

## **AN APPEAL**

Rathotsavam, popularly known as Car Festival, is widely celebrated not only in our country but also in many other countries where Indian Migrants have settled.

Rathotsavam is an annual event at our Thiruchembur Murugan Temple during Brahmotsavam on the eve of Panguni Uthira Mahotsavam. Lord Muruga with His consorts is placed on different Vahanas on each day and taken out in procession during the Brahmotsavam. On the 9th day of the Brahmotsavam Lord Muruga will be taken out on a Chariot (Ther) and all devotees join together to draw the Chariot around the temple.

As the existing Wooden Chariot is more than 35 years old, it has become necessary to make a new one. In deference to the wishes of many devotees, it is proposed to make a new Chariot in accordance with Agama and Shilpa Sastras at an estimated cost of about Rs 20.00 Lakhs.

It has been possible for the Samaj to build a temple complex, consecrate it in 1980 and perform 4 Maha Kumbhabhishekams. It was also possible to dedicate a Golden Chariot, Vaira Vel, Vaira Kreetam and Vaira Abhaya Hastham to Lord Muruga. All this could be possible only due to the Devine Grace of Lord Muruga and unstinted cooperation and support of His devotees.

We are therefore confident that with the blessings of Lord Muruga and the united efforts of all devotees, it will be possible for the Samaj to make a new Chariot and dedicate it to Lord Muruga at the earliest.

It is our earnest desire and appeal that as many devotees as possible should participate in this Thiruppani by contributing their mite. Donations, big or small, towards the above Thiruppani by cash or cheque are welcome. Donors can also remit their contributions directly to our Savings Bank Account No.04870100000002 with Indian Overseas Bank, Chheda Nagar Branch, IFSC code IOBA0000487,

The Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs, has permitted our Samaj to accept foreign contributions under the Foreign Contributions and Regulations Act (FCRA). Such contributions may please be remitted to Savings Bank Account No.048701000015355 with Indian Overseas Bank, Chheda Nagar Branch, SWIFT code IOBAINBBA001.

Arrangements for making the Chariot are fast progressing and your support at this juncture will be most timely.

Yours in the Service of the Lord  
Managing Committee  
Sri Subramania Samaj