

## Navaratri Puja at AVG, Anaikatti



Navaratri started on Oct 5, 2013. During the nine days of navratri, special sahasranama archana was done to Goddess Jnaneswari.

On Friday the Oct 11, 2013 very elaborate abishekam and archana were done for Goddess Jnaneswari.

On Oct 12, 2013 on Ashtami day, Sri Lalitha sahasranama archana was done for Goddess Jnaneswari.

On Oct 13, 2013 Sarasvati Puja was celebrated. Around 11 AM, all the students made an Altar with their books for

Sarasvati Puja. Puja was done for the books under the guidance of Pujya Swami Dayananda Sarasvati .

Pujya Swamiji delivered his anugraha bhashanam. He said that Goddess Durga is maya sakthi and Goddess of progress, wealth and power. In ayudha puja all the tools are kept out in puja and worshipped. Saravati is the Goddess of knowledge. She is worshipped on Sarasvati puja day seeking knowledge. On Vijaya dasami account opening puja is done at Gujarat. Sarasvati puja is celebrated at West Bengal, Maharastra and Tamil Nadu.



Led by Pujya Swamiji, the students chanted the Sarasvati mantra. The meaning of the mantra is that we pray Goddess Saravati for all sakthi and for all knowledge.

On Oct 14, 2013 Vijaya Dasami was celebrated. Punar puja for the altar of books was done followed by Pujya Swamiji's class and blessings.



Pujya Swamiji taught Bhagavat Gita bhasyam. This was followed by meditation class in which Pujya Swamiji taught contemplation of Vedantic teaching.

Pujya Swamiji congratulated Sri G. Krishnan of MKSG Memorial Trust, Sri S.N. Ramachandran and Smt Latitha Ramachandran for their initiative regarding panchayathana puja. He distributed murtis for panchayatana puja to the students who were willing to do that daily. The murtis were Shiva, Ganesha, Ambal, Vishnu, and Adhitya in salagram. He said that sodasa upachara puja or 16 steps puja should to be done daily to the murtis. He also gave them a book and DVD on the puja procedure to be followed.



The puja concluded with maha prasad.

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