

Unveiling of Puja Swamiji's Mūrti

at Manjakkudi Memorial Centre on August 3, 2018.

AIM for Seva Trust and Swami Dayananda Educational Trust, Manjakkudi happily announce that Puja Swamiji's Mūrti has been installed at Swami Dayananda Memorial Centre at Manjakkudi on August 3, 2018. The Mūrti was unveiled by Pujyasri's senior disciple Swami Prasantananda Saraswati in the august presence of swamis/swaminis of the Arsha Vidyā Parampara.

The swamis/swaminis were received with pūrṇakumbham in a procession leading up to the venue. After unveiling the Mūrti, the swamis/swaminis and all present paid their respects to the Mūrti. The Swami Dayananda Educational Trust school children chanted Dayananda Pañcakam on the occasion. The Swamis/swaminis spoke on the occasion reverentially recollecting their association with Puja Swamiji. Swami Prasantanandaji delivered the anugraha bhāṣanam. Smt. Sheela Balaji proposed vote of thanks and felicitated the swamis/swaminis.

The day being Pujyasri's Janma Nakṣatra day, Adi Perukku and Adi Friday, day-long pūjās, homams were conducted at the venue and Angala Parameswari temple nearby. Annadanam was done at all the nearby educational institutions, chatralayas of the Trusts founded by Pujyasri.

Through this memorial we want the village community benefit from Puja Swamiji's teachings. We hope to have regular retreats by Arsha Vidyā teachers who have been student disciples of Puja Swamiji, thereby the teaching can take root in Swamiji's birthplace. The Memorial houses a Lecture Hall with great ambience for study with all facilities like good acoustics, audio-visual presentation facility and good seating arrangements. The Memorial also houses the Swami Dayananda Archives, a great collection of Swamiji's teachings in print and digital formats. Students of Vedanta can use the facility for serious study. The Memorial also provides green surroundings amenable for evening satsangs and informal discussions among retreat students.

The life-like resemblance of the Mūrti will assure Swamiji's presence when the teachings are going on at the Memorial. The Mūrti installation is a fitting concluding part of dedicating the Memorial to Puja Swamiji.

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