

Arsha Vidya Tirtha, Jaipur Maha Sivaratri Celebrations

With the Blessings of Pujya Swamiji, Arsha Vidya Tirtha, Jaipur had grand celebration of Maha Shivaratri on March 2, 2011 in both City Centre and Chhatralayam. The auspicious day started with Rudrabhishekam to Lord Shiva from 8:00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. followed by Akhanda Mahamrityunjaya Japam by devotees' from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. It was concluded with karpura Aarti and Swasti mantra.

In the evening 7:00 p.m. – 11:50 p.m., Ekdashadravya Rudrabhishekam was performed to Narmadeshwara Shivalingam of Chhatralayam. Sri Rudram was chanted thrice with four Anuvakas of Chamakam after completion of each round of Sri Rudram by devotees' and children along with Swamijis'. After beautiful alankaram,



mahadeeparadhana Aarti with all Upacharas was conducted.

After partaking mahaprasadam at midnight, the chanting of Stotrani followed by Bhajans by Swamiji and children kept the atmosphere very lively and heavenly. The celebration concluded in the morning at 5.30 a.m. with 108 Ashtotarashatanamavali and Mangala Aarti and Dhyanam by Swamiji.

The highlight of Mahashivaratri was all our children observed fast and did akhanda Mahamrityunjaya Japam and were all up till next day morning till the celebration concluded. As you can see from the pictures the entire ashram was beautifully decorated by children with flowers and thoranams and even the welcome note at the entrance was done with flowers!

