

## Nineteenth Anniversary of Arsha Vidya Bhavan, Pondicherry

Arsha Vidya Bhavan, Pondicherry celebrated its nineteenth year of service rendered to the public of Pondicherry this year during 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2013 (3 days) at Jayaram Tirumana Nilayam, Sithan kudil, Pondicherry. Mailam Pommapura Adhinam's 20<sup>th</sup> pontiff Sri la Sri Sivagnanabalaya Swamigal inaugurated the series of the talks by Sri Swami Sudheerananda Saraswati of Arsha Vidya Kuteeram, Coimbatore,

Sri La Sri Adeenam said in his Anugruha Bhasanam, that the moral values were not given to the younger generation from neither teacher nor from parents, and therefore, Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati and his disciples were required to bring the awareness among the youngsters, so that the values were practiced and protected. Sri Adeenam glorified the various activities of Pujya Swamiji in spite of his age and ill health. Sri Adeenam showed his fullest support and help to the Bhavan activities in Pondicherry.

Sri Swami Sudheerananda first introduced the subject "Kaivalya Navaneedam" of Sri Thandavaraya Swamigal from Nanneelam. This text was familiar among many in South India who loved to learn Vedanta in Tamil. The book had a beautiful commentary by Sri Ponnambala Gnana Desiga Swamigal of Sri Kovilur Parampara.

Initially Sri Swami Tattvabodhananda Saraswati introduced Sri Swami



Sudheerananda Saraswati to the audience and the topic of the day as "Ullankai Nellekani" (Hastamalakavat) of the Kaivalya Navaneetam. This book mainly dealt with the oneness of Jiva and Brahman. Having the Brahma sutra in the background, the teacher gave the knowledge to the student in two topics. He explained the that the essential nature of oneself as Brahman with simple steps like Adikaritvam, Sadhana Chatustayam and Mumukshutvam.

On the second and third day, Sri Swami Sudheerananda spoke on the basic doubts and the basics required for proper understanding of the subject matter. He dealt with the answers for frequently asked questions like the nature of Jiva (individual) Jagat (world) and Iswara (God). More than a hundred people were present on all the three days to listen to Swami Sudheerananda and benefitted. The tasty dinner was provided all the 3 days by our Bhavan members.