Bharatheeya Vidyanikethan’s 9th State Arts Festival ‘Padmanabham 2013’ added a golden plume in the history of Bharatheeya Vidyapeedom Central School on January 13th.

The festival started with 150th day celebration of Swami Vivekananda on 2013 January 11th with a ‘Sobha Yathra’ from Bharatheeya Vidyapeedom School Kurumkutty to Bharatheeya Vidyapeedom Central School Parassala. The Shobha Yathra was inaugurated by state ‘Karyadarshi’ Sri. A.C. Gopinath. Mothers in traditional dresses, more than 7500 students and parents from different Bharatheeya Vidyanikethan schools and ‘Panchavadyam’, ‘Thalapoli’, folk art forms, drums, slogans, songs, posters, floats, colours and masses of people in different clothing, were all cloaked with same vision, made Parassala a city of Vivekananda.

Dr. R. Raveendran Pilla, Bharatheeya Vidyanikethan State President hoisted the flag and it was the curtain raiser for the programme. The programme was inaugurated by Parassala MLA Sri. A.T. George. The 9th State school festival was symbolically started by lighting the 9 lamps by 9 prominent personalities. It was accompanied by thunderous crackers and flower pots. R S S Kshethriya Pracharak Sri G. Sthanumalayan delivered the keynote address.

The Guest of Honour Sri. Madhu, Famous Malayalam legendary cine artist and several prominent leaders from socio political and cultural fields added tint to the programme. Sr. M. Nandakumar (IAS) Kerala Rural Development Commissioner inaugurated the 150th celebrations of Swami Vivekananda on 12th January. He stressed the point that the educational transformation is only be possible through BVN and similar organizations in a democratic country like India. RSS National ‘Saha Prachar Pramukh’ Sri. J. Nandakumar, gave an elaborative talk on Swami Vivekanda’s thoughts. He added that ‘It is impossible to imagine about our mother land without Swamiji’s thoughts and words’. This session was chaired by BVN state ‘Karyadarshi’ Sri. NCT Rajagopal, Media convener and Adv. S. Suresh welcomed the people and Sri. Kanthallur Sajikumar delivered the Vote of Thanks.

Around 2500 students competed in 65 different events in three different categories. The competitions were conducted in 10 stages in and around the school. Students competed in events like Mohiniyattom, ottantullal, light music, classical music, instrumental music, drama [Malayalam, English and Sanskrit], bharathanatym, mimicry, mono act, elocution and recitation in different languages, kavya keli, akshara slokam, desa bhakthi ganam, folk and group dance,
folk song and non stage events like pencil drawing, water coloring, painting, versification, essay writing, cartooning, calligraphy etc.

On 13th the felicitation was chaired by BVN District President Sri. K.R.C. Nair, State BVN Saha Karyadarshi, Sri. A.G. Radhakrishnan delivered the Bhaskara Rao Memorial talk and State BVN Organizing Secretary Sri. A.C. Gopinath gave the felicitation speech. Sister Mythili, Managing Trustee Dr. G.R. Public School, Neyyattinkara was the Guest Honour. Master Rahul (Gold Medal Winner in National BVN Sports Meet 2012-13) and Miss. Gopika Saraswathi Vidyalaya, OOruttambalam and Sri. Asokan Kunninkal were honoured in this occasion.

The Closing ceremony was chaired by Dr. R. Raveendran Pillai, BVN State President on 13th January evening. Sri. G. Suresh famous film producer and Chairman of State Cultural Development Board inaugurated the meeting. Former Central Minister Sri. O. Rajagopal, BVN state Saha Karyadarshi Sri. Mohan Kumar delivered the Keynote address to the gathering.

The Welcome Speech was done by Advisory Committee Convener Sri. T. Jayachandran and the Vote of Thanks by General Convener Sri. Harshakumar, State School Festival Pramukh Sri. P.K. Sabu had an analysis of the whole programme. Flag was brought down by Sri. Asokan Kunninkal and with this the curtain fell for the 9th State Kalotsav ‘Padmanabham 2013’

The Overall Championship trophy was lifted by Kozhikode district Trissur the second and Trivandrum the third. Sri. O. Rajagopal presented The ‘Anantha Padmanabha’ trophy to the champions. Everyone praised and admired the systematic traditional arrangements for the mega mela and it brought a festive atmosphere in Parassala. Round the clock hygienic, delicious food was served without any delay or rush. There was several stalls which offered South Kerala traditional highlights like Kappa Pazham (Red banana), Akkani, sweets made out of rice flour, ellunda, unniyappam, butter milk, lemon juice etc. The 9th Kalotsav became a memorable and special that it not only won the hearts of the multitudes in and around Parassala but also the people from different parts of Kerala.

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