

## 83<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration of Pujya Swamiji at AVG



sahasranāma was chanted together by all the students.

Pujya Swamiji's birthday as per his date of birth, was celebrated on August 15, 2013 at Sri Medhā Dakṣiṇāmūrti Temple at AVG, Anaikatti. The students were formed into 10 groups with 10 members per group.

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati's 83<sup>rd</sup> Lamp was kept as the altar of worship for

birthday as per his nakṣatra was celebrated on July 28, 2013 at AVG, Anaikatti.

Praying for Pujya Swamiji's good health and longevity Gaṇapati homa, Mṛtyunjaya homa, Āyusya homa and Navagraha homa were done. Viṣṇu



every group. While chanting, 1000 names of Sri Medhā Dakṣiṇāmūrti, flower was offered to the altar by every student. One thousand chants by 100 students means a total chant of 1,00,000. Hence it was a grand lakṣārcanā.

Pujya Swamiji delivered his anugraha bhāṣaṇam. He said that doing a group puja was a nice way to observe the birthday. The most complex thing is networking of karma done by Bhagāvan. We are all connected to one another by this network.

The 15<sup>th</sup> of August is a good occasion because it is Independence Day. It is also Aurobindo's birthday. When India became independent, I had great hope for the Nation. My hope has been fulfilled to a great extent in many areas and spheres. I hoisted the National flag before the Perumal Temple at Manjakkudi. I had invited the village elders. But except for my neighbour, others did not turn up. Only boys like me were there. I made my first public speech. I told that the Perumāḷ in the temple should



give good sense to the village elders and inculcate patriotism in them.

It is because of the networking we have come together today. Many people have contributed to this place. People have created this place for themselves. I am only a nimitta. Lord Dakṣiṇāmūrti is the Guru here. This is Lord Dakṣiṇāmūrti's gurukulam

When we face unfavorable situations, we should accept that as exhaustion of our pāpa karma. We should recognize Bhagāvan as the giver of karma phala. We should live one day at a time. It will be 84 soon. Om Tat Sat.

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