

23rd Anniversary Celebrations of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg, Pa, USA

Gurukulam's 23rd Anniversary celebration was a wonderful success, with over 900 in attendance.

The event commenced with a devotional vocal concert by Sri Maharajapuram Ramachandran.

Dignitaries who graced the occasion included **Ms. Anju Bhargava**, Principal Director at Global Synergy Associates and member of President Obama's Council on Faith Based and Neighborhood Partnerships, **Dr. Rajendra Pachauri**, one of the top climate change specialists in the world and co-recipient of the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize, **Mrs. Chandrika Tandon**, Chairman Tandon Capital Associates, a financial advisory firm and Chairman Tandon Foundation which supports non-profit organizations and **Mrs. Francois Gilo**, a painter and book writer of international acclaim who worked with Pablo Picasso for a number of years earlier in her career.

Eleven books authored by Pujya Swamiji were released by Pujya Swamiji on the occasion- Kenopanisad, Need for Cognitive Change, Morning



Meditation Prayers, The Need for Personal Reorganization, Surrender and freedom , Stress-free Living ,Freedom from Helplessness, Conversion is Violence, & Japa . Kaivalyopanishat by Swami Tattvavidananda and "India's Gift to the World is Light Spiritual" by Swami Jyotirmayananda.

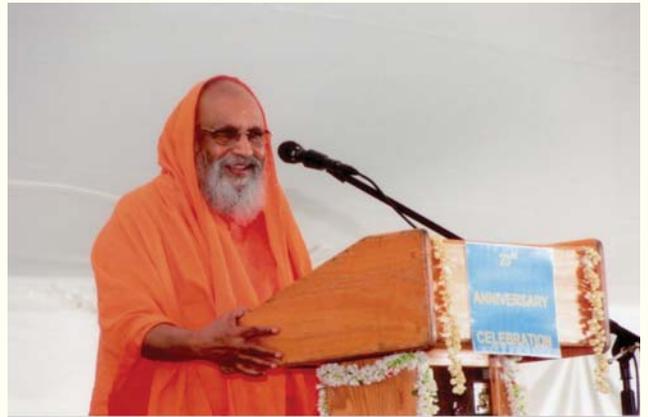
Two CD's were also Released by Pujya Swamiji "Om Namo Narayanaya" by Chandrika Tandon and Aditya Hrudayam & The quintessence of Vishnu Saharsanama by Unni Krishnan, Music composed and produced by Rangasami Parthasarthy of Oriental Records Inc, NY (USA) and India.

The highlight of the event was the keynote address by Pujya Swamiji on "**Healthy Response to All Situations**", wherein Pujya Swamij encouraged the human being to practise a "2-Step Response" to every situation. Swamiji emphasized that instead of acting impulsively one could *first* inquire into any difficult situation and *secondly* act with deliberation, from a place of wisdom.

After the talk, everyone adjourned to the banquet tent for lunch.

Our gratitude & Pranams to Pujya Swamiji for his thorough guidance and support to one and all for this great event.

Our heartfelt thanks to Mr.Raju Venkataraman, MC, who kept all the events moving in time with his humor and cool, all the coordinators, all the volunteers for working devotedly to make this anniversary function a



memorable one. The Gurukulam's dedicated staff led by Sri.Suddhatma, General Manager, extended the whole hearted support to everyone which added flying colors to this function.

As usual Pujya Swamiji was very fresh and energetic for the second session of Q&A. The event successfully concluded with a Q&A (Satang) session by Pujya Swamiji.