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REPORT ON
Vedanata Desikar-750 Celebrations
On September 22, 2018

Adiyen is excited to share that Si Vedanta Desikar Utsavam in Seattle was celebrated on a grand scale on September 22nd, in the Performance Hall at ISKCON temple.

It was a whole day program started at 7:30 am with Perumal Thiruvardahanam with tens of gosti members reciting Nityanusandhanam. At 9:00 am. after a welcome talk, children began their performances. The performances included reciting slokams, Desikar stotrams, Sri Vishnu Sahasranaama Avadhanam by Jeeyer Education Trust students (Prajna), classical dances and skits. Performances by adults and children captured the audience interest. They enjoyed the performances every minute.

Around 1 pm, Perumal and Desikar were ready for Purappadu. Until then it was a heavy drizzle, but just in time, there was a brief stop for Perumal and Desikar to go around the temple premises with prabanda paraynam gosti in the front and Veda gosti at the back. Perumal and Desikar were so beautiful with decorations by bhagavatas from Ahobila Mutt. One of the bhagavata made a Horse (Kudure) for Perumal's vahavan. Perumal enjoyed the ride on this beautiful horse and at one time he raced on the horse to avoid the rain at the end of the Veedi Utsavam. Purappadu was followed by Thalihe and Sattumurai and theertha gosti.

ISKCON devotees were very generous to cook delicious prasadam for more than 120 devotees. They were so gracious and accommodative with space and time. In the past some programs were done in a private building with restrictions, but conducting the program in this temple was a great experience for all devotees.

After the lunch, programs continued and concluded with a debate by 6 bhagavthas on Desikar works and contributions. Throughout the day there were at close to 75 people and with floating crowd, the attendance was between 150-200. Many new people were able to know who Desikar was and his contributions from the displays posted on the walls.

In the end, all bhagavatas left with great experience and joy and blessings from Perumal and Desikar.

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