

88TH BIRTHDAY OF PUJYA SWAMIJI

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati's 88th birthday was celebrated at AVG, Anaikatti on August 15, 2018 with immense affection and devotion.

GURU ANUJNA: Swamis, Swaminis, students and devotees assembled at Guru Tirtha. Consequent to the Puja to the murti of Pujya Swamiji, and anujna everyone proceeded to Daksinamurti temple.



MULA-MANTRA JAPA ARCANA: Lord Daksinamurti was invoked in pictures and lamps and puja was done by chanting the mula-mantra of Daksinamurti.

“Om hrim daksinamurttaye tubhyam vatamula nivasine dhyanaiika nirantangaya namo rudraya sambhave hrim om”. Swami Sankarananda explained the meaning of the mula-mantra. Led by Swami Sankarananda, Swamijis, Swaminis and devotees assembled chanted the mula-manta followed by traditional upacharas and maha-arati to Lor.d Dakshinamurty.



ANUGRAHA BHASANAM: Swami Prasantananda in his benedictive address said that everyone should help mutually others. Swami Sadatmananda told that in each and every alphabet we can see many virtues of Pujya Swamiji. He had **accommodation** and accepted everyone with their shortcomings. He had a **broad mind** and was open to new ideas. He was **compassionate** to all. He had **dedication** in whatever he did. He had **devotion** to the Lord. He was an **embodiment** of clarity. We see the clarity in the teaching of his disciples. He was always **energetic**. He had **fore-sight**. He was always **generous**. Swami Sadatmananda sought the blessings of Lord Dakshinamurthy and Pujya Swamiji for the students and devotees.



The function concluded with Maha prasadam.

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Quotes from Pujya Swamiji's Diary – 1968

June 1968 –

- * A strong man is one who faces facts. He is weak who wants to escape from them.
- * A murderer or a man committing suicide is not a strong man. It is out of fear one eliminates, the other escapes.
- * A rich man is he who feels richer by the very fact he lives. Poor man is one who feels he has life because of possessions.
- * He is a free man who owns nothing that he cannot dispense with in joy.