On the auspicious Maha Aradhana Day of Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda, a grand cultural program themed ‘Bhakti’ was held, featuring the remarkable participation of 350 students from classes 1 through 7. The event was graced by the presence of Swami Mitranandaji, the Spiritual Mentor, Chinmaya Mission, Chennai, and Mrs. P. Vijayalakshmi, Deputy Director of Chinmaya Vidyalayas Chennai.

The cultural program, titled ‘Bhakti’, delved into the essence of devotion, exploring its multifaceted expressions and effectively bridged ancient wisdom with contemporary examples The program illuminated five significant forms of bhakti:

**Deiva Bhakti**: The students performed a traditional Villupaatu, which highlighted the nine types of bhakti. They detailed the concept of ‘Smaranam’ through the inspiring story of Pusalar, demonstrating how deep devotion can shape one's life and actions.

**Guru Bhakti**: A poignant skit illustrated the profound reverence of Swami Raghavendra towards his Guru, Shri Sutheendra Theertha. The segment, ‘Guru Gamanam,’ showcased various revered guru-sishya relationships, including Sandeepany and Lord Krishna, Lord Muruga and Lord Shiva, Sage Vishwamitra and Lord Rama, Ramakrishna Paramahamsa and Swami Vivekananda, Swami Tapovan Maharaj and Swami Chinmayananda. Contemporary figures such as Sachin Tendulkar and APJ Abdul Kalam were also highlighted to emphasize the enduring respect for mentors.

**Mithra Bhakti**: The bond of friendship between Shivaji Maharaj and Tanhaji was brought to life through a skit, including a dramatic portrayal of the war scene at Fort Kondana, illustrating the depth of loyalty and mutual respect.

**Desa Bhakti**: This segment celebrated the contributions of unsung heroes through a dynamic ramp walk and a powerful skit on the valor of Chandrasekhar Azad, emphasizing patriotism and selfless service to the nation.

**Pitru Bhakti**: The students narrated the story of Bhageerath’s penance and the divine descent of the River Ganga to Earth, highlighting the profound respect and devotion towards one’s ancestors and the divine.

The programme highlighted how Gurudev’s life encompassed all the various forms of Bhakthi how Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda’s life and teachings embody these diverse forms of bhakti. His life’s mission and teachings resonate with timeless wisdom, reflecting the true essence of devotion across generations.