

Silver Jubilee Celebration of Veda Patashala at Coimbatore



Pujya Swami Dayananda Sarasvati was the Chief Guest of the silver jubilee celebrations of Veda Patashala at R.S. Puram, Coimbatore. Sri Ravi Sam - a Trustee of AVG, Anaikatti - is the Managing Trustee of Sree Annapoorneswari Temple and the Veda Patashala.

Pujya Swamiji awarded the course completion certificates to the students. He also honoured the Teachers.

Pujya Swamiji delivered his anugraha bhāṣaṇam. He said that earlier Tamil Nadu was leading in Vedic studies. Tamilians were leading Teachers in Sanskrit grammar, Mimamsa and other disciplines, in various

Vedic institutions and Universities all over India.

It was due to Iswara's grace that he studied Sanskrit from Sixth Standard in School. We have Vedas, Puranas, literature, astrology, astronomy and various disciplines of knowledge in Sanskrit.

Indians have great memory power. There are persons who can recite from memory, the entire Panini Sutras and the entire Sanskrit dictionary. Vedic study helps them get amazing memory power.

We have been able to preserve the Vedas till date. The Teachers and Students sacrifice



a lot for Vedic study. The commitment is amazing. The commitment has preserved the Vedas with no official support during Mughal and British rule of India. During those times only Community leaders, families and Rajas of small kingdoms and businessmen funded.

Vyāsa is not the author of Vedas. He only edited and codified the Vedas. Even in the Vedas it is mentioned that Vedas are ancient and they were taught by their Teachers. Vedas have pravāha nityatvam. The Vedic teaching is “All that is here is Īsvarā”. All the five elements are worshipped as Lord Siva. He is worshipped as space in Chidambaram, air in Kalahasti,

fire in Tiruvannamalai, water in Thiruvanaikawal and earth in Kanchipuram. Wealth is worshipped as Lakshmi. Knowledge is worshipped as Sarasvati. In no other culture this vision is there.

If Vedic students study Narayana Upanishad, that would be adequate for doing pujas and ceremonies. That would be enough for them to make a living. But that would not be enough to preserve the Vedas. To preserve the Vedas, we should provide opportunity and facilities for Vedic studies. The public should respect the Vedic scholars like scholars in other disciplines. Now there are a few institutions to support Vedic study like Kanchi Sankara Mutt, Veda Vidya Pratishthan Ujjain and Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam.

Pujya Swamiji congratulated and appreciated Sri Ravi Sam for his commitment over a period of 25 years in successfully running the Veda Patashala.

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