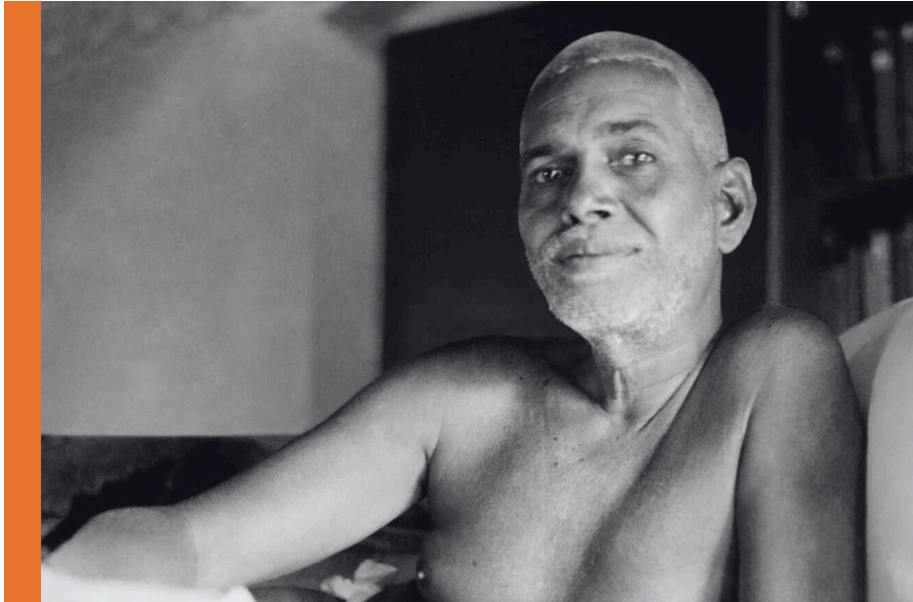




# SRI RAMANA MAHARSHI HERITAGE

## 2024 Second-Half Year Report



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In the second half of 2024, our non-profit, Sri Ramana Maharshi Heritage (SRMH) continued 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

- [Advent retreat in the Bay Area](#)
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## ADVENT RETREAT IN THE BAY AREA

Devotees in the Bay Area organized their first-ever retreat to celebrate Bhagavan's Advent at the [Walden West Center](#) in Saratoga on September 14th and 15th. The venue provided a perfect setting for a spiritual gathering, offering spacious halls and dorm-style accommodations for overnight stays. One room was beautifully recreated as the Old Hall for meditation, while another was transformed into a library, enhancing the retreat's serene atmosphere.

A key highlight of the retreat was an inspiring series of talks on Bhagavan's *Devikalottaram* delivered by Sri V. Krithivasan, a senior devotee visiting from the Hyderabad Kendram. The evening cultural program added a special touch, fostering a warm and familial sense of connection among the participants.

Delicious vegetarian meals were served, and attendees had the chance to stroll among the majestic redwoods, immersing themselves in the tranquility of nature. The retreat offered a refreshing respite from the demands of daily life.

Encouraged by the enthusiastic response, we plan to make this an annual event.



Advent retreat in Bay Area



### NEW RETREAT CENTER IN SONOMA, CA

Peter Berking, a long-standing devotee, has transformed his home in Sebastopol, California, into a retreat center—the Sri Ramana Maharshi Center of Sonoma—to serve the community of Bhagavan’s devotees. This dedicated space, located within a residential house with its own entrance, offers open meditation hours, retreats, and events such as film nights and introductory presentations on Bhagavan’s teachings.



Sri Ramana Maharshi Center of Sonoma, CA

The center is designed to accommodate both local and visiting devotees, featuring overnight facilities with plans for future expansion. Nestled amidst Sonoma County’s natural beauty, it provides a serene environment for spiritual retreat and reflection.

Affiliated with Sri Ramanasramam and Sri Ramana Maharshi Heritage, the center’s activities cater to experienced practitioners and newcomers alike, fostering spiritual exploration in a warm, dharmic atmosphere.

You can learn more about the center and its offerings on their [website](https://www.srmh.org).

## JAYANTHI RETREAT IN TAMPA, FLORIDA



Tampa Jayanthi Retreat Devotees

The annual Tampa Retreat to celebrate Bhagavan's Jayanthi took place at the Hampton Inn, Tampa and at the Old Hall in the residence of Smt Mathy and Dr Palanisamy, between December 27th and 30th, 2024. The program included the Jayanthi puja at the Hindu Temple of Florida, music performances, [discourses](#) on Arunachala Pancharatnam by Swami Shantatmananda, an in-depth [presentation](#) on Sri Sadhu Om, and a heart melting [presentation](#) on Ramana Japa.

Children had their own engaging activities, starting with the tree planting ceremony, a tradition that started in 2019, that roots everyone to Bhagavan and His new 'Old' hall. They presented an inspiring [skit](#) honoring the kitchen sadhakas of the Ashram.

All devotees felt Bhagavan's grace and immense spiritual energy throughout the retreat.

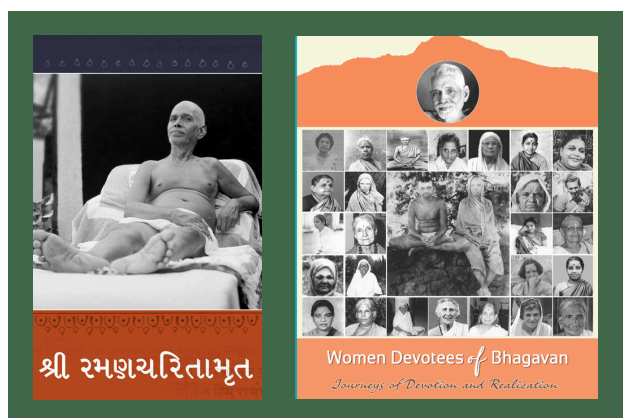


BOOKSTORE EXPANSION, INCLUDING HIGH-RESOLUTION PHOTOS



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, now offering 74 book titles for sale. We've also added high-resolution photographs to our website, providing devotees with even more ways to connect with Bhagavan's legacy. In August 2024, we launched the Canadian bookstore, further extending our reach. Our [eBay store](#) features 24 English titles and calendars.



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.



## ADVENT AND JAYANTHI CELEBRATIONS IN THE BAY AREA AND DC

The Satsang groups in California and Washington, D.C., were established in 2003. These groups convene regularly at the homes of devotees each week and observe Bhagavan’s Jayanti, Aradhana, and Advent at Arunachala annually. In 2021, the groups formalized their presence as a non-profit organization, Sri Ramana Maharshi Heritage (SRMH).

Both Satsang groups celebrated Bhagavan’s Advent and Jayanti with great devotion and enthusiasm. Dr. Venkat Ramanan, President of Sri Ramanasramam, graced the Jayanti function with his presence and delivered an inspiring talk on the uniqueness of Bhagavan’s teachings.



SF Bay Area Jayanthi celebrations

The celebrations also featured performances by children, musical and dance presentations, and the recitation of the Vedas. Devotees were treated to sumptuous lunches at the conclusion of the programs, fostering a sense of togetherness and joy. All who attended felt deeply united by Bhagavan’s grace.

Video links can be accessed [here](#) and [here](#).

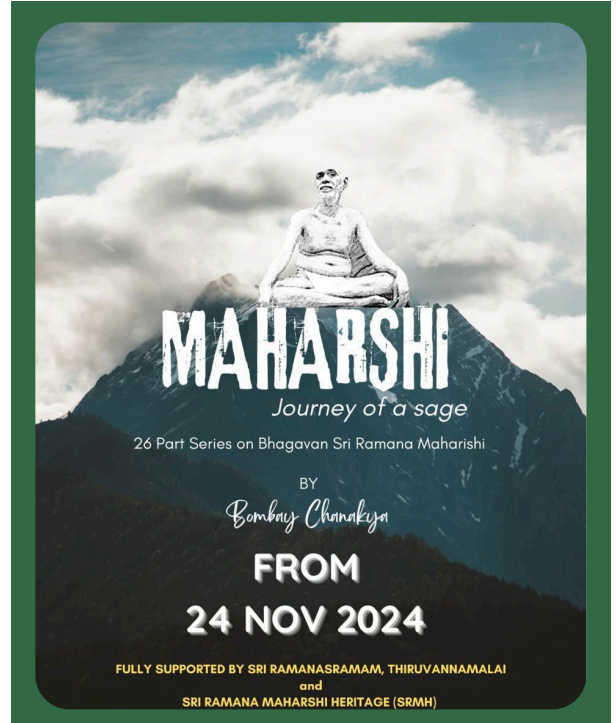


BOMBAY CHANAKYA TV SERIES

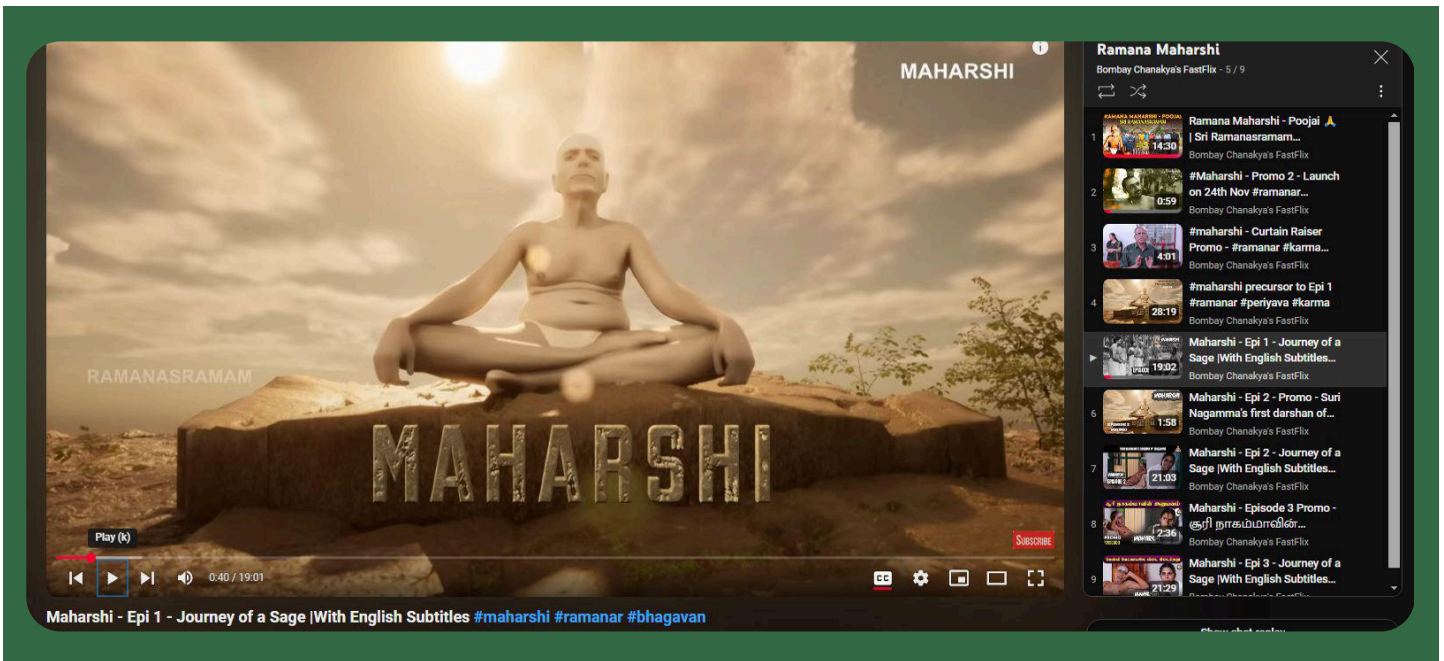
SRMH proudly co-sponsored a deeply insightful 26-part television series, Maharshi, created by the renowned writer and director Bombay Chanakya. Airing every Sunday since December on Shankara TV and YouTube, Maharshi explores the profound impact of Bhagavan Ramana Maharshi's life and teachings on countless individuals around the globe.

The series offers a unique perspective by following the lives of families whose ancestors were profoundly influenced by the Maharshi's divine presence, weaving together their stories with the timeless wisdom of his teachings.

[Here](#) is the playlist on YouTube.



Promotion Poster for Maharshi teleseries



Maharshi teleseries on YouTube



## LIVE STREAMING EXPANSION

SRMH has invested in advanced electronic equipment to enhance the live-streaming experience of the morning and evening pujas, including the daily Tamil Parayanam. Additional cameras installed in the Samadhi Hall provide closer, multi-angle views, bringing devotees closer to the sacred atmosphere.

A dedicated camera has also been set up to broadcast special events, including the revered Sri Chakra Puja from the Mother's Shrine.



Camera view of Bhagavan's Samadhi Shrine

Camera view of Mother's Shrine

All live telecasts can be viewed on the [Ashram's YouTube channel](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...), allowing devotees worldwide to partake in these divine experiences.



CENTERS IN CHENNAI

The Ashram inaugurated a new center, Ramanalayam, in T. Nagar, located in the heart of Chennai. This independent house provides an ideal space for individual and group meditation and sadhana. Another center is under development on the East Coast Road.



Ramanalayam, T.Nagar



Centenary celebrations

On August 17th, devotees from all Chennai centers gathered to celebrate the culmination of the Centenary celebrations at the Kuchalambal Wedding Hall in Chetput. The event commenced with an inspiring address by the Ashram President, Dr. Venkat S. Ramanan. Renowned music maestro Sri Ilayaraja delivered a special speech, adding grace to the occasion. The celebration concluded with a captivating musical performance by Sikkil Gurucharan and his team, leaving attendees uplifted.



Centenary celebrations program

The entire program can be viewed [here](#).



Centenary celebrations - Dr.Venkat S.Ramanan talk