

## Inauguration of Aarsha Teertham & Aim for Seva Student Home at Palakkad

**Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati inaugurated Swami Dayananda Ashram named 'AARSHA TEERTHAM' and AIM for Seva Student Home at Palakkad on May 31, 2015.**



**Swami Krishnatmananda** welcomed the gathering. He told that with PujyaSwamiji's blessings and best wishes he had commenced the work. The facility is located in an area of 1.8 acres. For the last 18 months, the AIM for Seva Student Home for Boys, Palakkad was functioning in a small building within the existing campus. Now the building work for the new premises has been nearly completed and the Student Home will move there shortly. Around 60 students will be accommodated during this year.

He thanked Pujya Swamiji and other Swamijis who had attended the function in spite of their busy schedule. He thanked the Vedanta students who had attended the function in large numbers.

**Swami Chidananda Puri, Head of Advaita Ashramam, Kolathur** told that the Sannyasis, in addition to teaching Sastra, should undertake reaching out action.

**Pujya Swamiji gave his inaugural address.** He told that he was happy to inaugurate the new building which was very beautiful and very impressive. He told that he felt that we should have a seva wing in addition to teaching work. Hence AIM for Seva was born.



We accommodate students in the Student Home, who may not otherwise pursue their studies. We have a duty not only to serve human beings but also to serve trees and animals. All that is here is Isvara. Hence listening to Sastra, praying and meditation on Isvara are also seva. Mainly reaching out to people is considered seva.

Pujya Swamiji congratulated Swami Krishnatmananda for his commitment, enthusiasm and accomplishment in completing the AIM for Seva Student Home. He also congratulated the others who have worked with him.

**Sri K R Sureshkumar, COO, AIM for Seva** told that 3500 children are presently studying in 104 student homes. More than 95% of the students from our Student Homes have successfully passed 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> examinations. Many of them are School toppers.

**Sri K A Chandran, Chairman, Malabar Devaswom Board and Sri Shafi Prambil MLA** felicitated the activities of AIM for Seva Student Home.

**Swami Amritakripananda Puri from Mata Amirtanandamayi Math and Swami Adhyatmananda from Sambodh Foundation** gave benedictory address.

**Sri K Vijayaraghavan Master** proposed vote of thanks.

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