

Third Hindu Spiritual & Service Fair in Chennai

Details of the service activities being undertaken by various spiritual organisations formed the core at the 'Hindu Spiritual and Service Fair 2011' organized by The Global Foundation for Civilizational Harmony at the Sri Ramachandra University ground in Thiruvannamiyur from the 25th to 30th of January 2011..

A host of organisations, including Arya Samaj, Youth for Dharma, Art of Living, Friends of Tribal Society, Parampara, Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peedam, Chinmaya Mission, Yuvashree, Amar Seva Sangam and Arsha Vidya Research & Publications participated in this Fair. Many of them had also showcased publications brought out by them on Vedas and Upanishads with interpretations by their heads. Interactive sessions with spiritual groups also formed part of the five-day fair. The participating organisations promoted healthy ways of living.

The fair was inaugurated & blessed by Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati, Sri Swami Gautamananda and Thavattiru Maruthachala Adigalaar.

"Seva is not an extended part of Hinduism. It is an intrinsic quality of the religion," Arsha Vidya Gurukulam founder Dayananda Saraswati said.

Sri Ramakrishna Math president Gautamananda said the awareness about



the service activities of Hindu organisations was low among public and should be promoted.

Thavattiru Maruthachala Adigalaar of Perur Adheenam and TVS Capital Funds Chairman and Managing Director Gopal Srinivasan spoke.

Arsha Vidya Research & Publication Trust displayed the titles published. The books were enthusiastically bought by the devotees & general public.

The fair largely fulfilled its objective of improving awareness in our society that serving the poor and needy is endemic to the functioning of most of the Hindu organisations. There was widespread and appreciative response from the people visiting the fair on all days.