

Arsha Vidya Vaarshiki, Jaipur

The "Arsha Vidya Vaarshiki", the annual function of the Chhaatraalayam and Ashrama's foundation was celebrated in a grand manner on Sunday.

The presence and blessings of so many Sadhus was spectacular. Sri Swami Siddhanandaji lit the inaugural Lamp and all the Sadhus blessed the children and audience with Vedic chants.

This is the first time the Chhaatraalaya children were exclusively exposed to the public and their skills and training showcased.

In an impressive performance applauded by one and all these sweet youngsters chanted the Ganesha-Pancharatnam to start, followed by praise of the Motherland "Jahan Daal Daal par Sone ki Chidiyan Karti hon basera..", danced the culture and valour of Rajasthan - "Dharti Dhoran Ri".

They presented the episode from Mahabharata "Sudama and Krishna", and sang melodious bhajans.. Gurudeva Mere,

and Sri Radhey.., led by Gulab. All were transported to the jungles of Jadoul, as the parents of these Children presented their traditional Tribal dances - those of the Shepherd-Raibaris and "Gavri" based on the Puranas. The lotus of each heart was touched when they performed Yogasanas in a Lotus formation which would open and unfold gently... sending the message of purity, warmth, knowledge and dispassion. All of them concluded it with Swasti Mantraaha.

The word "Tribal" acquired a new meaning and people could see it as TRI BALAM three powers, Culture(Kalaa) Balam, Valour (Shourya) Balam and Atma balam which is their Self esteem!

The vision of Pujya Swamiji was conveyed in a unique way.

Everyone partook of a sumptuous prasadam at the Chhaatraalayam and proceeded with lingering sweet memories..

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