Mrs Mathuvanthi Paheerathan Anussan

Mridangam:

Mr Ramana Paheerathan

Flute:

Mr Shankar Anandasayanan

Violin:

Miss Agalya Pavalan

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Mr. Padmasiri (Pappu) - Abi Master Production

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Mr Sri Rangan - Gnanam Art Creation

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The Management & staff
at Bryan Brown Theatre, Bankstown

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- Swami Vivekananda

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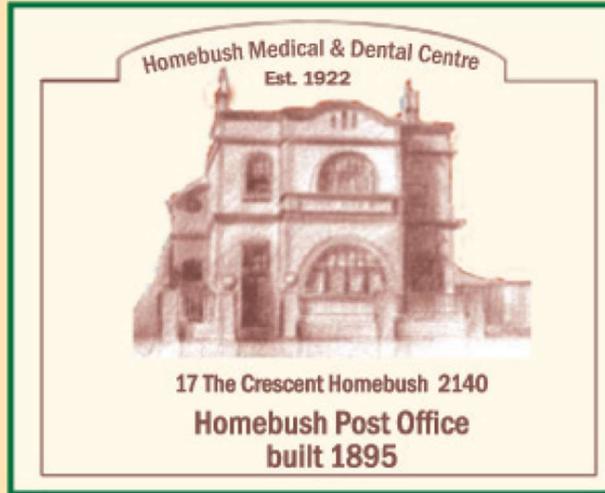
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