

Arsha Vidya Bhavan, Pondicherry



Arsha Vidya Bhavan, Pondicherry celebrated its 15th anniversary on the 3rd of January 2009 at Hotel Sadguru, Pondicherry. More than 250 people attended the programme.

Kum. Srinidhi gave a carnatic music recital. Sri Shivram Alva, Chairman welcomed the gathering. Sri Swami Suddhananda of Self-Knowledge Foundation, Chennai delivered a talk on "Power of Silence".

Sri Swami Suddhananda, in his talk, described the need for being alone and in silence to go deep into ourselves to identify the distinction between the role being played by us and the real self. He said most of the people got carried away by the role played by them and identified themselves by the roles they played.

Sri Swamiji narrated short stories to bring out the purpose of life and how we should become more self-conscious and not get carried away by the different roles we play from time to time during one's life time.

Sri Swami Tathvabodhananda introduced Sri Swami Suddhabodhananda and the topic. Sri Vaithialingam, Chief Minister of Pondicherry inaugurated the anniversary celebrations.

Sri Vaithialingam, in his address said: "I myself am Rama and Ravana at various times. The role in me changes time to time and it has to be understood that the roles that I have and I am not the role. This was explained by Sri Swami Suddhanandaji. I am happy to be here this evening with this audience".

Sri N. Arumugam, Secretary of the Bhavan proposed a vote of thanks. Sri Krishnamurthy, Sri Parthasarathy, Sri Raghavan and other members of the Bhavan were present at the meeting.

