

Maha Sivaratri Puja at AVG



Acarya rendering Japa



AkandanamaBajan by Swamiji and Swaminis

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati blessed the *MahaSivaratri Puja* at AVG, Anaikatti on Feb 17, 2015 by his presence and blessings.

NITYA PUJA: Regular puja at Lord MedhaDaksinamurthy shrine and Lord Narmadesvara shrine begun early in the morning.

AKHANDA NAMA JAPA:

AkhandhaNamaJapa of *pancaksarimantra* "Om NamahShivaya" was performed from 7 AM to 3 PM at the *satsangh* hall. PujyaSwamiji led the *japa* for some time. Swami Atmatriptananda, Swamis, Swaminis, students and guests led the non-stop relay *japa*. The holy chant vibrated in the atmosphere and in the minds of the participants later for many more days.

EKADASA RUDRA ABISEKA:

Ekadasarudrabiseka was done at the shrines of Lord MedhaDaksinamurthy and Lord Narmadesvara from 4 PM to 8 PM. The 11 *rudraabhiseka* done at both the shrines.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ANUGRAHA BHASANAM:

PujyaSwamiji in his *anugrahabhasanam* explained the meaning of the popular *vedamantra* " *Triyambakamyajamahe..*" from Sri Rudram. On *Sivaratri*, the day of spiritual commitments, vows and disciplines, PujyaSwamiji prayed for invoking the Lord's grace for everyone.

RATRI JAPA&PUJA:

The Swamis, Swaminis, students and guests took part in the *bhajans* and chants with lot of enthusiasm. The participants remained awake for the whole night with chant of the Lord's name.

Ratri puja was done at 12 midnight at the shrine of Lord Narmadesvara. Later *ardhajama puja* was done at 3 AM. The last *kala puja* was done at 6 AM of the following day, concluding the *Sivaratri puja*.

Report by N. Avinashilingam



Lord Dakshinamurthi



Lord Narmadeshwara



Ekeadasa Rudra Japam



Pujya Swamiji's Anugraha Bhashanam



Swaminis, Students and other participants