

23rd Anniversary of AVG



AVG, Anaikatti celebrated its 23rd anniversary on Oct 27, 2013 in the presence of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. Around 2000 devotees attended.

MUSIC CONCERT:

There was a soul stirring carnatic music concert by Dr. Sriram Parasuram and Smt Anuradha Sriram. The last lyric was the Marathi Namadev abang 'Tirtha Vittal Kshetra Vittal'. This charged the whole

audience and the entire atmosphere turned devotional.

Dayananda Sisters Kumari Darshana and Kumari Sowmya rendered the prayer song.

WELCOME ADDRESS:

Sri Ravi Sam, Trustee welcomed the gathering. He said that Pujya Swamiji's contribution has been recognized when the US flag was flown in his honour on his 83rd birthday as per Hindu calendar. Pujya Swamiji's classes are the closest to Sri Adi Sankara's teaching.

GURUKULAM REPORT:

Sri V. Sivaprasad, Secretary presented the Gurukulam Report.

He said that the Gurukulam has successfully completed the fourth long-term course for three and half years on Vedanta and Sanskrit. Pujya Swamiji took most of the Vedanta classes. Swami





Sakshatkritananda was the resident Acharya. 75 students have successfully completed the long-term course.

Arshakalarangam organized Bharata natya performance by Pavithra Srinivasan titled Purushartha.

Arsha Kalarangam conferred the title Arsha Kala Bhushanam on Prof S.R.Janakiraman, Smt Sudha Raghunathan, Smt E. Gayathri, Sri M.S.Anantharaman, Sri A.Easwaran and Smt. Chitra Visweswaran.



Sankara Jayanthi was celebrated in the presence of Pujya Swamiji.

Pujya Swamiji's 83rd birthday was celebrated at Anaikatti on Aug 15, 2013 with a grand laksarcana. On the same day evening Arsha Kalarangam and Sri Krishna Sweets organized a carnatic music concert and bharata natya performance at Coimbatore. The decoration of Swamij's chair resembled Lord Daksinamurti sitting under a banyan tree.



ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST:

Justice Sri V. Ramasubramanian, the Chief Guest of the day, addressed the audience. He explained how India was the cradle of civilization and how India was pioneer in mathematics, science, medicine and university education. He widely quoted the Western scholars who acknowledged this.

ADDRESS BY GUEST OF HONOUR:

Dr. M. Manickam, Executive Vice Chairman, Sakthi Sugars Ltd was the Guest of Honour. He said that the early men came from Ethiopia to Madurai. Later they migrated all over. Sama Veda chant resembled the song of the birds. The British during their rule of India destroyed the native education. But India has managed to preserve her dance, music and culture. He predicted great time ahead for India in the next 30 to 40 years.



HONOURING GREAT PERSONALITIES:

Pujya Swamiji honoured Meyyappa Mahadesika Swamigal, Head of Koviloor Mutt, Dr. R. Nagasamy, eminent Archeologist, Sri A.V. Ramasamy, the Visionary who brought the concept of Senior Citizen Retirement Homes to Coimbatore.

BOOKS RELEASE:

Pujya Swamiji released the following books: Tattva Bodha in Tamil by Sri Mani, Srimad Bhagavatham by Smt Sarojiniammal, Pujya Swamiji;s life story in Tamil lyrics by Sri Arumugam.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ANUGRAHA BHASANAM

Pujya Swamiji gave his anugraha bhasanam.

Why Hinduism survived

He said that Hinduism is the only ancient religion that has survived. Survival of Hinduism is possible because of teaching tradition we could preserve. The teaching is conveyed through karna parampara from Guru to Sishya without entropy or loosing contents.

The greatest teaching

The equation Tat Tvam Asi is taught in Vedanta only. All that is here is Iswara. In



India it is customary to do bhoomi puja. An American may wonder to see why Indian worship bhoomi. The culture explains this vision in music, dance and temple art. When the wave recognizes that it is water and the Ocean is also water, it's (waves') sense of limitation goes. The human body is recognized as manifestation of Iswara and worshipped. We can invoke Iswara in anything.

Being born as a Hindu is a privilege. Belonging to this culture is a privilege. Due to this we can appreciate the teaching that all that is here is Iswara.

VOTE OF THANKS:

Sri S. Sairam, Manager proposed a vote of thanks.

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