

Decennial Celebration of Vanaprastha



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The function began with a music recital by Smt.Meera Nathan and party. Residents of Vanaprastha and other Senior Citizens’ complexes around were present along with the invitees and the public. Other dignitaries present on the occasion were His Worshipful Mayor Thiru R. Venkatachalam, Dr. Nalla G. Palanisamy, Chairman, KMCH and Sri U. Anantha padmanabhan of KMCH.

Welcoming Pujya Swamiji and other dignitaries, Shri A.V. Ramaswamy said it was their good fortune that they could avail





of the presence of Pujya Swamiji on the occasion of the decennial celebration of Vanaparastha. He was happy that he and his family could serve the residents of the Vanaparastha to their satisfaction all these years and he appealed to all the residents of the Prasthas to extend their support and cooperation to run the senior citizens' complexes as role models.

Pujya Swamiji, in his address, said he was happy to be present on the occasion of the decennial celebrations of Vanaparastha which had completed ten years now. "You have been living here for the past one decade enjoying the peaceful atmosphere away from the din and bustle of the city", he said.

Referring to the services rendered by Sri A.V. Ramaswamy and his family in setting up the residential complex, Pujya Swamiji



said it was a matter of legitimate pride for all that the prasthas founded by his family had enabled the residents to devote themselves to religious and spiritual pursuits besides engaging themselves in health care activities.

Pujya Swamiji referred to the four stages of life according to Hindu Dharma and said an individual, after equipping himself with





necessary knowledge and self-control in the Brahmacharya stage prepared himself to shoulder responsibilities in taking care of his family and parents in Grihasthasrama, and after fulfilling his commitments as a householder, became fit to enter the Vanasprasthashrama, the stage where the individual sublimated his passions to lead a peaceful and purposeful life without causing injury to others by word or deed. Vanaprastha set up by Sri A.V. Ramaswamy provided a conducive set up to practise the Hindu code of conduct, namely, Satyam and Dharma and enable them to progress in their spiritual pursuits. Whatever had been provided in Vanaprastha should be utilized to lead a virtuous life and promote brotherhood among the residents. "This is the true spirit of Vanaprastha and one should strive for such a kind of life in a place like this", he said.

His Worshipful Mayor of Coimbatore Thiru R. Venkatachalam said he was proud of the senior citizen complexes created by Sri A.V.

Ramaswamy and his family and hoped that in the years to come these complexes in this area of Coimbatore will serve as ideal homes. He released the souvenir brought out by Vanaparastha citizens' complex.

Dr. Nalla Palanisamy, Chairman, KMCH, in his address, said he was happy to be associated with the decennial celebration of the senior citizens' complex founded and maintained by Sri A.v. Ramaswamy and family. He assured the seniors that his hospital would extend all help and support to them whenever needed. Sri U. Ananthapadmanabhan, Vice President of KMCH also addressed the gathering.

Pujya Swamiji felicitated and presented a Memento to Shri and Smt. A.V. Ramaswamy.

Shri Padmanabhan proposed a vote of thanks.

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