

87th BIRTHDAY OF PUJYA SWAMIJI

87th birthday of Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati was celebrated on August 15th with immense gusto and veneration at AVG, Anaikatti.

SAMASTI SAHASRA NAMA ARCANA: *Sahasra-nama-archana* of Dakshinamurthi and chanting of *bija* mantra was performed at the Dakshinamurti temple. Puja was participated by Swamis, Swaminis, students and guests.

ACHARYA'S ANUGRAHA BHASANAM: *Avataranam iti avatarah* .Coming down as it were is *avataranam*. Lord

who is omnipotent, omniscient, omniform –that Lord, as if coming down in a particular form for a particular purpose and for a particular situation is called *avataranam*. *Yada yada he dharmasya ...* is the famous quote from Bhagavat Gita, as we all knew. Whenever there is weakening of *dharm*a and consequently *adharm*a becomes more predominant, Lord takes *avatara* to protect sadhus/right people and annihilate *adharm*a forces.

Similar is the case with the mahatmas. *Mahapurushas* birth also serves the same purpose of the *avatara* of Lord, in keeping with situation and time. The *mahapurushas* strengthen *dharmic* people by properly guiding them (*paritraya-sadhunam*) and prevent *adharmic* forces by advising them right path (*vinashayadhushkritaam*), which is also like the *avatara* purpose. The enemies can be destroyed by converting them in to friends!!.

Yesterday –14th August 2017 –we celebrated Krishna *jayanti* , the *avatara* purusha during Mahabharata time. Today we are celebrating Pujya Swamiji's birthday who is also a contemporary *avatara purusha*, who not only continued the *Vedantic* teaching *sampradaya* but also established Dharmarakshana Samihiti, Acarya Sabha etc., for the propagation of *dharm*a.

On this day we pray to Lord and Pujya Swamiji to bless us in our pursuit of *dharm*a and *adhyatma vicara*.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S VIDEO: A recorded video talk of Pujya Swamiji was played in the lecture hall. In the talk, Pujya Swamiji explained that mental growth and not physical growth can be considered as real growth. This mental growth, one can get only when he contributes more to the society and consumes less in a spirit of *karma-yoga*. We should all be thankful for being born in this Bharat, which is a *punya bhumi* where such an environment is available. We should make the best use of this opportunity.

Maha prasadam was offered to all those present.



'Acarya's anugrahana Bhaghanam'



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' Sahasranama Arcana for Lord Medha Dakshinamurti on the occasion of Pujya Swamiji's birthday'



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