

## 90<sup>th</sup> Jayanthi Celebration of Pujya Swamiji at Anaikatti Ashram

The 90<sup>th</sup> Birth Day of Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati was celebrated in a grand manner on 15th August 2020 at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam under the auspices of Swami Sadatmananda Saraswati ji, Chief Acharya of the Gurukulam. Usually hundreds of people used to rush to the Ashram and participate in all programmes. In view of the pandemic Covid-19 situation this year entry of public was totally restricted. But the proceedings were streamed online and a voluminous number of audiences were present to view the functions through the streaming. The ashramites and the students of two year Vedanta course which is in progress currently attended the events. Sri Shivalingeshwara Swamiji of Sri Kamakshipuri Adeenam, Coimbatore who was closely associated with Pujya Swamiji in Aim for Seva and Acharya Sabha activities made his divine presence on the occasion. Swamiji offered garlands to Pujya Swamiji's murty and paid his respect. Swamiji was kind enough to be present for the whole programme.

The celebration started with the *anujñā pūjā* initiated by Swami Sadatmananda ji at Guruteerthaa at 10.15am. After offering flowers to the statue of Pujya Swamiji, the Swamijis, Swaminis and the students proceeded to the Sri Medha Dakshinamurty temple in a procession carrying the puja articles and singing the Guru stotram. The main function organized was the Dakshinamurty Mula mantra japa. Having received the offerings and prayers with special abhishekam and alankaram early in the morning all deities were glittering with a flow of enormous grace. All participants were seated in front of the main sanctum sanctorum and inside the Satsanga Hall provided with a picture of Swami Medha Dakshinamurty and flowers. Initially Swami Saradanadaji chanted the Mula mantra and the same was repeated by all. The group chanting continued for one and half hours in which everyone was deeply involved with devotion. All student participants were cheerful to engross themselves in the occasion as it was a very new divine experience for many of them. After the chanting was concluded the *upacāra pūjā* and *mahādīpārāadhanā* was offered with Vedic chantings to Sri Medha Dakshinamurty Swami. The celebrations were concluded around 12.30pm and the *mahāprasādam* was distributed to all participants.



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“The recognition of *Īśvara* as the *karma-phala-dāta*, the giver of the results of the action, is what makes you appreciate *Īśvara* in your daily life. *Karma* I can do, but *karma-phala* is something that takes place because of the laws that are the Lord. Therefore, every action producing a result, even a small action like opening and closing the eyelids, is the work of the Lord. In every action, there is an intended result that sometimes happens and sometimes does not. It is all according to the laws. Therefore, as a *bhakta*, a devotee, I continuously confront *Īśvara* as I receive my *karma-phala*.”

- Swami Dayananda Saraswati