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Easwaramma Day Celebrations, At Dharmakshetra, Mumbai On 6th May, 2010



Another most auspicious Thursday morning dawned at Dharmakshetra, the abode of our beloved Swami in Mumbai, with Suprabatham and Nagarsankeertan charging the Mandir and its surroundings, rendered by earnest devotees. But what made this morning more significant was that it was Easwaramma Day, a day dedicated to Bhagawan's mother. Always known for her love for children, this day was aptly celebrated by children to honour her and all mothers. Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vikas children dressed in white, accompanied by enthusiastic parents and Gurus, gathered at around 6.15 am in the morning at Shanti Deep where a portrait of Mother Easwaramma too adorned the Sanctum Sanctorum of our Lord.

The session started with Bhajans being sung with gusto, by the Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vikas children, taking on the names of Vinayaka, Guru, Vitthala, Shiva, something that would have surely pleased the Chosen Mother. This was followed by a pledge taken by all the Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vikas children before

their parents in the Omnipresence of Bhagawan with a fervent prayer to the Lord to help them lead a noble life imbuing the highest spiritual lessons taught through Sri Sathya Sai Bal Vikas.



Master Parth, a group II Bal Vikas student, reverentially conducted the Pledge Taking ceremony with enthusiasm and a deep sense of fervour, kneeling before his mother while the other children followed in a similar manner repeating the words of the pledge after him. The Pledge with its relevant pauses reads as under :

On this/ most auspicious/ Easwaramma Day/ I / as a student of /Shri Sathya Sai Bal Vikas/, do hereby pray/ in the omnipresence/ of Bhagwan Baba/ to love and serve my Mother/ in the following ways:-

To always obey/ respect and serve my Mother /as a living God/ who gave me birth/ and is bringing me up with affection and care/. Help me/ to make my Parents happy/ by behaving properly/ at all times/ both at home and outside/Further/ to love and respect my Motherland Bharat/ to the best of my ability/ and capacity /so as to enable me/ to put into practice /that there is only one caste / that is the caste of Humanity/ and thus broaden my heart/ to lovingly embrace/ the whole Mankind /as one family/In this manner/ I dedicate myself/ to follow the ideals of/ Bhagwan Shri Sathya Sai Baba/ about serving my Mother/ and thereby contributing my mite /to the peace/, progress and prosperity/ of Mankind/ Sai ram.



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The mothers and Gurus then blessed the children praying to the Lord and the Divine Mother to always shower their Grace and Blessings on all the children. The short morning session concluded with the chants of 'Twameva Matacha Pita Twameva', thus surrendering to Him to be our Ultimate Mother, Father, Preceptor and All. The gathering dispersed but not before Mangala Aarti was performed to the Divine Mother and Bhagawan by one and all present.

