

## Satsangotsavam 2010

Organized by Swami Dayananda Ashram, Palakkad



The Satsangotsavam 2010 organised under the auspices of Swami Dayananda Ashram, Palakkad during 12,13 & 14 of November 2010, provided a great opportunity to disciples, devotees and others to see, listen and seek blessings from Sampoojya Swami Dayananda Saraswati . The programme was quiet significant because Sampoojya Swamiji was paying visit to Palakkad for a series of discourses after a lapse of several years, sparing three evenings during his spiritual retreat at Anaikkatti Ashram. As



for Palakkad Dayananda Ashram – the centre for AIM for Seva – it was the first ‘Maha’ event organized outside its’ premises since it’s’ inception in June 2009.

The Palakkad Dayananda Ashram had made elaborate preparations for according a fitting welcome to Sampoojya Swamiji. An Organising Committee was set up with Swami Krishnatmananda Saraswati the Acharya in-charge of Palakkad Ashram and AIM for Seva Chatralaya as its’ Chief Co-ordinator. The committee consisted of Swami Sadananda Saraswati as Chief Patron, Senior monks of other organizations as Patrons and the eminent personalities from Palakkad town and suburbs as its’ executive members. The distinguished members of the committee could ensure the active co-operation and presence of all well-wishers, sponsors and supporters which made this event a grand success.





The highlight of the Satsangotsavam 2010 was the three day Lecture series by Sampoojya Swamiji on ' A single verse of Bhagavat Gita for Whole Life ' "*Yatah pravrittir bhootanam , Yena sarvavitam tatam. Swakarmata tamabhyarchya, siddhim vindati manavah.*" Swamiji construed in his inimitable style the implications of the sloka in three evening sessions starting at 6p.m. and ending at 8p.m., and took the audience to a spiritual height which they have been longing for long.

The Venue for the function was Govt. Moyan Model Girls High School Courtyard which is situated in the heart of the city. A large panthal to accommodate 1500 people



was set up with an elegantly decorated stage. Before the Inaugural function Sampoojya Swamiji was accorded a rousing welcome with Poorna-kumbham and Vedic recitals lead by inmates of Veda Patha Shala, Ramanathapuram village, Palakkad. The 36 children of AIM for Seva Chatralaya, Palakkad made the way flowery for Poojya Sri Swamiji. All the members of the



organizing committee were present at the reception party.

The Inaugural function was chaired by Justice Sri. Chettur Shankaran Nair, Advocate Sri.V.S. Muthuswami welcomed the audience and Poojya Swami Chidanandapuri Maharaj of Advaitashram, Kolathur, Kozhikkode inaugurated the function by lighting the traditional lamp and delivering the inaugural address. Felicitations were offered by Sri.O.Rajagopal, former Central Minister and Advocate Sri.T.R.Rajagopal, Chairman, Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Palakkad. Prof. Sri. Venugopalan proposed vote of thanks. Smt.Vasanthi from Gurukulam compered the proceedings.

Sampoojya Swamiji , inspite of his ill-health, was gracious enough to spend some time in the forenoon on the third day to answer to queries and clear doubts to the audience present at the Fine Arts Society Auditorium, Palakkad from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m As part of the event, every evening before Poojya Swamiji's arrival at the dais there were cultural programmes offered by talented artists. First day it was Sangeetharadhana by Kum. Shyla Radhakrishnan and party, Second day Bharathanatyam performances by young girls and third day Bhajans by Sri.S.Sathish and party. Swami Krishnatmananda Saraswati detailed the activities conducted at the Ashram to the large audience which formed the cream of Palakkad town. The event came to an end with the Guru



Dakshina offering and Yagna Prasada distribution.

There were exhibition and sales of Books and CDs of Poojya Swamiji, organized by the Vedanta students and Chatralaya children. The service rendered by the Chatralaya children for the successful organizing of the event was commendable. Indeed, The Satsangotsavam 2010, which was made momentous by Sampoojya Swamiji's presence and spiritual discourses was both a rewarding and enriching experience to all satsangins of Palakkad. A cherishable memory for life !.