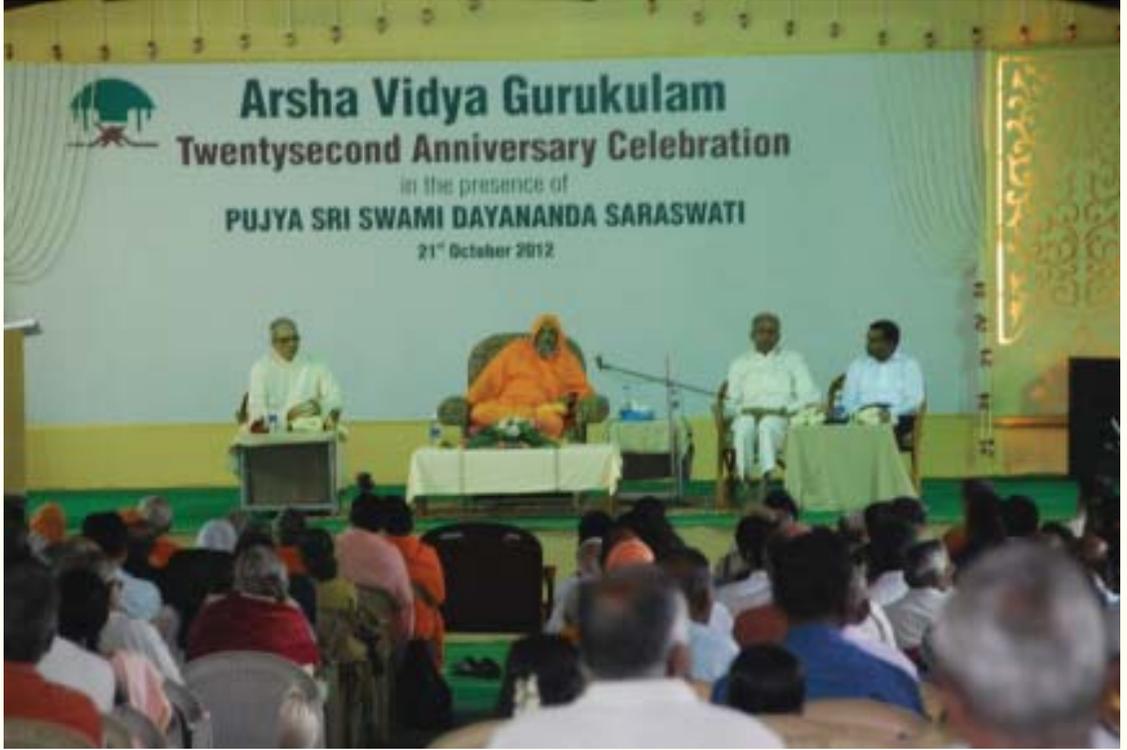


22nd Anniversary Celebration of Anaikatti Gurukulam



Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti celebrated its 22nd anniversary at a vibrant function on the 21st of October 2012.

Sri Maharajapuram Ramachandran gave a wonderful music concert with Sanskrit and Tamil compositions of Pujya Swamiji.

Sri Ravi Sam, Trustee welcomed the gathering. He said that Pujya Swamiji's thinking, teaching and living were all aligned to the teachings of Sri Adi Sankara and he was aptly awarded Adi Sankaracharya Award by Sri Bharathi Theertha Swamigal, Head of Sringeri Mutt. He welcomed every one to attend Pujya

Swamiji's classes at Anaikatti and make the best use of the situation.

Sri V. Sivaprasad, Secretary presented the Gurukulam Report. He said during the



year, Arsha Kala Arangam awarded Arsha Kula Bhusanam to five accomplished artists and also held bhajan, music and dance performances by leading artists for three days. Sri Sankaracharya of Hariharapura Mutt visited the Gurukulam. Sri Bharathi Theertha Swamigal, Head of Sringeri Mutt honoured the Gurukulam by his holy visit. A camp for Teachers of Sandya Gurukulam was held. The third year of the long term course was going on at Anaikatti with 80 students from all over the globe. Pujya Swamiji addressed students and faculty members of IIM, Kozhikode. He addressed an inter faith meet at Puttaparthi. He also addressed 1,00,000 students at Hyderabad organized by Swami Paripurnananda.

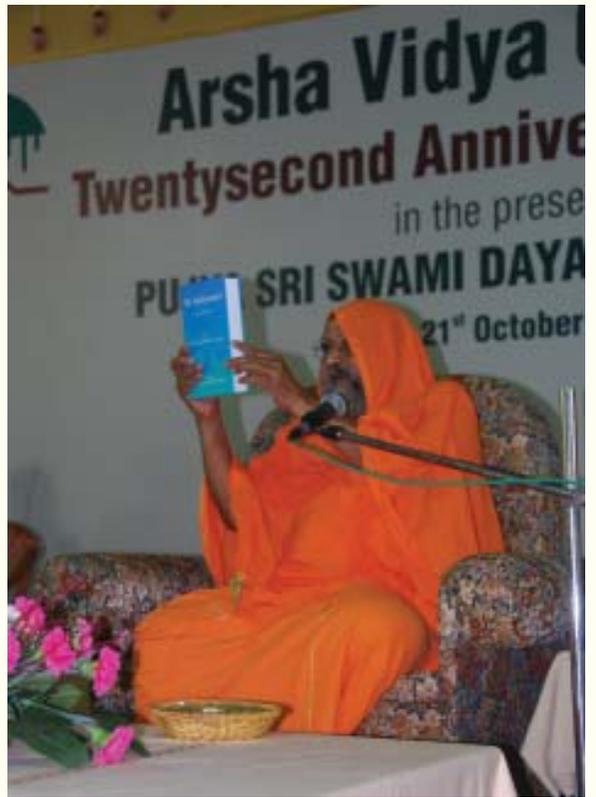
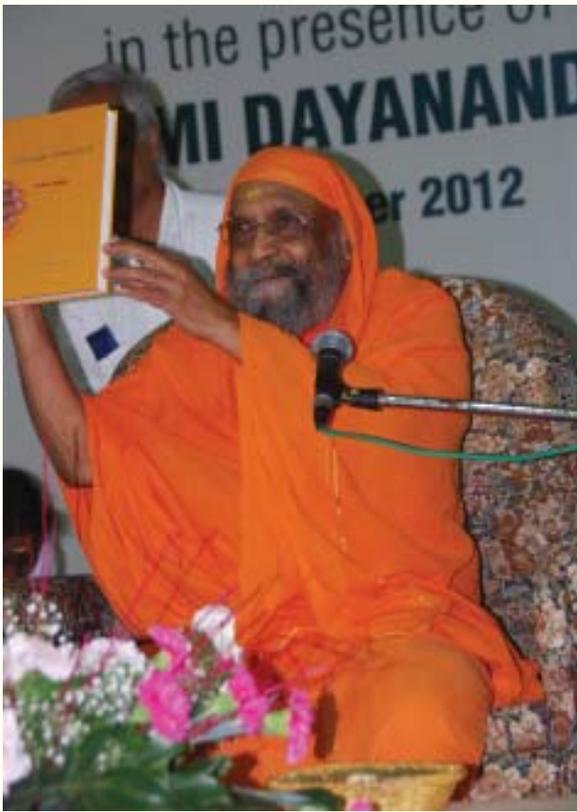
Sri M M Murugappan, Vice Chairman of Murugappa Group was the chief guest. He said that he wanted to prepare a speech for the anniversary function. He goggled



and was surprised to know that there were many websites about Pujya Swamiji. He was exhausted after reading a few of them as there was so much work done by Pujya Swamiji. He said that the country wanted many leaders like Pujya Swamiji with strong inner vision. "Pujya Swamiji's guidance will make our life meaningful", he said.

Sri V. Srinivasan, leading industrialist of WS Group and Chairman of Satya Sai Central Trust was the guest of honour. He







said that Pujya Swamiji addressed a symposium on Unity of Faiths, during guru purnima celebrations at Puttaparthi. He gave a scintillating speech with the message that there is only God and not one God or many Gods. Sri Srinivasan

said that both Sri Satya Saibaba and Pujya Swamiji stressed on the every lasting reality of Vedas. Both of them helped men in realizing the innate divinity within each one of us. He invited every one to visit Prasanthi Nilayam.

A new building with 36 rooms for lady students was inaugurated at Anaikatti Gurukulam. Smt. Krishna Kejriwal and her family who were donors for this project were honored. Another donor Sri Subha Madhava Rao could not attend due to a family function. The builders, contractors and the engineer were honoured.

Revised edition of nine volumes of Bhagawad Gita Home Study in Tamil on the title "Veeduthorum Geethai" was released by Pujya Swamiji.

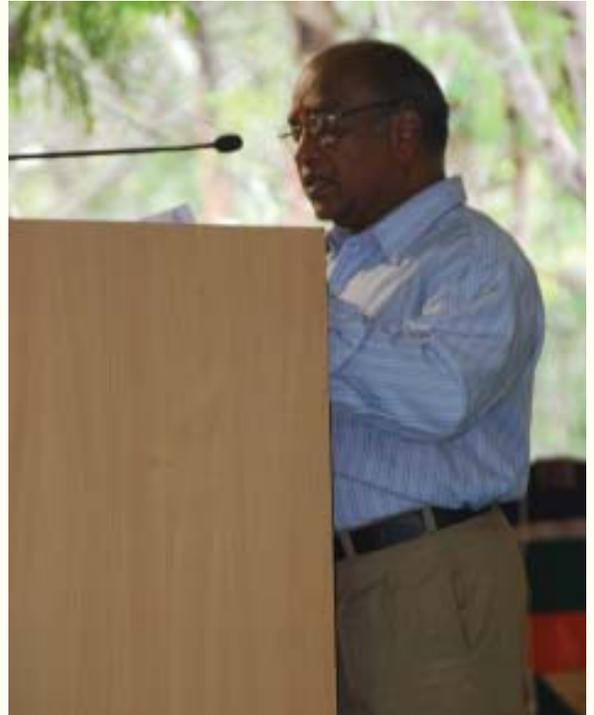
Kathopanisad written by Smt. Sarojini Varadarajan, based on Swami

Paramarthananda's bhasyam classes, was also released by Pujya Swamiji.

In his anugraha bhashanam, Pujya Swamiji said that he had recently conducted a retreat at Rishikesh for Heads of Business Houses. The purpose was, as leaders they could make a lot of difference in the lives of so many people working under them. He hoped to have good leaders in future. He said that everyone who was a father or mother was a leader at home. Children look up to them as role models. Hence parents should live up to a credible value system.

He said: "Ahimsa is paramo dharma. What one does not want other to do to him; he should not do to others. Only our Sastra confirms this universality of dharma. Every living being has an instinct to survive and does not want to get hurt or die. Animals are totally programmed. Only human being has the faculty of choice. Choice means responsibility and not to disturb others. Universality of dharma is not acknowledged by some religions. Hence it is the responsibility of religious leaders to sensitize people regarding universal structure of dharma. Every one or every thing has a place in scheme of things. So our life should be of least disturbance to the environment and other living beings. Even for one's own body there are so many claimants like parents,

spouse, children, etc. But only one person knows when there is pain, thirst or hunger. That person is managing trustee of the body. When one is just a trustee for one's own body, then how can he be owner for any external wealth? One is disturbed by so many happenings around. To be insulated from the disturbances, one should know the greater purpose of life. Study of Bhagawad Gita will help one have proper attitude and clear knowledge".



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

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