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May one desirous of
prosperity worship a jīdāni

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In fearless voice may
we proclaim

The Rishi's message
from all house-tops

And bring the men
of different claim

To a fold of Love
where oneness lasts!



Melavadhya group awaiting Pujya Swamiji



Disciples waiting for Pujya Swamiji



Purnakumbham to Pujya Swamiji



Pujya Swamiji arriving at the Yagnasala



Homa samkalpa



Parayanam



Pujya Swamiji at the yagnasala



Blessing devotees at the yagnasala

Pujya Swamiji's Satabhishekam Celebrations July 20, 2011



Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi is a great visionary, an eminent teacher of Vedanta, a powerful thinker and writer.

Pujya Swamiji's guiding principles could not have found greater relevance than in times like these when the world is torn apart by strife and violence. There is a compelling need to restore global peace and harmony by mutually respecting all cultures and civilizations. Within the country too, there is a dire need to protect rural and tribal people as well as restore temple tradition and culture. Who better can visualize and actualize steps in this direction with total commitment than Pujya Swamiji who has dedicated his life to fulfill the needs of the society?

From establishing Arsha Vidya Gurukulams to initiating All India Movement (AIM) for

Seva, from convening Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha to setting up Dharma Rakshana Samiti, Pujya Swamiji has been untiring and unflinching in his efforts to achieve the desired results. With his inspiring ideals, there is still hope for peace to prevail in the generations to come.

PUJYA SWAMIJI AS TEACHER OF VEDANTA:

Pujya Swamiji has succeeded in unraveling and assimilating the vision, the spiritual knowledge revealed in the ancient scriptures. He started sharing this Arsha Vidya, knowledge of the rishis, through his teachings to a number of committed seekers of this knowledge. Under his tutelage, there are more than 200 disciples, who are renunciates, who continue the tradition of Vedanta Teaching, in various parts of the



Prayer song by Maharajapuram Ramachandran



Sri Vanavarayar



Sri Gurumurthy



B.K. Modi



H.H. Shastri Sri Madhavapriyadasji



globe. Traveling extensively all over the world, Pujya Swamiji has enlightened and touched millions of people through his teachings and his abundant love for mankind.

SATABHISHEKAM - A HUMBLE TRIBUTE BY STUDENTS:

The sheer aura of Pujya Swamiji's presence has touched millions across the world. This Satabhishekam function has been organized to offer an opportunity to all those who have always wanted to show their appreciation to Pujya Swamiji for having touched their lives in some way or the other. Upanisad says, may one desirous of prosperity worship a Jnani. This is a humble tribute to Pujya Swamiji who is an epitome of wisdom, love and compassion.

SATABHISHEKAM CELEBRATION COMMITTEE:

Swami Dayananda Satabhishekam Celebration Committee, on behalf of all the disciples, devotees and well wishers had planned to celebrate in a befitting manner, the Satabhishekam of Pujya Swamiji from July 20 to July 22, 2011 at CODISSIA, Coimbatore.

SATABHISHEKAM:

Satabhishekam is essentially a religious function. It is celebrated when a person completes 81 years of age and had the privilege of viewing 1000 full moons. His family members celebrate the same by doing vaidika rituals. Because of his age that person is worshipped by his family and the community. The children, grand children and great grand children seek the blessing of the person who has celebrated Satabhishekam.

Pujya Swamiji is an eminent Teacher of Vedanta. It is a rare privilege to worship a

Mahatma during Satabhishekam. The students who could make it, to personally visit Coimbatore and witness the Satabhishekam celebrations of Pujya Swamiji and get his blessings are really very fortunate. The disciples, grand disciples and great grand disciples of Pujya Swamiji sought his blessings.

The essential function during Satabhishekam is Vedic rituals. The rituals started at the auspicious time of 6 AM on July 20, 2011. This was ritually done as per vedic tradition. Sri Swami Omkarananda of Theni, an authority on vedic rituals and renowned Vedanta teacher was the chief adviser for the Vedic rituals. Vaidika Brahmins from Coimbatore, Chennai, Trichy, Pudukottai and Karnataka conducted the rituals.

The rituals were performed in order to seek a long and healthy life for Pujya Swamiji, for fulfillment of dharmic desires of students of Pujya Swamiji, for jnana prapthi of students of Pujya Swamiji, for jnana nista prapthi of students of Pujya Swamiji and for world peace and prosperity. Sri S.N. Ramachandran represented Pujya Swamiji in the rituals.

The following rituals were done: Ganapati Atarvasreesha Homam, Soorya Namaskaram, Pavamana Homam, Nakshtra Homam, Sri Sookta Homam, Navagrha Homam, Mrtunjaya Homam. All the four Vedas and Dravida Veda were chanted. The rituals concluded with Deeparathana and Poornahuti at 12.30 Noon.

The students gave a civic reception to Pujya Swamiji at 8.45AM and ushered him in to the Celebration Hall on July 20, 2011 at CODISSIA, Avinashi Road, Coimbatore. He was welcomed with Vedic prayers and traditional music.

The function started at 9 AM with ceremonial lighting of lamp followed by prayer by Maharajapuram Sri Ramachandran.

Sri B.K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar welcomed the gathering. He said that Pujya Swamiji initially did not agree to the idea of Satabhishekam celebration as there was no provision for a Sannyasi to celebrate it. The Celebration Committee said that this was for institutionalization of the great work of Pujya Swamiji. Later Pujya Swamiji agreed.



B.K. Krishnaraj Vanavarayar welcomed

Sri S. Gurumurthy, in his address said that Pujya Swamiji's Satabhishekam celebrations represented our worship of the timeless Guru parampara. It was Pujya Swamiji's destiny that he should enrich the tradition and pass it on. He said: "Pujya Swamiji is a master who can encapsule volumes of



Gurumurthy addressing

books in one sentence. His statement "Conversion is Violence" represent his sharp thinking. In the World Millennium Summit, he convinced all the world leaders of all leading religions to agree to mutually respect all religions. He has formed the Acharya Sabha, which is today the legitimate voice of Hindus. In the Human Rights Declaration by United Nations, he included mutual respect for all religions and right to retain one's faith. This was accepted and signed by all religions of the world. He has brought an understanding about Hinduism to Jews in Hindu Jewish Meet. The long term advantage of all these strategic moves is so great that we cannot comprehend them today.

Sri B.K. Modi said that he was impressed by Pujya Swamiji's address in the World Hindu Conference at Washington. Later at Rishikesh, Pujya Swamiji held a meeting of 160 Hindu leaders and convinced them that they should talk in one voice when they went out of India and speak about Hinduism.

His Holiness Shastri Sri Madhavpriyadasji spoke in Hindi. He said that Pujya Swamiji is the bridge between all sects of Hinduism.



BK Modi addressing

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ADDRESS:



Pujya Swamiji gave his key note address at 10.30 AM. He said it was amazing to see how the day to day work one does, contributions one makes, silently bring about a great change over a period of time. When he saw so many Sannyasis together in one place, and when every one of them and their whole life was known to him, he realized what a silent work had been done. It tells that enormity of work should not burden any body.

If one visualized and saw problems, he would be paralyzed emotionally. Children when they see their voluminous text book get discouraged to read them. But when start reading a few pages daily, in time the book is read. This is true in every sphere.

One should keep doing , what has to be done. One should not worry whether the problem will be solved and things can be accomplished. Lord Rama, Lord Krishna and Lord Buddha all did great work but still did not solve all the problems for good.

From his Gurus he had learnt one thing. What is to be done should be done. One should not let procrastination and complacency do anything with him.

Our spiritual wealth is like the wealth of Lord Padmanabha Swami. It has been there

and not known outside. The riches are amazing. One should keep exploring the vision, depth and expanse of the spiritual explanations.

The simple rangoli indicates a culture of reverence for Gruha Lakshmi and bootha yagna of feeding small ants. By a process of cultural osmosis the children absorb the art, discipline and cultural attitude. The broad structure should not be changed. It should be retained. Riches of our culture can be made available for further exploration.

There is a move to preserve antique. The most antique thing in the world is our culture and it should be preserved. The whole India is a museum. He was a museum piece. He had created hundreds of them, who are to be guarded and protected.

One should do bigger that what he can comfortably do. That is how one grows big. One should be a consistent contributor in different spheres.

Our mother land is more sacred than heaven. The culture is rooted in religion. The religion is rooted in wisdom. Hindu dharma is a big tree. It has many branches. It has parasites. There are trees within trees. The tree is thriving and very much alive. There can be some dead branches. There are live branches. There are flowers with different colours. We should do our best to protect this tree.

People who had assembled there on that occasion, were people exposed to our sastra. They had roles to play to protect dharma.

Pujya Swamiji said that all the good work that has been done so far goes to his Teachers, our Dharma, our Rishis and our Parampara. We had all joined to celebrate this Guru Parampara.

CARNATIC MUSIC RECITAL:

There was a wonderful carnatic music programme by Maharajapuram Sri Ramachandran at 11.30 AM.



DANCE PROGRAMME:

From 12 Noon there was Bharatanatyam dance recital by Udumalai Sri Sendhil.



PURNAHUTI

Purnaahuti was done at 12.30 Noon and the vedic rituals for the day concluded.

RENDERING OF PUJYA SWAMIJI'S COMPOSITIONS:

At 4 PM there was a music concert based on Pujya Swamiji's compositions by Neyveli Sri Santhanakrishnan, Sri P. Unnikrishnan, Smt. Rajani and Smt. Gayathri. This is the only occasion these great artists have given a performance together.



SOUVENIR RELEASED :

At 6.15 pm Souvenir brought out on the occasion was released by Pujya Swamiji and the first copy of the same was received by Sri Ramasubramania Rajah.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S TALK:

At 6.30 PM Pujya Swamiji addressed. He said: "the Teachers of any classical art like music or dance claim to be Gurus. But the word has a special meaning. "Gu" stands for darkness. "Ru" stands for dispeller. So Guru means dispeller of darkness of ignorance. Guru as an institution represents the parampara of teachers of spiritual wisdom. Guru is the one who teaches self knowledge. This knowledge is available only in India and wherever it had been exported from India.

There is only one reality. I am that reality. I am not separate from the whole. This is the vision. Because of ignorance 'I' is taken as the body or mind. This is samsara. This mistake has to be corrected. When 'I' is understood as Brahman, you are free. Guru is the one, who can make you see that you are Brahman.

This knowledge has been perennially flowing like Ganga from Guru to Guru unbroken. We are the partakers of this glorious knowledge.

DANCE PERFORMANCE:

At 7.30 PM Smt. Nirupama and Sri Rajendra presented “OJAS”, a rare brilliance in Indian Dance.

LIVE COVERAGE:

Those who could not come to CODISSIA, to personally witness the celebrations also could watch the function in the Sri Sankara TV telecast. Even those living overseas were able to watch the live webcast at <http://srisankaratv.net/>.

It was a memorable first day of Pujya Swamijis Satabhishekam Celebrations. It was a wonderful sight in CODISSIA to see 3,000 students of Pujya Swamiji sitting under one roof and getting blessed by his teachings.

Report by N. Avinashilingam



Pujya Swamiji's Satabhishekam Celebrations July 21, 2011

All the 3000 students of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi assembled at CODISSIA on July 21, 2011 felt that they were part of an extended family under the parental care of Pujya Swamiji.

The vedic rituals were started at the auspicious time of 6 am on July 21, 2011. Sri Swami Omkarananda was the chief adviser for the vedic rituals. Vedic Brahmins from Coimbatore, Chennai, Trichy, Pudukottai and Karnataka conducted the rituals.

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The following rituals were performed: Ganapati Homam, Soorya Namaskaram, Avahanti Homam, Maha Rudra Homam, Mahanyasam, Sri Rudra Japam, Maha Rudra Homam, Kramarcana and Rudra Trisati Laksharcana. All the four Vedas and Dravida Veda were chanted. The rituals concluded with Poornahooti and Vasodhdarai Deeparadhana at 1 pm.

The Satabhishekam celebrations started at 9 am with prayer songs rendered by Dayananda Sisters: Kumari Darshana and Kumari Sowmya.



Sri Sugavanam Krishnan welcomed the gathering.

H.H. Sri Krishnamaniji said that he appreciated Pujya Swamiji's efforts to preserve Bharatiya culture. He said that AIM for Seva was doing great service to the needy sections of the society. He praised the functioning of Acharya Sabha.

Sri Kumaragurupara Swamigal of Kowmara Mutt appreciated Pujya Swamiji's efforts to appoint Oduvars in famous temples of Tamil Nadu.

Sri Sivalingeswara Swamigal of Kamakshipuram Adinam appreciated Pujya Swamiji's anna sevai at Big Temple at Tanjore.

Sri Santhalinga Swamigal of Perur Mutt said that he appreciated Pujya Swamiji's efforts in Tiruvidaimarudur Temple Car project and prevention of conversion.

At 10.15 AM, there was a Bharatanatyam dance recital by Ms. Rukmini Vijayakumar.



Sri Sugavanam welcoming the gathering



Address by H.H. Sri Krishnamaniji



Address by Sri Kumaragurupara Swamigal



Address by Sri Sivalingeswara Swamigal



Address by Sri Santhalinga Swamigal



Bharatanatyam dance recital by Ms. Rukmini Vijayakumar.

Sri Swami Omkarananda said that even adishesha with 1000 tongues could not tell the glory of Pujya Swamiji. He said that when he was suffering from serious illness, he recovered fully by sparsa diksha of Pujya Swamiji.

Sri Swami Suddhananda of Uthandi said forty years back he had the good luck to come in contact with Pujya Swamiji which transformed his outlook of the world

Sri Swami Sadananda said that it was providence that he met Pujya Swamiji and was blessed with the knowledge. He said Pujya Swamiji is a yuga purusha.

Sri Swami Prabhudanda said he appreciated Pujya Swamiji's method of emphasizing values and discipline. He said we should all pray in the morning, "Please keep Pujya Swamiji in good health and high spirits for many years to come."

Sri Swami Brahmanistanda said that Pujya Swamiji was an akshyapatram. He was able to present the vision in a new way every time.

Sri Swami Paramarthananda said that we all knew that scriptures prescribe many values as a means of refining our mind to receive self knowledge. When Pujya Swamiji was talking about values, he felt that they were impossible or impractical to follow. But from Pujya Swamiji's life, he had understood that:

- It is possible to show unconditional love and compassion towards all
- It is possible to accommodate everyone irrespective of who the other person is
- It is possible to help everyone, known and unknown, unconditionally



- It is possible to pay attention to every single person even when one is surrounded by a huge crowd
- It is possible to listen to everyone intently even when there are endless people
- It is possible to remain relaxed in spite of hectic activity
- It is possible to live a life of deliberate thoughts, words and actions, without any agenda of one's own, taking things as they come
- It is possible to derive inspiration and motivation from oneself in spite of old age and poor health
- Lastly, it is possible, but not that easy, to emulate Pujya Swamiji.

Sri Swami Chidrupananda said that he had met 40 Swamis and served them before meeting Pujya Swamiji. He said this search for a sadhguru ended only after meeting Pujya Swamiji and accepting him as his Guru.

Sri Swami Tattvanistananda said that Pujya Swamiji had helped people cross the ocean of samsara.

Sri Swami Paramatmananda said that he had the good fortune of meeting all the spiritual dignitaries of India. But he is yet to find a Teacher of the level of Pujya Swamiji.



Swamini Brahmaprakasananda said that when she attended a Gita Yagna of Pujya Swamiji when she was 18, all her fundamental questions on life got answered. Pujya Swamiji was capable to making a 5 year old as well as a sophisticated intellectual understand that he is Brahman. We should all pray for a long healthy life to Pujya Swamiji.

There was a Bharatanatyam dance recital by Ms. Pavithra Srinivasan at 12.15 pm.



Purnaahuti was performed at 1 pm and the Vedic rituals for the day concluded.

At 4 PM there was a music concert on the theme – Bhakthi Traditions in Folk Music by renowned artists Sri Prahalad Singh Tipanya, Smt. Anuradha Sriram and Sri Hemant Chauhan.



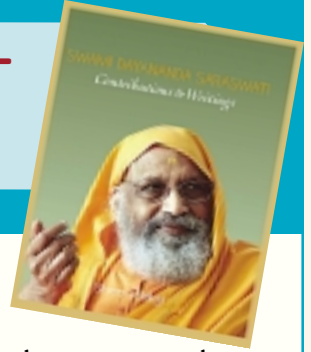
At 7.30 PM Dr. Padma Subramaniam gave a dance recital based on Pujya Swamiji's compositions.



It was a memorable second day of the Satabhishekam celebrations.



“Swami Dayananda Saraswati – Contributions and Writings” – Book Launch



CODISSIA, Coimbatore July 21, 2011. As part of the Satabhishekam of Swami Dayananda Saraswati of Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, a book titled ‘Swami Dayananda Saraswati - Contributions and Writings’, authored by Sheela Balaji was released in the city



The book was released by Sri La Sri Nachiappa Jnanadesika Swamigal, Koviloor Mutt and was received by Sri.Ramasubramaneya Rajah, Chairman, RAMCO Group.

In his message, Sri La Sri Nachiappa Jnanadesika Swamigal said that service to humanity was the most important message the book conveyed, by listing Sri Dayananda Saraswati’s contributions to the community.

Speaking on the occasion, Sri Dayananda Saraswati said the book had been in making for more than a year as the whole idea was to present the subject with total objectivity.

He commended the author Smt.Sheela Balaji for her meticulous researching, bringing to fore some of his earlier writings including his poems in Tamil, into the book.

Sri. Ramasubramaneya Rajah said that book was a visual treat with rare pictures of Swamiji and had many interesting nuggets of information.

Smt. Y.G. Parthasarathy, Chairperson, PSBB Group of Institutions who spoke at the launch said that Sri Dayananda Saraswati’s Vedanta was timeless and applicable in everyday life .The book would



provide an insight into his thoughts and ideas.

The Author Smt. Sheela Balaji said that the book was a humble tribute to Pujya swamiji on the eve of his Sathabhishekam.

Other speakers, who included industrialists, said the book was a rare glimpse into the person, his thinking and his expanded global view for all humanity.

Also present on the occasion were Sri. Shantaram, Chairperson, Lakshmi Mills & Smt. Sunita Shantaram of Sruti Seva Trust, Dr. Abantika and Sri. Piyush Shah, Saylorsburg, Smt. Suchi Ebrahim, Director, Graphic Design, and Sri. N. Subramaniam, Director, Sudarshan Graphics.

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About the book:

The book chronicles the journey of a visionary from Manjakkudi, a quiet village, to a Global leader. It presents an objective, engrossing account of the man, his quest for knowledge, his trials, tribulations and triumph, all in the cause of global peace.

The richly illustrated 350 page book with lively images of Swamiji in his many avatars, features his extremely rare writings over the years - most of it relevant to present days' society as much as it was 60 years ago.

It also features interesting dialogues with the author on topics ranging from recession to



astrology, giving the reader a never before perspective of Swamiji's views of the contemporary and ever changing world.

It is a sincere attempt to present the many facets of Swamiji - as a Vedanta teacher with

his unique pedagogy, as a Social entrepreneur spearheading transformation at the grass root level through service - to create confident and contributing young Indians, a remarkable Author who conveys his thoughts so lucidly in his writings, and a pillar of the Sanatana Dharma and the Acharya Sabha - promoting tolerance and global understanding through religious dialogue.

Available for a donation of Rs.3000, the book is published by Arsha Vidya Research and Publication Trust.

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Pujya Swamiji's Satabhishekam Celebrations July 22, 2011

July 22, 2011 is a very auspicious day as that day is the day of the 81st birthday of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswathi. Over 5,000 students of Pujya Swamiji joined together to celebrate his Satabhishekam function at CODISSIA, Coimbatore in a grand manner.

On the morning of this day, it appeared that all the devatas from heaven had come to CODISSIA to bless Pujya Swamiji. They had sent their blessings in the form of rain!

The vaidika rituals started at the auspicious time of 6 am on July 22, 2011. Sri Swami Omkarananda guided the Vedic rituals. Vaidika Brahmins from Coimbatore, Chennai, Trichy, Pudukottai and Karnataka conducted the rituals.

The rituals were done seeking a long and healthy life for Pujya Swamiji, for fulfillment of dharmic desires of students of Pujya Swamiji, and for jnana prapthi and jnana nista prapthi of students of Pujya Swamiji, and for world peace and prosperity. Sri S.N. Ramachandran represented Pujya Swamiji in the rituals.

The following rituals were done: Ganapati Homam, Soorya Namaskaram, Sahasra Candra Darsana Shanti Homam, Aiyushya Homam and Sapta Ciranjeevi Pooja. All the four Vedas and Dravida Veda were chanted. The rituals concluded with Poornahooti and Vasodhdarai Deeparadhana at 12 Noon.

The Satabhishekam celebrations started at 9 AM with prayer by Smt. Lakshmiammal.



Sri Sugavanam Krishnan welcomed the gathering.



Sri Sankar of Mumbai addressed the gathering. He said that if there was one cause that united India, in spite of her diversified culture, it was the acharyas. Even Sri Sankara had only four sishyas. But Pujya Swamiji had 400 sishyas. Pujya Swamiji's greatest contribution was his packaging the knowledge in a manner that the profound wisdom was understood easily.

Sri M.G.Srinivasan and Sri G. Dharmarajan, purvasrama brothers of Pujya Swamiji were honoured. Sri G. Ramachandran was not present due to unavoidable circumstances.



FELICITATIONS:

Sri M. Krishnan said that what ever hurdle one face in life can be overcome with the mantra of Guru's name.



Swamini Pramananda said that she met Pujya Swamiji when she was 11 years old. In her first meeting she recognized that Pujya Swamiji was her Guru. She wondered how one individual can have so many good qualities. For the last 40 years she had done what ever Pujya Swamiji had told her to do. She had not refused anything that she was told to do. Pujya Swamiji's teachings had become her assets. He had given the strength to declare that atma darshanam is deva darshanam. He had brought Iswara alive in our lives. He had given the power of oneness to others. If Lord Krishna is to say Bhagawad Gita today, he will tell in Vibuti Yoga, Gurunam Dayanandosmi.



Dr Bala Balachander said that Pujya Swamiji had asked him to apply technology to spread primary education. He wanted 100% literacy all over India. The lessons would be made interesting by music and animation. This is an AIM of Seva project to be completed before 2015.



Dr. Nirmal Gupta said that once she had asked Pujya Swamiji after a meditation class was over, how he was able to switch from meditative level to mundane level so easily. Pujya Swamiji had said, "This is that. That is this." It is difficult, but not impossible, to emulate Pujya Swamiji and live a meditative life for the whole day.



Dr. Prasad Mantravadhi said that he and his family were blessed at all stages of life by Pujya Swamiji.



Sri Ravi Sam said that he was fortunate enough to know Pujya Swamiji even when he was a teenager, thanks to his cousin Sunita. He had the good fortune of meeting great acharyas of Advaita, Vishistadvaita and Dvaita. But he was attracted to only Sri Sankara and his teachings. He found that only Pujya Swamiji taught at the level, where he could understand. Due to his busy schedule, he could not spend more time in Pujya Swamiji's classes as much as he wished. But he listened to Pujya Swamiji's classes in I-Pod daily. Due to the strength of the teachings, he was able to face the trials and tribulations of life easily. There was no second one equal to Pujya Swamiji, when it came to teaching advaita.



After the felicitations, all the students in CODISSIA hall, gave a standing ovation to Pujya Swamiji for his life time contribution.

MUSIC CONCERT:

At 10.45 AM, there was a music concert-violin jugalbandhi by Sri Sriram Parasuram and Lalgudi GJR Krishnan.



ABISHEKAM AND PADAPUJA TO PUJYA SWAMIJI

At 12.10, Pujya Swamiji sat on the ceremonial chair. Swami Sudhananda of Rishikesh sprinkled mantra sanctified tirtha and holy tirtha from many rivers of India. Swami Omkarananda guided the puja. Sri Ravi Sastri was the official priest.



Elaborate pada puja was done to Pujya Swamiji. Swami Paramarthanda chanted Guru astotram, and Vedic prayers. All the students repeated them after Swamiji's chant. The offerings were made on behalf of all the students present. Flower garland

and rudraksha garland were offered. A flower crown was offered. Swami Sudhananda did archana with golden flowers to Pujya Swamiji. Sri Ravi Sastri did archana with flowers. Dupa, deepa, vastram, naivediyam and namaskaram were offered. Students offered guru dakshina and they were given yagna Prasad.







PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ADDRESS:



“Namaha means surrender or salutations. It does not take much wisdom to offer namaskar to Bhagawan. In all traditions in the world, there is some kind of kneeling down or prayer. But only Indians say namaste to Bhagawan and to any one they meet.

This tradition has its roots in Vedas. All that is here is Iswara. You need not know the person as a Mahatma. Any person is good enough to say namaste.

We do not say one God. We say only God. You have to prove that there is some thing else other than God. Here is a dynamic living culture. Every form is Iswara's form and can be worshipped. You can worship space, air, fire, water or earth. You can invoke Iswara in any form.

When you want to draw the attention of your neighbor, you just touch his litter finger. The whole person responds. Like that you can invoke Iswara in any form. In a lump of clay, you can invoke Lord Ganesha. Iswara will respond to your invocation.

We do not have many Gods. But we have many devatas. Every phenomenon is worshipped as a devata.

When we take bath, take food, wear dress and do alankaram, it should be taken as worship of Iswara in our own form. It takes to be a Hindu, to imbibe the culture and worship you. There is no self esteem or self worth problem.

When you offer flower to Swamiji, it goes all the way to the Lord, unless the Swamiji blocks its travel with his ego.

All that is here is Iswara. This is the whole vision of offering worship.

HONOURING VEDIC PANDITS:

At 5 pm the following Vedic Pandits were hooured:

1. Sri E. Balasubramaniam
2. Sri Krishnamurthy Sastrigal
3. Dr. Goda Venkateswara Sastry
4. Dr. R. Mani Dravid
5. Brahmashri A. Parameswara Vadhyar
6. Nellicheri Sri V. Jambunadha Ganapadigal
7. Prof. Ramasubramanian
8. Sri K. Seetarama Sastrigal

Sri.E.Balasubramniam born in 1931 is a kramaanta Krishna Yajur Veda Adhyayi who studied under Sri Krishna Ghanapati . He is also a Purva Mimamsa Siromani. He is also a hindi scholar, having passed Rashtra bhasha Praveen. He has also traditionally learnt Nyaya, Vedanta and Vyakarana. He served as Professor of Mimamsa Sastra at Madras Sanskrit College, and Rashtriya Sanskrita Vedyapeetha, Tirupathi. He has edited more than 50 volumes on Prayoga vedic rituals (Both Poorva and Aparā) and translated and edited Krishna Yajurveda Samhita and Taithriya Aranyakas Sri Balasubramania Sastrigal is the receipient of many awards



such as Mimamsa Visharada, Mahamahopadhyaya Shastra Ratnakara etc and has been honoured by 'Shri Kanchi Kamakoti Mutt' for Lifetime Contribution on Mimamsa sastra. He is presently taking classes in Chennai on Shankara Bashyam, Dharma Sastra and Mimamsa.

Sri Krishnamurthy Sastrigal was born in 1944 in Mullaivayal village in Tanjore district. He completed Krishna Yajurveda kramaanata adhyayanam under the tutelage of his father BrahmaSri R Rajagopala Ganapadigal. He completed Vedanta Siromani in 1964 , M.A Sanskrit in 1966 and PhD in Advaita Vedanta in 1992. Brahma Sri Krishnamurthi Sastrigal has received several coveted titles for excelling in studies pertaining to different branches of sastra, such as "Vedanta Vidwan", "Veda Bhashya Rathnam", "Mimamsa Vidwan", "Mahamahopadhyaya" etc. Sri Sastrigal is well known for his sense of wit, fluency in Sanskrit and clarity in thought. Endowed with these faculties he is a much sought after person to participate in the conduct of various Vidvat sadas, conferences, examinations etc. He has served as principal of Madras Sasnskrit College from 1999 to 2003.

Dr Goda Venkateswara Sastry was born in 1948 and completed Saanga Rig Veda Adhyayana upto Krama, and Veda bhashya

of both Rig veda and Yajur veda. He is a Siromani in Sahitya, Nyaya, Mimamsa and Vedanta. He has been accorded many titles such as Advaita Siddhi Ratnakara" Tenali. He has a doctorate degree in Advaita Vedanta Shaastra. Many titles like Advaita Vedanta Pracharaka Mani, Vidya Vachaspathi" "Nyaya Vedanta Paarangata", Vedanta Chintamani" , 'Veda Sastra Praveena' and 'Pandita Ratnam' He is conducting classes on Sankara Bhasya of Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita and Brahma Sutras at Sankara Gurukulam for the past 25 years, teaching Tarka, Mimamsa and other Sastras and giving lectures on Ramayana, Srimad Bhagavata, Suta Samhita, and so on. He has authored many books and articles. He has translated Advaita Siddhi in Tamil, He has translated many books in English.

Dr R.Mani Dravid was born in 1965 in Thirubhuvanam, Tamilnadu. He has to his credit Siromani in Mimamsa, Acharya in Mimamsa, a Ph.D from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, and Vedanta Acharya from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay. He studied Vyakarana under Brahmashri Hosmane Ramachandra Sastri, Purva-mimamsa and Vedanta under the late Panditaraja Brahmashri S. Subrahmanya Sastri and Nyaya under the late Brahmashri S.R.Krishnamurti Sastri. He has been awarded gold medals by both Singeri Sarada Peetam and Sri Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam for his proficiency in Mimamsa and Advaita Vedanta. Several titles have been conferred upon him like " Vedanta Sastra Visarada". "Desikottama", " Ubhaya-mimamsa-ratnam", "Sastraratnaakara", "Advaita vaada diggaja" Dharmashastra payonidhi. "Maharshi Badarayana Vyasa Samman " was conferred on him by the President of India in 2003. He has published

many books and is presently a senior Lecturer in Madras Sanskrit College.

Brahmashri A. Parameswara Vadhyar was born in Kerala in 1927 to Bhramashri Appathurai vadhyar and Smt. Parvathy ammal. He studied Vedas for eight years at Chittur Veda Patasala, Palghat under the guidance of renowned vedic scholars like Brahmasri Somasundara Dikshithar; Brahmasri Subramaniya Sastrigal. He passed the "Siroinmani" exams with distinction. He learned the method of performing various rituals from his father and has performed nithya puja to Lord Iyyappa for almost 35 years. Sri Vadhyar has been honoured by none less than Mahaperiyaval Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati of Kanchi Kamakoti Peetam in 1970. If today, Coimbatore has enough Vedic scholars, it is due to the persistent efforts of Sri Parameshwara Vadhyar who took upon himself the task of training the young students passing out of Veda patashalas, in rituals. His Satabhishekam was performed by Pujya Sri Swamiji in 1982.

Nallicheri Sri V Jambunadha Ganapadigal, son of Nallicheri Sri V Venkatarama sastrigal was born in 1964. He studied Krishna Yajurveda, Taitireya shaka from Brahma Sri Mahalinga ganapadigal and Brahma Sri Venkatarama Ganapadigal of Manakal and Brhma Sri Sitarama Ganapadigal of Tippirajapuram. He also studied lakshanam from Brahma Sri Rameshwara avadhani from Bangalore. As many as 15 students have successfully completed salakshana adhyayanam under his tutelage. Sri Jambunada Ganapadigal has also studied Panini grammar with none less than Pujya Sri Swamiji himself.

Prof Ramasubramanian holds a Doctorate in theoretical Physics from the University of

Chennai. He also holds an AMIE Degree and a Masters in Sanskrit from Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati. Prof Ramasubramaniam is one of the authors who prepared the explanatory notes of the celebrated work “ Ganita Yuktibhasha” - Rationales in Mathematical Astronomy. He is one of the co-editors of the work “500 years of Tantra Sangraha”. Prof Ramasubramaniam was honoured with the coveted title “ Vidwat Pravara” by Sringer Sri Sankaracharya in 2003 and in 2008 he was conferred the prestigious Maharshi Badarayana Vyasa Samman by the President of India in recognition of the outstanding research work done by him to the process of synergy between modernity and tradition. Sri Ramasubramaniam is a faculty at IIT Mumbai in the cell for Indian Science and Technology in Sanskrit. Prof Ramasubramaniam is the son of Sri Krishnamurthi Sastrigal who was just now honoured by Pujya Sri Swamiji. He has also studied under Dr Mani Dravid who has also been just now honoured by Pujya Sri Swamiji.

Sri K.Seetarama Sastrigal, son of Sri Aghora Krishnamurthy Garu, is a native of Manjakkudi village born in 1941. He has done adhyayana of Krishna Yajurveda Kramanta and leant poorva and apara prayogam and Atharvana Samhita under Srinivasa Sastrigal of Tanjore and Sri Vasudeva Ramanilal Pancholi, Baroda. He participated in many Vedic conferences and received an award from Kanchi Math. He worked as Atharvana Veda Pandit in TTD, Thriupati from 1972 to 1999.

The Samskrita Bharati, with its headquarters in Delhi and Bangalore is an organization which is rendering great services in the field of spoken Samskritam since many years. The ‘Speak Samskrit Movement’ started in

1981 in Bangalore with teaching programs like ‘Speak Samskrit in 10 Days’ ‘Samskrit through Correspondence’, publishing of Samskrit books with audio visual aids, etc., by a few young enthusiasts. The Samskrita Bharati also inculcates a spirit of love for the nation and its culture. Samskrita Bharati’s activities are spread over 2000 places in India and abroad and has 140 Full-time and 5000 part time Volunteers . Till date, Samskrita Bharati has taught one crore people to speak Samskrit, trained more than 80,000 teachers, developed new methods of Samskrit teaching, and published about 260 books and CDs. It has achieved many awards from various authorities and institutions.

To commemorate the satabhishekam of its founder, Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati, the Board of trustees of Sruti Seva Trust was pleased to announce the conferment of “ARSHA KULA RATNAM” award to Samskrita Bharati for its untiring and dedicated efforts to preserve, protect and popularize Sanskrit.

ADDRESS BY GUESTS OF HONOUR:

Smt. Vasanthi Jitendra introduced the Guests of Honour.

At 6 PM, H.H.Swami Vishveswaranandaji Maharaj appreciated the formation of Acharya Sabha by Pujya Swamiji.

Dr. Pranav Pandya said that Pujya Swamiji was like his father and his mentor. He had an idea of forming a Forum of Spiritual Leaders. He said only the spiritual leaders should decide the destiny of India. He predicted that India would become the jagat guru in 10 years. He said that we should all work together and make this come true..

H.H. Swami Nirmalanandanathji said that Pujya Swamiji was the greatest Saint of modern India. He was appreciative of the excellent services of AIM for Seva.

Sri Satyo Jatananda brought the greetings from Sri Sri Ravishankar. He said that the entire art of living family wished a healthy long life for Pujya Swamiji.

H.H. Baba Ramdev Maharaj said that he had great respect for the shotriya brahma nishta Pujya Swamiji. He said that India was a rich country. But unpatriotic people had hidden that wealth in foreign countries. If we bring back that wealth, India would be the most prosperous country in the world.

Sri Ashok Singhalji said that he worshipped Pujya Swamiji because he was the one who formed Vishwa Hindu Parishad. Padmanabha Swami's wealth and Tirupathi Swami's wealth belonged to Bhagawan and Hindu society. The Government could not claim that wealth. We could not allow ill treatment of respected Hindu leaders like Sri Sankaracharya and Sri Baba Ramdev. We should take the highest wisdom of Vedas to persons living in the remotest villages. We could not allow the proposed bill "Communal Targeted Violence Bill" to be enacted.

Sri Mohan Bhagawathji, Chief of RSS said that Saints are the guiding light for us. If we all participate and contribute for nation building, victory is assured.

Prof Annet Wilkey from Germany said that Pujya Swamiji without any discrimination of race, nationality, caste, creed or gender gave the spiritual knowledge to all.

Sri Jambunatha Ganapadigal said for the study of Vedanta or Ayurveda, study of





Sanskrit was essential. Many ancient manuscripts had wealth of knowledge which has not been printed. If we study Sanskrit, Bharat will be victorious.

FELICITATION TO EVENT MANAGERS:

Pujya Swamiji gave a memento to Sri Sujit and Sri Sivaprakasam of Show Space, who were the Event Managers.

Pujya Swamiji gave a memento to Sri Sugavanam Krishnan, Organising Secretary, Swami Dayananda Satabhishekam Celebration Committee for meticulous planning and execution of the celebrations under the guidance of Swami Sakshatkrtananda and Smt Sunita Santharam. Accepting the memento, Sri Sugavanam said that he accepted the memento on behalf of the entire team and dedicated it to the entire team. He said that the success of the celebrations could only be attributed to Pujya Swamiji's grace.

All the students present gave a standing ovation to Pujya Swamiji, for his benediction.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S VALEDICTORY ADDRESS:

At 8 PM, Pujya Swamiji said that one who followed a meaningful life based on values and who shared what he had with others in need could be called a mature person. The attitude and disposition making one mature is "daya". The giver should give without a patronizing attitude. He should feel that as he is in a position to give; he

should give to a suitable patram. The receiver should also feel blessed.

One could get the attitude of giving, only by actually giving. One should give until it hurts. Not only money is to be given. Skills, time and good words are also to be given. Reaching out action is to be done.

The value of daya is to be understood, assimilated and cultivated. Then there will be a transformation in day to day life.

"If you look forward to one more day, eventually you will have Satabhishekam", he said..

At 9 PM, there was an Indian classical music concert by Sri Rajan and Sri Sajan Mishra.

Pujya Swamiji has made his Students Guru (meaning dispeller of darkness). But Swami Dayananda Satabhishekam Celebration Committee have made his Students greater Guru (meaning fatter) by giving delicious breakfast, lunch and dinner for all the three days.

The students felt that their extended family function of Satabhishekam was celebrated so well. With purna trupthi they left the CODISSIA venue. The students felt elated that they had the life time opportunity to show their respect to Pujya Swamiji during the three day Satabhishekam celebrations.

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Report on the Satabhishekam

Krishnan Sugavanam – Organizing Secretary



True to the positioning of the event as a “Grand Private Family Celebration”, the 3 day celebration of the Satabhishekam of Pujya Sri Swamiji took place in a manner befitting the great master.

The celebration was only a context raise funds and create a corpus to institutionalize Pujya Swamiji’s activities. Accordingly, over 110 regional teams were setup, 70+ in India and 40+ overseas, with a view to raise funds. Various schemes were drawn to

provide for every section of the society to participate in this auspicious event.

The function was celebrated on the 20th, 21st and 22nd of July 2011, at Hall E, CODISSIA, Coimbatore, which is a fully air-conditioned facility sprawling almost 22,000 sq ft in size. The area was fully red-carpeted. A stage of size 62’x32’ was erected, and equipped with professional light and sound equipment. Seating for about 3000 people was provided inside the hall.

There were 11 activities connected with Pujya Swamiji that were showcased, in another fully air-conditioned area at the backside of Hall E, 15,000 sq ft in size. In addition to the stalls, there were 2 CCTV projectors displaying the proceedings on two huge screens, with additional seating for 1000 people who could not be accommodated inside the hall.

The 2-floor air-conditioned food court, adjacent to Hall E, is where the food for all the visitors was served. While Swamis were seated and served food, all others enjoyed a buffet, across 7 counters. In all, starting from 19th afternoon, till 23rd afternoon, close to 30000 meals was served. About 175 different menu items were served over 12 full course meals session, across the 3 days of celebration. All the food was prepared without onion or garlic. Madampatti Nagaraj told us that in 25 years of their cooking service, they have never served so many people food without onion or garlic.

Each session was attended on an average by roughly 3000 people, with the Satabhishekam session (22nd afternoon) attended by over 5000 people.

4000 welcome kits, 4000 prasadam kits, and over 6000 entry badges were printed and distributed to people.

Over 250 priests took part in the Vaidika Rituals, with over 130 Patashala children also participating. In all, the rituals ran for 18 hours spanning over the 3 days.

Over 87 advertisers took advertising space in the unique Souvenir, which was released in commemoration of the event.

10 different cultural programs were presented, comprising of Dance and Music,

with over 80 artistes taking part in the presentation. There were several thematic presentations, all offered with Shraddha and Bhakti.

Accommodation for close to 1000 people, comprising of Sanyasis, Veda Patashala Children, Priests, Artistes, Dignitaries, Special Invitees and Volunteers, was provided.

Over 100 vehicles comprising of buses, mini vans, MUVs, and sedans were employed to transport devotees to another world and the devotees were truly moved.

Over 20 teams were formed, under the stewardship of a coordinator for each team with over 250 volunteers contributing their services across the board. The teams were formed to coordinate Pujya Swamiji Requirements, Security, Reception, Vehicle Parking, Meeting Hall Management, Stage, Compeering, Cultural, Dignitaries, Audio Video and Lighting, First Aid, Food, Stores, Vaidika Rituals, Transportation, Accommodation and Samarpanam office. Over 60 volunteers from Dharma Rakshana Samiti and 50 volunteers from Manjakudi took part in the services.

Over 100 patients were treated for illness across the 3 days.

Travel desks were set up and manned continuously for 48 hours to facilitate devotee's arrival both in the Railway Station and at the Airport.

The entire proceedings were telecast and webcast live by Sri Sankara TV.

Across the three days, various Acharyas and Leaders on the Global Scene attended the



function and sought Pujya Swamiji's blessings.

Three Veda Pandits and Five Veda Scholars were honored with a shawl and a purse.

"Arsha Kula Ratnam" award, instituted to commemorate the occasion, was conferred

upon Samskrta Bharati. The award carries a citation and a purse for 5 lakhs.

The event was truly a lifetime experience for all those who attended.

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