

Happy New Year Vishu

Vishu is a Hindu festival celebrated on the second week of April Kerala and Malayalees around the world.

Varnakairali visited Mr. Velayuthan (*SFTMA Vice President 2*) and his family in Sri Muda, Selangor during Vishu to see how this typical Malayalee family celebrates. Mr Velayutham in Mundu and Vesthi with his wife in beige colour Kerala Saree met us.



According to him, on the eve, His wife prepared the Vishukani-panorama of auspicious items flowers, fruits, vegetables, cloths, gold ornaments and coins including a photograph of Lord Krishna arranged in the alter puja room.

On Vishu day, after completing his morning prayers, he brought his family members with eyes closed to the altar with his wife first. As soon as they reached, they opened their eyes and saw the combination of all the important things placed in the talam and they looked into the val kannadi. "I placed RM10 and some coins on the betel leaf and gave it to my wife who was standing facing east. She got my blessings and in return she gave me kaineetam.

My wife prepared Pal Payasam, Adda just to name few dishes for this year's celebration. In the mean time I visited the nearest temple (Sri Muda) with my children."

"Vishu is also a great day to be remembered as unity is being realized during this auspicious day, as relatives and friends visit my home and exchange greetings. I have fond memories of my younger days when I used to visit my uncles, aunty and relatives (10 Families) for blessing and receive 10 or 20 cents from each of them.

Friends and family members began visiting at noon and my wife handed out Kaineetam to all everyone. We served the dishes my wife prepared on banana leaves to all of them. Some friends and relatives who were unable to attend our lunch came in the evening for dinner."

Mr. Velayuthan beliefs Vishu will be celebrated by future Malayalee generations." I'm sure my children will carry on my way of realizing Malayalee culture to the next generation. I'm also very sure all other Malayalee parents are doing the same. The various Malayalee Organizations in this country are creating an awareness among our youths on the relevance and importance of our culture. I strongly feel the future Malayalees will do even better than us.

Varnakairali wishes Happy Vishu to Mr Velayuthan and his family.

