The First Anniversary and Shradhanjali Of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati

Held At The Constitution Club Of India, New Delhi on 30th September 2016 <u>Chief Guests :</u>

1.Sri Mohan Bhagwat: Sarsanghchalak, Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (R.S.S) 2.Sri M. Venkaiah Naidu: Honourable Minister of Urban Development, HUPA and I & B <u>Guests of Honour:</u>

1. Dr. Subramanian Swamy: Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha)

The programme started with a floral tribute to Pujya Swamiji's portrait lead by Swami Suddhananda (Chairman, Swami Dayananda Ashram-Rishikesh) followed by the Chief Guests, Guests of Honour & all the Swami & Swamini students of Pujya Swamiji. This was followed by the felicitation of the Chief Guests & Guests of Honour.



Swami Suddhananda Ji - Floral Tributes

The Master of the Ceremony was Mr. R. Vivek

Swami Santatmananda Saraswati rendered the invocation followed by the Welcome address by

Sri M.P. Narayanan – Former Chairman – Coal India Limited.



Chief Guests & Guests of Honour

The next speaker was Sri Venkaiah Naidu. He said in his speech that essential concepts of the Hindu religion were explained in a simplified way by Pujya Swamiji. Pujya Swamiji has been accepted globally as torch-bearer of sanatanadharma. The best gratitude and respect we can show to Pujya Swamiji is to follow his teachings and render service to the people.



On behalf of the Arsha Vidya Parampara Trust,Swami Suddhananda Saraswati & Swami Santatmananda Saraswati made an appeal to make a memorial for Pujya Swamiji in New Delhi. Sri Venkaiah Naidu had promised that a memorial for Pujya Swamiji to be constructed in New Delhi will be considered as per the rules & regulations of Government of India.

Swami Viditatmananda Saraswati(President – Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg, USA). Swamiji said in his speech that Pujya Swamiji taught the world that one should not be a mere consumer but a contributor. He said that Pujya Swamiji not only taught that but he lived as an example of that.

The next speaker was Swami Paramathmananda (Convenor – Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha). Swamiji said in his speech that in the last century 90 % of all wars/conflicts were due to religion as per the reports of the research scholars. Mutual respect between religion is the only what to bring down such conflicts. He also said that the Israel Government honored Pujya Swamiji at the Israel Asia Faith Leaders Meeting held at Jerusalem in Israel in September 2016 by arranging a lecture on his name as Swami Dayananda Memorial Lecture as Pujya Swamiji was the one to get the historic Hindu Jewish Declaration signed in 2007.

Dr. Vaidya Subramanian, Dean Sastra University, in his speech said that when the state of Uttrakhand was severely affected by floods the Vice Chancellor of the University Mr.R.Sethuraman decided to bring the orphaned children to Tamil Nadu for giving education. It was Pujya Swamiji by his fore-sight and in consideration of the difficulties in transferring children from one state to another, advised us to give the children vidya-dhanam in their own State. In order to honour Pujya Swamiji's words Sastra University made a special chair for Pujya Swamiji as the Swami Dayananda Saraswati Chair for Indian Dharma and Values.

Dr. D. Gopalakrishnan (Professor & Chair Department of Periodontology, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune - purva ashrama nephew of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati recollected memories from his grandmother telling him that how Pujya Swamiji's Guru Swami Chinmayanada Saraswati consoled her Pujya Swamiji being given the sanyasa on diksha that she ought to rejoice in giving birth to son like Adi Shankara who was verily Pujya Swamiji rather than grieve that her son has become a Swami. He also said that how Pujya Swamiji lived true to his name 'Daya'. Pujya Swamiji still continues to bless and guide every one compassionately.



Dr.Gopalakrishnan

Dr. Subramanian Swamy said Pujya Swamiji's teachings are to be read and followed by every individual as it inculcates values. He also emphasized that it is pertinent to make a memorial in Delhi for Pujya Swamiji as per the appeal and request made by the Arsha Vidya Parampara Trust.

The next speaker was Sri Mohan Bhagawat. He said that all the Hindus Religion Saints are National Heroes. At the time of aggressive religious conversion, Pujya Swamiji raised his voice opposing that "Conversion is Violence". We all cannot become saints, but we can follow Pujya Swamiji as his teachings are not only for the nation, but the entire world.



Audience

This was followed by vote of thanks by Swamini Brhmaprakasananda(Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam, Nagpur)

The programme ended with National Anthem.

Other Swamis who participated in the program included:

Swami Prabuddhananda Saraswati – New Delhi, Swami Chidrupananda Saraswati - Hubli & Swami Purnatmananda Saraswati – Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Coimbatore.

Other members of the Organizing committee in the programme included Sri. Ramasubramanian – Delhi Tamil sangam Secretary, Mr. G.S. Kannan – Muth Thamizh President, Mr. M.N. Krishnamani, Mr. G.S. Mukund & Dr. R. Vaibhav



-Report by

Invocation

Dr. D. Gopalakrishnan Professor & Chair Department of Periodontology, Dr. D.Y. Patil Vidyapeeth, Pune – purva ashrama nephew of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati