

Guru Peyarchi Pūjā at AVG



Guru Peyarchi pūjā was performed in the evening of June 13, 2014, at the AVG Temple, Anaikatti, to invoke the blessings of Guru (Brahhaspati, the presiding deity of planet Jupiter). *Abhisheka* and *pūjā* were performed as per tradition to Lord Medhā Dakṣiṇāmūrti and the worship concluded with *dīparādhana*. The

temple and its precincts were packed with over 500 devotees.

Pūjya Śrī Svāmi Dayānanda sarasvati, in his address earlier, pointed out that Jupiter enters Cancer on this day. Swamiji added that from the day of Guru Peyarchi to the next one year, the period is favourable for spiritual studies.





Guru (or Jupiter) travels 12 years to complete one circle around the sun and comes back to its starting position. Guru moves 360 degrees in 12 years. In two years, it moves to the next sign. This is mainly observed in Tamilnadu.

We worship *Isvara* in the form of Jupiter. Lord Dakshinamurti is the Guru of Gurus. He can do well for us or not so well for us. Hence, we do *pūjā* and earn His grace to overcome obstacles in our study of Vedanta. Lord Dakshinamurti keeps the *asura* "Apasmara" in his

control, under his feet. We require the grace of Dakshinamurti to keep our negative tendencies under control.

Later in the evening, during *satsang*, Sri K.N. Shashikiran and Sri P. Ganesh, famously known as Carnatica Brothers, gave a wonderful Carnatic music concert. The highlight of the concert was the rendition of "Omkara" – their composition on Pujya Sri Swamji.

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