

SRI GNANA SARASWATHI DEVASTHANAM,
BASAR(V & M), NIRMAL (Dist.)

Brief History:

Sri Gnana Saraswati Devasthanam is a renowned and an ancient Temple for Goddess of Education and attained the greatest spiritual importance as Gnana Pradayeeni shrine. This is one Shrine among the two shrines dedicated to Goddess Saraswati temple in India. The other is located at Kashmir. According to the Mythological legends, after the Mahabharata war, sage Veda Vyasa embarked on a pilgrimage in search of peace. He reached the serene Kumaranchala hills on the banks of river Godavari and meditated and propitiated the Goddess who eventually appeared before him and granted her presence in the form of the divine trinity.

The Goddess ordered the sage to place three handful of sand at three places everyday. Miraculously these sand dunes transformed into the idols of the divine trinity i.e., Sri Saraswathi, Maha Lakshmi, & Maha Kali.

Vedavyasa has took immense penance at this place on a Hillock known as Vyasa Guha, which could be seen by every pilgrim at Basar till today. Lord Kumara Swamy (Son of Shiva) had also under gone penance on this hillock which is also named as Kumarachala Parvatham. There are other two idols viz: Mahakali and MahaLaxmi installed in this temple. A separate Vedavyasa Temple is exists in front of the Main Temple. The River Godavari is passing away form Basar at a distance of One Kilometer from the temple. Sri Dattatreya Swamy Temple also exists in the vicinity of the Main Temple.

This is a “**TRI-SHAKTIPEETHAM**” consisting Mahakali, Maha Laxmi and Maha Saraswathi established by the epic poet “Veda Vyasa.” And has a history of over 5000 years.

Thousands and thousands of devotees across the country visit the Temple to pay their offerings to the Goddess Sri Gnana Saraswati during all Seasons. Aksharabhyasa (Slate Pooja) is the main pooja performed by the devotees. Children are brought here for the ceremony of Aksharabhyasa to start their education with the blessings of the Goddess of Knowledge It is believed as, by performing Aksharabhyasam Children can attain Great Knowledge and Good Studies in their academics.

Basar is a village with wonderful gardens surrounded by the temple premises of Telangana state, 30-km from Nizamabad. Basar is situated on the

banks of River Godavari. It is located at a distance of about 240-km by road and 190-km by rail from Hyderabad, 100-km by road and 90-km by rail from Nanded. Thousands of devotees bath in the river Godavari & seek the blessings of the Goddess during the MahaShivarathri, Dassera Navratris and Vasantha panchami.

DETAILS OF SEVAS & POOJAS

- 1. Abhishekam**
- 2. Astothara Kumkumarchana**
- 3. Aksharabyasam**
- 4. Special Akshrabhasam**
- 5. Sri Sathyanarayana Swamy Pooja**
- 6. Nithya Chandi Homam**
- 7. Upanayanam**
- 8. Pollaki Seva**
- 9. Vahana Poojalu**
- 10. Shashwatha Kumkumarchana**
- 11. Shashwatha one day Abhishekam**
- 12. Shashwatha Annadanam Schemes**

Sale of Prasadams

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| 1). Abhishekam laddu Prasadams | 400 gms- 50-00 |
| 2). Laddu Prasadam | 100 gms- 15-00 |
| 3). Pulihora Prasadam | 200 gms- 10-00 |

POOJA & DHARSHAN TIMINGS

4.00 A.M TO 4.30 A.M	ISSUING OF ABHISHEKAM TICKETS
4.30 A.M TO 5.30 A.M	SRI AMMAVARI ABHISHEKAM
5.30 A.M TO 7.30 A.M	ALANKARANA, HARATHI
7.30 A.M TO 12.00 NOON	SARVA DHARSHANAM&OTHER POOJAS
12.00 P.M TO 12.30 NOON	NIVEDANA & HARATHI
1.00PM TO 2.00PM	DWARABHANDAM
2.00 PM TO 6.00 PM	SARVA DHARSHANAM & OTHER POOJAS
6.00 PM TO 7.00 PM	PRADHOSHA POOJA
7.00 PM TO 8.30 PM	MAHA HARATHI, DISTRIBUTION OF THIRTHA PRASADMAS
8.30 P.M	DWARABHANDANAM

MAIN FESTIVALS

- 1). VYASAPOURNAMI (ASHADA SHUDDA PORNAMI)
- 2). DASARA NAVARATHROTSAVAMS (ASHWEEYUJA MASAM)
- 3). DATTA JAYANTHI (MARGA SHIRA SHUDDA Pournami)

- 4). SRI VASANTHA PANCHAMI (MAGHA SHUDDA PANCHAMI)
(BIRTHDAY OF SRI SARASWATHI MATHA)

- 5). MAHA SHIVARATHRI UTSAVAMS (MAGHA BAHULA CHATHURDASI)

VISITING PLACES AND OTHER TEMPLES IN BASAR **(Historical places)**

- 1).SRI GNANA SARASWATHI TEMPLE
- 2).SRI MAHAKALI TEMPLE
- 3).SRI DATATREYA SWAMY TEMPLE – On the way to Village 1 Km from Main Temple
- 4).SRI VEDAVYASA MAHARSHI TEMPLE
- 5).SRI SHIVALAYAM (AT GODAVARI RIVER)
- 6).SRI VEDA VYASAGUHA
- 7).SRI VEDAVATHI SHILA- Near Basar Bus Stand
- 8). SRI VENKATESHWARA SWAMY TEMPLE (NEAR BUSSTAND)
- 9). SRI GANESH TEMPLE (NEAR BUSSTAND)
- 10) SRI PAPAHARESHWARA TEMPLE (ON THE WAY TO VILLAGE)
- 11) GODAVARI RIVER – 1 KM FROM THE TEMPLE

PUBLIC TRANSPORT:

Free bus facility available for pilgrims.
One Minibus run between Basara Railway Station, Temple & Godavari River.

Contact Numbers:

1. Executive Officer ----9491000656
2. Chairman ----9676760812
3. Temple Office ----08752-255550
4. Superintendent --- 9492875006
5. Enquiry Office --- 08725-255503

ACCOMMODATION

1	Sri Venkateshwara Swamy Guest House, Dwaraka Thirumala	3 Suits(A.C)
2	Sri Raja Rajeshwara Swamy Guest House Vemulawada	3 Suits (A.C)
3	Sri Durga Malleshwara Swamy Guest House, Vijayawada	1 Suits (A.C)
4	Sri Laxmi Narsimha Swamy Guest House, Yadagirigutta	4 Suits (A.C)
5	Sri Srisailam Guest House,	3 Suits
6	Sri Soma Guest House	4 Suits (A.C)
7	Sri Rajanna Nilayam	2 Suits (A.C)
8	T.T.D 100 Rooms Choultry	90 Rooms

ANNADANAM:-

Devasthanam Annadanam facility for 300 persons daily.

Online Services:- NO