

TWENTY-SEVENTH AVG ANNIVERSARY



Swami Omkaranandaji, Chief Guest

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti celebrated its twenty-seventh anniversary with pomp and gaiety on 20th November 2017. Around 500 devotees attended.

MUSIC CONCERT: Sri V. Balasubramaniam Odhuvar & Party of Thirumurai Seva Maiyam gave a Thirumurai concert.



Tirumurai by Oduvars



Invocation

PRAYER: The programme commenced with prayer by Smt. Shanti Subramanian.

WELCOME ADDRESS: Sri Ravi Sam while welcoming the gathering, said that Pujya Swamiji had so many disciples across the world that at any point of time someone will be conducting classes in different time zones around the globe.

GURUKULAM REPORT: Sri Kailasanathan, General Manager, presented the Gurukulam Report. He said that the fifth long term course was successfully completed during Sep 2017 with the benign blessings of Pujya Swamiji and the tremendous efforts of Chief Acarya Swami Sadatmanandaji, Swami Shankaranandaji and other teachers and supporting staff. Subsequent to the Upanisad Camp during October 2017, many camps are scheduled in the forth-coming year, besides the main event of Maha-kumbhabhishekam of AVG temples in June 2018.

SDJ Ayurvedalaya has so far treated 450 patients from 24 countries and the rooms are fully booked up to Feb 2018.



Welcome Address



Gurukulam Report

ACHARYA'S ADDRESS: Guroh kulam – gurukulam and AVG lives up to its name imparting Arsha Vidya to deserving *ante-vasi* (resident students) irrespective of caste or creed - **Swami Sadatmanandaji** told during his address. To perpetuate and keep the tradition going, AVG need prayers, contribution and voluntary service from one and all.

AVG has taken up the important task of doing Maha-Kumbhabhishekam of the temples at AVG under the guidance and leadership of Swami Omkaranandaji, who is the most deserving to carry out the solemn event. We look up on him as Pujya Swamiji himself.



Anugraha Bhashanam by Acarya



Section of Audience

CHIEF GUEST'S ADDRESS: **Swami Omkarananda** recalled the days when education thrived in India. There were seven principal places of *vidya-sthanams* - Ayodhya, Madura, Maya (Haridwar), Kasi, Kanchi, Avantikapuri (Ujjain) and Dwaraka. Bharata desam was rich in various fields of education and finearts centered around temples. Our temples were destroyed and Scholars were murdered during foreign invasion. Hence our glorious educational system has been weakened. What we require is the revival of traditional education with least emphasis on materialistic values and more emphasis on *dharmic* values, leading to peacefulness in individual and society.



Anugraha Bhashanam by Swami Omkaranandaji

True to Lord Krishna's declaration that whenever dharma diminishes, his *avatara* will happen, Pujya Swamiji's was also an *avatara*, appropriate to the contemporary society, in the unfoldment of the Vedantic vision –Swami Omkaranandaji said.

Further he pointed out that it is Thiruvallur's view that one's glory can be known either through their children or students. So too the greatness of Pujya Swamiji's, by seeing the great work done by his students across the globe.

At this point of time it becomes our bounden duty to revive temples and cultural education to its pristine glory so that the Sanatana Dharma is passed on to next generation.



Honouring of Chief Guest



Honouring of Acarya



Master of Ceremony



Vote of thanks

VOTE OF THANKS: Sri Siva Prasad, Secretary proposed a vote of thanks.

The celebrations concluded with maha prasadam.

Report by N. Avinashilingam