

Jagdguru Sri Veersimhasana Mahasamathana Math's Contributions In Combating Covid-19

By serving humanity, You are serving God – Jagdguru Sri Veersimhasana Mahasamsthana Math has upheld this motto and has been following it throughout these years. Presently, while our country is facing a severe crisis due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Suttur Math has joined hands with the frontline warriors to save the humankind.

1. **In fight against the invisible enemies** – Medical practitioners, police, pourakarmikas, and volunteers are working hardly ignoring their health to save us from this pandemic. On March 22, 2020, at 5 pm, Paramapujya Swamiji and the inmates of the math expressed their solidarity and gratitude to the heroes, like the rest of India, by making sound as appealed by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi.



2. **Break the chain-** His Holiness Paramapujya Jagdguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, through a video message appealed to the people to stay indoors and strictly follow the guidelines laid by the government and to break the chain spreading coronavirus.



3. **Spread Positivity** – His Holiness Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka B S Yeddyurappa, and Home Minister Sri. Basavaraj Bommai appeared in a webinar and addressed AKKA (America Kannada Koota Association) members, who are staying in North America, and wished everyone's safety and well-being during this difficult time.



4. **Feeding the needy** - The Suttur Math extended its helping hands to thousands of facility deprived people living in Mysuru city and surrounding areas, whose major problem was tackling hunger during the lockdown by distributing food grains kits and food packets.



5. **To overcome the challenges** - The Suttur Math and the employees of JSS Mahavidyapeeta and other JSS institutions have made a humble contribution of Rs. 50 lakh to the Chief minister's Relief Fund, to fight the ongoing crisis. The fund was received by the District-In-Charge Minister V. Somanna from HH Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, on April 1, 2020.

The Mysuru and Chamarajanagara Mathadhipathi Ghosti also contributed a sum of Rs. 1.5 lakh to the CM's Relief fund. The cheque was handed over by His Holiness Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, to the District In-charge Minister of Mysuru Sri S. T. Somashekar



6. **Distribution of grocery kits** - The Mysuru Citizens' Forum, headed by HH Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji distributed food grains kits to the people who are suffering without work and money due to the lockdown.

On April 7, 2020, food grains kits were distributed to 3000 families by His Holiness Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji. On May 8, 2020, food grain kits were distributed to 2500 families by Hon'ble Ministers Sri Jagadeesh Shettar, Sri S. T. Somashekar and Sri Byrathi Basavaraj in the divine presence of HH Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji.



7. **Messages of Hope** – His Holiness Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Deshikendra Mahswamiji shared a message of hope and faith to all the citizens of the country in this crucial situation. He appealed to the citizens not to lose hope and to take courage to face this pandemic together by following the norms of the government. His words definitely instilled positivity among many, who were facing mental stress due to the lockdown. Pujya Swamiji shared the message through the All India Radio (Akashvani), Mysuru. He has been continuously sharing audio and video messages creating awareness about Covid-19 and the importance of social distancing, on behalf of state and central governments.
8. **Dispel the darkness**- On April 5, 2020, the Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi had appealed to the citizens of the country to turn off electricity and light diyas at 9 pm to display unity in the fight against corona pandemic. Accordingly, His Holiness Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji, along with the inmates of the Srimath lit lamps and prayed for the well being of all.



9. **Faith in God-** On April 13, 2020, HH Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji and other Swamis of Suttur Math, Mysuru, performed the “Ishtalinga pooja” to protect the world from the deadly corona virus. Believing in god can help us to overcome the crisis.



10. **Taking care of our fellow beings** - The Sri Suttur Math, in association with the JSS Mahavidyapeeta contributed a sum of Rs. 5 lakh to the Sri Chamrajendra Zoological Garden, Mysuru, on May 8, 2020. The zoo was completely shut down since the lockdown was clamped across the State. As a result of this the zoo authority was facing scarcity of resources to take care of the animals. Noticing this, His Holiness Paramapujya Jagadguru Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamiji contributed the amount to the authorities of the zoo.



11. **A happy home for the stranded** - The Sri Suttur Math provided accommodation facility to 350 students belonging to North-Eastern states and Districts of North Karnataka who couldn't return to their home due to the lockdown. Many parents who had come from North Eastern states to take their children home were also stranded here. They were also given accommodation at the Sri Suttur Math along with food and medical care.



12. **All set to fight** - The JSS Hospital is a 1800-bed tertiary care hospital with experienced doctors, paramedical and supporting staff. The hospital has been strictly following the guidelines laid down by the Government of India to tackle coronavirus. A flu clinic was started during the last week of February 2020, to screen the patients. An isolation ward with 10 beds and 10 ICU beds were kept ready to treat the patients. Other than this hundreds of patients were kept in quarantine. Among them 2 tested positive for corona virus, who were later shifted to the District COVID Hospital.

