

24th Anniversary of AVG

AVG, Anaikatti celebrated its 24th anniversary on Nov 16, 2014 in the presence of **Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati**. Around 800 devotees attended.

PRAYER: The auspicious celebrations begun with the prayer song rendered by Pavithra Srinivasan in her melodious voice.

MUSIC CONCERT: There was a scintillating carnatic music concert by Dr. Sriram Parasuram and Smt Anuradha Sriram. The highlight was the rendering of the new composition of Pujya Swamiji "Devi Jnaneswari..."

WELCOME ADDRESS: Sri Ravi Sam, Trustee welcomed the gathering. He thanked Pujya Swamiji for his exemplary service to the society through Arsha Vidya Gurukulams, AIM for Seva and Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha. Releasing successfully the Chidambaram temple from the clutches of Government control is one major achievements of Pijya Swamiji's initiative. Next step is to totally free the temple administration from HRCE.

RELEASE OF E BOOKS APPS: Pujya Swamiji released an apps titled 'TEACHINGS OF SWAMI DAYANANDA' which will enable the readers to read his books online.

GURUKULAM REPORT: Sri.V. Sivaprasad, Secretary in his annual gurukulam report, highlighted the activities in the teaching of Vedanta and the mission of protecting Hindu dharma and culture. Three months course on Vedanta and Sanskrit was conducted from May 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014. 75 students attended. The course was conducted under the guidance of Pujya Swamiji by Swami Sadatmanda with Swami Shankarananda and Swamini Agamananda.

After successful completion of three months course, a three year long term course on Vedanta and Sanskirt was started on August 15, 2014. 60 students have enrolled. The course is going on in full swing. Pujya Swamiji conducts regular classes on Vedanta. Swami Sadatmandanda teaches Vedanta. Swami



Sri Ravi Sam
Trustee Sruti Seva Trust



Sri N. Ravi
Editor-in-Chief, Hindu



Book Release

Shankarananda, Swamini Agamananda and Brni Medha Michika teach Sanskrit. Swamini Vedarthananda and Swamini Saradananda teach Chanting.

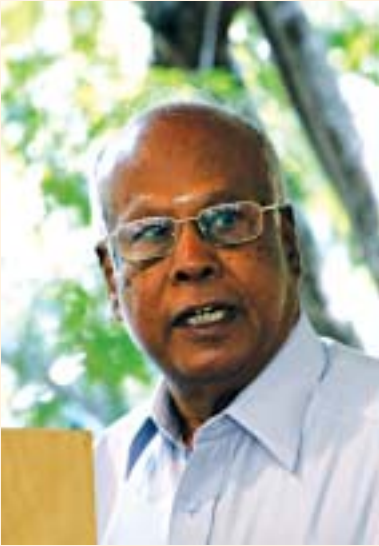
50 students attended Pujya Swamiji's **Gita Camp for VIPs**. 65 students attended Swami Vasudevacharya of Australia's camp. 50 students attended Swami Sudeerananda's camp. 150 students attended Swami Brahma Yogananda's camp. 60 students attended Swami Atmaprakashananda of UK's camp. 6 students attended camp of Smt Neema & Shri Surya's camp. 60 students attended Swami Guhuhatmanda's camp. 75 students attended Swami Chitruapananda's camp. 75 students attended Swami Parmatmanda's camp.

671 students have directly attended the residential camps and courses at Anaikatti during the year. More than 1000 non residential students have benefitted by taking part in the above classes.

Summer camp for 50 children was held in April 2014 by Smt Savithri Mani, Brni S. Radha and Brni S. Girija.

Four residential camps of **Dharma Rakshana Samiti** were held, where totally 500 persons attended.

40 persons participated in the **Veda Agama Patasala** workshop.



Sri Sivaprasad

590 persons have benefitted by participating in the above activities for protection of Hindu Dharma and culture.

A new dining hall has been constructed adjacent to the existing dining hall to cater to the growing requirements. All the guest rooms have been renovated during the year.

Pujya Swamiji's 84th birthday was celebrated on Aug 15, 2014 with performance of laksharchana. Maha Sivaratri, Shankara Jayanthi, Guru Peyarchi, Ganesa Cathurthi and Navratri puja were celebrated with fervor and enthusiasm.

Ayurveda Treatment Centre was inaugurated at Anaikatti on June 5, 2014. It has become a full-fledged Ayurveda Hospital on Aug 29, 2014.

Veda Patashala has been functioning from April 8, 2013 at Anaikatti. 9 students study Jaimini saka of Samaveda.

Swami Paramarthananda's jnana yagna was held at Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan between April 27, 2014 and May 3, 2014, where 500 students attended.

ADDRESS BY CHIEF GUEST: Sri N. Ravi, Editor-in-Chief, The Hindu, Chief Guest of the day appreciated the activities of the Arsha Vidya Gurukulams, Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha and AIM for Seva. He praised Pujya Swamiji for initiating dialogue with other religious leaders. He said that this has great potential to promote harmony in a fractured society.

CONFERRING AWARDS: Pujya Swamiji conferred the ARSHA KULA SRESTHAH awards on

- **Dr. L. MAHADEVAN**, for his contribution to Hindu Dharma through Ayurveda
- **SHIVASRI S.K. RAJA BHATTAR**, for his contribution to Hindu Dharma by training authentic Shivagama priests and having performed more than 1200 temple consecrations.
- **Dr. S. RAJASEKARAN**, for his services in Orthopaedics and Spine surgery through his unit in Ganga Hospital. The father of the awardee, Dr. S.J. Shanmuganathan received the award on his behalf.



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ARSHA KULA TILAKAH award on **Sri. S. SRINIVASAN**, for his dedicated service with wit and wisdom as Editor of Arsha Vidya News Letter for 19 years.

BOOKS RELEASE: Pujya Swamiji released following books

'SRI BHAKTA VIJAYAM' written by Sri Krishnan Ramaswamy.

'TAITTRIYA UPANISAD' written by **Smt Sarojini Varadarajan**, based on Sw Paramarthananda's teachings.

'SANSKRIT ALPHABET STUDY BOOK VOLUMES I & II' written by **Brni Medha Mickika**.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ANUGRAHA BHASHANAM: Pujya Swamiji in his anugraha bhashanam the important value of Ahimsa.

This address is published as a separate article in the title **'PRAY FOR SANITY'**.

VOTE OF THANKS: Sri B. Ganesan, Manager proposed a vote of thanks.

The celebrations concluded with sumptuous and delicious lunch supplied by Raja & Raja, Caterers.

Report by N. Avinashilingam



Section of audience at Annual Function