

## Pujya Swamiji's Satabhishekam Celebrations July 22, 2011

July 22, 2011 is a very auspicious day as that day is the day of the 81st birthday of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi. Over 5,000 students of Pujya Swamiji joined together to celebrate his Satabhishekam function at CODISSIA, Coimbatore in a grand manner.

On the morning of this day, it appeared that all the devatas from heaven had come to CODISSIA to bless Pujya Swamiji. They had sent their blessings in the form of rain!

The vaidika rituals started at the auspicious time of 6 am on July 22, 2011. Sri Swami Omkarananda guided the Vedic rituals. Vaidika Brahmins from Coimbatore, Chennai, Trichy, Pudukottai and Karnataka conducted the rituals.

The rituals were done seeking a long and healthy life for Pujya Swamiji, for fulfillment of dharmic desires of students of Pujya Swamiji, and for jnana prapthi and jnana nista prapthi of students of Pujya Swamiji, and for world peace and prosperity. Sri S.N. Ramachandran represented Pujya Swamiji in the rituals.

The following rituals were done: Ganapati Homam, Soorya Namaskaram, Sahasra Candra Darsana Shanti Homam, Aiyushya Homam and Sapta Ciranjeevi Pooja. All the four Vedas and Dravida Veda were chanted. The rituals concluded with Poornahooti and Vasodhdarai Deeparadhana at 12 Noon.

The Satabhishekam celebrations started at 9 AM with prayer by Smt. Lakshmiammal.



Sri Sugavanam Krishnan welcomed the gathering.



Sri Sankar of Mumbai addressed the gathering. He said that if there was one cause that united India, in spite of her diversified culture, it was the acharyas. Even Sri Sankara had only four sishyas. But Pujya Swamiji had 400 sishyas. Pujya Swamiji's greatest contribution was his packaging the knowledge in a manner that the profound wisdom was understood easily.

Sri M.G.Srinivasan and Sri G. Dharmarajan, purvasrama brothers of Pujya Swamiji were honoured. Sri G. Ramachandran was not present due to unavoidable circumstances.



## FELICITATIONS:

Sri M. Krishnan said that what ever hurdle one face in life can be overcome with the mantra of Guru's name.



Swamini Pramananda said that she met Pujya Swamiji when she was 11 years old. In her first meeting she recognized that Pujya Swamiji was her Guru. She wondered how one individual can have so many good qualities. For the last 40 years she had done what ever Pujya Swamiji had told her to do. She had not refused anything that she was told to do. Pujya Swamiji's teachings had become her assets. He had given the strength to declare that atma darshanam is deva darshanam. He had brought Iswara alive in our lives. He had given the power of oneness to others. If Lord Krishna is to say Bhagawad Gita today, he will tell in Vibuti Yoga, Gurunam Dayanandosmi.



Dr Bala Balachander said that Pujya Swamiji had asked him to apply technology to spread primary education. He wanted 100% literacy all over India. The lessons would be made interesting by music and animation. This is an AIM of Seva project to be completed before 2015.



Dr. Nirmal Gupta said that once she had asked Pujya Swamiji after a meditation class was over, how he was able to switch from meditative level to mundane level so easily. Pujya Swamiji had said, "This is that. That is this." It is difficult, but not impossible, to emulate Pujya Swamiji and live a meditative life for the whole day.



Dr. Prasad Mantravadhi said that he and his family were blessed at all stages of life by Pujya Swamiji.



Sri Ravi Sam said that he was fortunate enough to know Pujya Swamiji even when he was a teenager, thanks to his cousin Sunita. He had the good fortune of meeting great acharyas of Advaita, Vishistadvaita and Dvaita. But he was attracted to only Sri Sankara and his teachings. He found that only Pujya Swamiji taught at the level, where he could understand. Due to his busy schedule, he could not spend more time in Pujya Swamiji's classes as much as he wished. But he listened to Pujya Swamiji's classes in I-Pod daily. Due to the strength of the teachings, he was able to face the trials and tribulations of life easily. There was no second one equal to Pujya Swamiji, when it came to teaching advaita.



After the felicitations, all the students in CODISSIA hall, gave a standing ovation to Pujya Swamiji for his life time contribution.

## MUSIC CONCERT:

At 10.45 AM, there was a music concert-violin jugalbandhi by Sri Sriram Parasuram and Lalgudi GJR Krishnan.



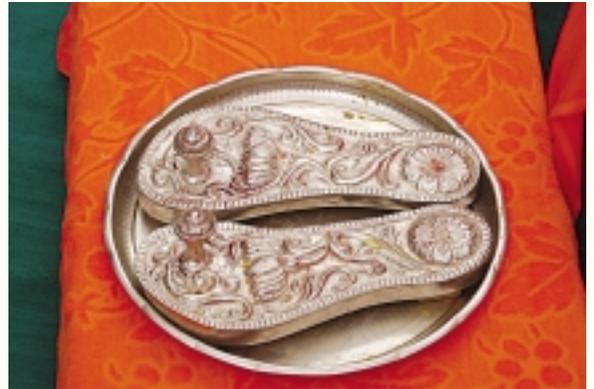
## ABISHEKAM AND PADAPUJA TO PUJYA SWAMIJI

At 12.10, Pujya Swamiji sat on the ceremonial chair. Swami Sudhananda of Rishikesh sprinkled mantra sanctified tirtha and holy tirtha from many rivers of India. Swami Omkarananda guided the puja. Sri Ravi Sastri was the official priest.



Elaborate pada puja was done to Pujya Swamiji. Swami Paramarthanda chanted Guru astotram, and Vedic prayers. All the students repeated them after Swamiji's chant. The offerings were made on behalf of all the students present. Flower garland

and rudraksha garland were offered. A flower crown was offered. Swami Sudhananda did archana with golden flowers to Pujya Swamiji. Sri Ravi Sastri did archana with flowers. Dupa, deepa, vastram, naivediyam and namaskaram were offered. Students offered guru dakshina and they were given yagna Prasad.







## PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ADDRESS:



“Namaha means surrender or salutations. It does not take much wisdom to offer namaskar to Bhagawan. In all traditions in the world, there is some kind of kneeling down or prayer. But only Indians say namaste to Bhagawan and to any one they meet.

This tradition has its roots in Vedas. All that is here is Iswara. You need not know the person as a Mahatma. Any person is good enough to say namaste.

We do not say one God. We say only God. You have to prove that there is some thing else other than God. Here is a dynamic living culture. Every form is Iswara's form and can be worshipped. You can worship space, air, fire, water or earth. You can invoke Iswara in any form.

When you want to draw the attention of your neighbor, you just touch his litter finger. The whole person responds. Like that you can invoke Iswara in any form. In a lump of clay, you can invoke Lord Ganesha. Iswara will respond to your invocation.

We do not have many Gods. But we have many devatas. Every phenomenon is worshipped as a devata.

When we take bath, take food, wear dress and do alankaram, it should be taken as worship of Iswara in our own form. It takes to be a Hindu, to imbibe the culture and worship you. There is no self esteem or self worth problem.

When you offer flower to Swamiji, it goes all the way to the Lord, unless the Swamiji blocks its travel with his ego.

All that is here is Iswara. This is the whole vision of offering worship.

## HONOURING VEDIC PANDITS:

At 5 pm the following Vedic Pandits were houred:

1. Sri E. Balasubramaniam
2. Sri Krishnamurthy Sastrigal
3. Dr. Goda Venkateswara Sastry
4. Dr. R. Mani Dravid
5. Brahmashri A. Parameswara Vadhyar
6. Nellicheri Sri V. Jambunadha Ganapadigal
7. Prof. Ramasubramanian
8. Sri K. Seetarama Sastrigal

Sri.E.Balasubramniam born in 1931 is a kramaanta Krishna Yajur Veda Adhyayi who studied under Sri Krishna Ghanapati . He is also a Purva Mimamsa Siromani. He is also a hindi scholar, having passed Rashtra bhasha Praveen. He has also traditionally learnt Nyaya, Vedanta and Vyakarana. He served as Professor of Mimamsa Sastra at Madras Sanskrit College, and Rashtriya Sanskrita Vedyapeetha, Tirupathi. He has edited more than 50 volumes on Prayoga vedic rituals ( Both Poorva and Apar) and translated and edited Krishna Yajurveda Samhita and Taithriya Aranyakas Sri Balasubramania Sastrigal is the receipt of many awards



such as Mimamsa Visharada, Mahamahopadhyaya Shastra Ratnakara etc and has been honoured by 'Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt' for Lifetime Contribution on Mimamsa sastra. He is presently taking classes in Chennai on Shankara Bashyam, Dharma Sastra and Mimamsa.



Sri Krishnamurthy Sastrigal was born in 1944 in Mullaivayal village in Tanjore district. He completed Krishna Yajurveda kramaanata adhyayanam under the tutelage of his father BrahmaSri R Rajagopala Ganapadigal. He completed Vedanta Siromani in 1964 , M.A Sanskrit in 1966 and PhD in Advaita Vedanta in 1992. Brahma Sri Krishnamurthi Sastrigal has received several coveted titles for excelling in studies pertaining to different branches of sastra, such as "Vedanta Vidwan", "Veda Bhashya Rathnam", "Mimamsa Vidwan", "Mahamahopaadhayaaya" etc. Sri Sastrigal is well known for his sense of wit, fluency in Sanskrit and clarity in thought. Endowed with these faculties he is a much sought after person to participate in the conduct of various Vidvat sadas, conferences, examinations etc. He has served as principal of Madras Sasnskrit College from 1999 to 2003.



Dr Goda Venkateswara Sastry was born in 1948 and completed Saanga Rig Veda Adhyayana upto Krama, and Veda bhashya

of both Rig veda and Yajur veda. He is a Siromani in Sahitya, Nyaya, Mimamsa and Vedanta. He has been accorded many titles such as Advaita Siddhi Ratnakara" Tenali. He has a doctorate degree in Advaita Vedanta Shaastra. Many titles like Advaita Vedanta Pracharaka Mani, Vidya Vachaspathi" "Nyaya Vedanta Paarangata", Vedanta Chintamani" , 'Veda Sastra Praveena' and 'Pandita Ratnam' He is conducting classes on Sankara Bhasya of Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita and Brahma Sutras at Sankara Gurukulam for the past 25 years, teaching Tarka, Mimamsa and other Sastras and giving lectures on Ramayana, Srimad Bhagavata, Suta Samhita, and so on. He has authored many books and articles. He has translated Advaita Siddhi in Tamil, He has translated many books in English.

Dr R.Mani Dravid was born in 1965 in Thirubhuvanam, Tamilnadu. He has to his credit Siromani in Mimamsa, Acharya in Mimamsa, a Ph.D from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, and Vedanta Acharya from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay. He studied Vyakarana under Brahmashri Hosmane Ramachandra Sastri, Purva-mimamsa and Vedanta under the late Panditaraja Brahmashri S. Subrahmanya Sastri and Nyaya under the late Brahmashri S.R.Krishnamurti Sastri. He has been awarded gold medals by both Singeri Sarada Peetam and Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam for his proficiency in Mimamsa and Advaita Vedanta. Several titles have been conferred upon him like " Vedanta Sastra Visarada". "Desikottama", " Ubhaya-mimamsa-ratnam", " Sastraratnaakara", "Advaita vaada diggaja" Dharmashastra payonidhi. "Maharshi Badarayana Vyasa Samman " was conferred on him by the President of India in 2003. He has published

many books and is presently a senior Lecturer in Madras Sanskrit College.

Brahmashri A. Parameswara Vadhyar was born in Kerala in 1927 to Bhramashri Appathurai vadhyar and Smt. Parvathy ammal. He studied Vedas for eight years at Chittur Veda Patasala, Palghat under the guidance of renowned vedic scholars like Brahmasri Somasundara Dikshithar; Brahmasri Subramaniya Sastrigal. He passed the "Siroinmani" exams with distinction. He learned the method of performing various rituals from his father and has performed nithya puja to Lord Iyyappa for almost 35 years. Sri Vadhyar has been honoured by none less than Mahaperiyaval Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in 1970. If today, Coimbatore has enough Vedic scholars, it is due to the persistent efforts of Sri Parameshwara Vadhyar who took upon himself the task of training the young students passing out of Veda patashalas, in rituals. His Satabhishekam was performed by Pujya Sri Swamiji in 1982.

Nallicheri Sri V Jambunadha Ganapadigal, son of Nallicheri Sri V Venkatarama sastrigal was born in 1964. He studied Krishna Yajurveda, Taitireya shaka from Brahma Sri Mahalinga ganapadigal and Brahma Sri Venkatarama Ganapadigal of Manakal and Brhma Sri Sitarama Ganapadigal of Tippirajapuram. He also studied lakshanam from Brahma Sri Rameshwara avadhani from Bangalore. As many as 15 students have successfully completed salakshana adhyayanam under his tutelage. Sri Jambunada Ganapadigal has also studied Panini grammar with none less than Pujya Sri Swamiji himself.

Prof Ramasubramanian holds a Doctorate in theoretical Physics from the University of

Chennai. He also holds an AMIE Degree and a Masters in Sanskrit from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. Prof Ramasubramaniam is one of the authors who prepared the explanatory notes of the celebrated work " Ganita Yuktibhasha" - Rationales in Mathematical Astronomy. He is one of the co-editors of the work "500 years of Tantra Sangraha". Prof Ramasubramaniam was honoured with the coveted title " Vidwat Pravara" by Sringer Sri Sankaracharya in 2003 and in 2008 he was conferred the prestigious Maharshi Badarayana Vyasa Samman by the President of India in recognition of the outstanding research work done by him to the process of synergy between modernity and tradition. Sri Ramasubramaniam is a faculty at IIT Mumbai in the cell for Indian Science and Technology in Sanskrit. Prof Ramasubramaniam is the son of Sri Krishnamurthi Sastrigal who was just now honoured by Pujya Sri Swamiji. He has also studied under Dr Mani Dravid who has also been just now honoured by Pujya Sri Swamiji.

Sri K.Seetarama Sastrigal, son of Sri Aghora Krishnamurthy Garu, is a native of Manjakkudi village born in 1941. He has done adhyayana of Krishna Yajurveda Kramanta and leant poorva and apara prayogam and Atharvana Samhita under Srinivasa Sastrigal of Tanjore and Sri Vasudeva Ramanilal Pancholi, Baroda. He participated in many Vedic conferences and received an award from Kanchi Math. He worked as Atharvana Veda Pandit in TTD, Thriupati from 1972 to 1999.

The Samskrita Bharati, with its headquarters in Delhi and Bangalore is an organization which is rendering great services in the field of spoken Samskrutam since many years. The 'Speak Samskrit Movement' started in

1981 in Bangalore with teaching programs like 'Speak Samskrit in 10 Days' 'Samskrit through Correspondence', publishing of Samskrit books with audio visual aids, etc., by a few young enthusiasts. The Samskrita Bharati also inculcates a spirit of love for the nation and its culture. Samskrita Bharati's activities are spread over 2000 places in India and abroad and has 140 Full-time and 5000 part time Volunteers . Till date, Samskrita Bharati has taught one crore people to speak Samskrit, trained more than 80,000 teachers, developed new methods of Samskrit teaching, and published about 260 books and CDs. It has achieved many awards from various authorities and institutions.

To commemorate the satabhishekam of its founder, Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati, the Board of trustees of Sruti Seva Trust was pleased to announce the conferment of "ARSHA KULA RATNAM" award to Samskrta Bharati for its untiring and dedicated efforts to preserve, protect and popularize Sanskrit.

#### **ADDRESS BY GUESTS OF HONOUR:**

Smt. Vasanthi Jitendra introduced the Guests of Honour.

At 6 PM, H.H.Swami Vishveswaranandaji Maharaj appreciated the formation of Acharya Sabha by Pujya Swamiji.

Dr. Pranav Pandya said that Pujya Swamiji was like his father and his mentor. He had an idea of forming a Forum of Spiritual Leaders. He said only the spiritual leaders should decide the destiny of India. He predicted that India would become the jagat guru in 10 years. He said that we should all work together and make this come true..

H.H. Swami Nirmalanandanathji said that Pujya Swamiji was the greatest Saint of modern India. He was appreciative of the excellent services of AIM for Seva.

Sri Satyo Jatananda brought the greetings from Sri Sri Ravishankar. He said that the entire art of living family wished a healthy long life for Pujya Swamiji.

H.H. Baba Ramdev Maharaj said that he had great respect for the shotriya brahma nishta Pujya Swamiji. He said that India was a rich country. But unpatriotic people had hidden that wealth in foreign countries. If we bring back that wealth, India would be the most prosperous country in the world.

Sri Ashok Singhalji said that he worshipped Pujya Swamiji because he was the one who formed Vishwa Hindu Parishad. Padmanabha Swami's wealth and Tirupathi Swami's wealth belonged to Bhagawan and Hindu society. The Government could not claim that wealth. We could not allow ill treatment of respected Hindu leaders like Sri Sankaracharya and Sri Baba Ramdev. We should take the highest wisdom of Vedas to persons living in the remotest villages. We could not allow the proposed bill "Communal Targeted Violence Bill" to be enacted.

Sri Mohan Bhagawathji, Chief of RSS said that Saints are the guiding light for us. If we all participate and contribute for nation building, victory is assured.

Prof Annet Wilkey from Germany said that Pujya Swamiji without any discrimination of race, nationality, caste, creed or gender gave the spiritual knowledge to all.

Sri Jambunatha Ganapadigal said for the study of Vedanta or Ayurveda, study of





Sanskrit was essential. Many ancient manuscripts had wealth of knowledge which has not been printed. If we study Sankrit, Bharat will be victorious.

#### **FELICITATION TO EVENT MANAGERS:**

Pujya Swamiji gave a memento to Sri Sujit and Sri Sivaprakasam of Show Space, who were the Event Managers.

Pujya Swamiji gave a memento to Sri Sugavanam Krishnan, Organising Secretary, Swami Dayananda Satabhishekam Celebration Committee for meticulous planning and execution of the celebrations under the guidance of Swami Sakshatkrtananda and Smt Sunita Santharam. Accepting the memento, Sri Sugavanam said that he accepted the memento on behalf of the entire team and dedicated it to the entire team. He said that the success of the celebrations could only be attributed to Pujya Swamiji's grace.

All the students present gave a standing ovation to Pujya Swamiji, for his benediction.

#### **PUJYA SWAMIJI'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS:**

At 8 PM, Pujya Swamiji said that one who followed a meaningful life based on values and who shared what he had with others in need could be called a mature person. The attitude and disposition making one mature is "daya". The giver should give without a patronizing attitude. He should feel that as he is in a position to give; he

should give to a suitable patram. The receiver should also feel blessed.

One could get the attitude of giving, only by actually giving. One should give until it hurts. Not only money is to be given. Skills, time and good words are also to be given. Reaching out action is to be done.

The value of daya is to be understood, assimilated and cultivated. Then there will be a transformation in day to day life.

"If you look forward to one more day, eventually you will have Satabhishekam", he said..

At 9 PM, there was an Indian classical music concert by Sri Rajan and Sri Sajan Mishra.

Pujya Swamiji has made his Students Guru (meaning dispeller of darkness). But Swami Dayananda Satabhishekam Celebration Committee have made his Students greater Guru (meaning fatter) by giving delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner for all the three days.

The students felt that their extended family function of Satabhishekam was celebrated so well. With purna trupthi they left the CODISSIA venue. The students felt elated that they had the life time opportunity to show their respect to Pujya Swamiji during the three day Satabhishekam celebrations.

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