

## From Brahma Jignyasa Shibhir at AVG, Anaikatti to 'Samkranthi Shibhir'

at Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh



Shri Swami Brahmayogananda, Founder Acharya, Yoga Shanthi Gurukulam, Chennai conducted a one week camp named '**Brahma Jignyasa Shibhir**' at the prestigious Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti in January 2014. Swamiji taught Brahma Sutram to 150 students who had come from various parts of the country. It was a rare honour for him to teach the Brahma Sutras to his students from the very same place where he learnt it from Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswathi ji.

Since the camp at Anaikatti, various classes, camps and events have been conducted by Swami Brahmayogananda ji and following are the highlights

- In the month of April 2014, Swamiji conducted '**Vairakya Shibhir**' at Thiruvidaimarudur/ Govindapuram, where he taught Bharthruhari's text-Vairagya Shathakam followed by '**Neethi Shibhir**' at Bangalore where the

text-'Neethi Shathakam' was taught to around 80 students

- At Thiruvidaimarudur, the Chariot (Thaer) of Mahalingaswamy, which was built with the support and blessings of Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswathi was seen by all the students

- On May 14<sup>th</sup>2014, Yoga Shanthi Gurukulam's 19<sup>th</sup> Annual day was celebrated at 'Sastralayam', the newly built ashram for Swamiji, at Neelamangalam village, Maduranthakam (90 kms from Chennai). On that auspicious Chitra Pournami day, Swamiji took the inaugural class to Bhakthi Yoga Shibhir. Bhagavad Gita Sankara Bhashyam CD was released on this occasion.

- 2 Back to back '4 day camps' were conducted at Swami Suddhananda Ashram, Uthandi in May & June 2014. Swamiji covered Chapters 6, 7, 8 and 9 from the Bhagavad Gita during these camps totally spanning 8 days. These





camps titled 'Bhakthi Yoga Shibhir' were attended by around 100 students.

● **100 Continuous Bhagavad Gita classes at Sankara Mutt, West Mambalam**

- ❖ Swamiji commenced the 'Chaturmaasya Punya kaalam' on June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2014 in a very unique manner by announcing '**100 Continuous Bhagavad Gita classes**' at Sankara Mutt, West Mambalam, Chennai
- ❖ The Chaathurmasya daily schedule starts with Vishnu Sahasranama Paarayanam at 530 AM followed by Bhagavad Gita classes by Swamiji at 6 AM concluding with Narayaneeyam paarayanam between 7 to 715 AM
- ❖ Nearly 125 students are attending these classes on a regular basis and these classes are also being live webcasted thro [www.chellavideos.com](http://www.chellavideos.com)
- ❖ These Classes covering Chapters 10 to 18 will continue till Sept 11<sup>th</sup> 2014
- On July 12, 2014, **Guru Purnima** was celebrated in a grand manner at the Gurukulam classroom- Sri Veda Vyasa Sathsang hall, and the highlights of the function were:
  - ❖ Lighting of Kuthu Vilakku was by Smt Hema Gopal, VP , TCS and Invocation song was rendered by Smt Gayathri Girish, a noted Carnatic Vocalist



- ❖ Vyasa Puja performed by Swamiji and Guru Puja by the students of the Gurukulam
- ❖ CD Release of Vairakya and Neethi Shathakam - First Copy released by Dr. T. S. Sridhar, IAS, Additional Chief Secretary , TN Govt. and received by Sri Sikkil C Gurucharan, noted Carnatic vocalist
- ❖ Students of the Gurukulam made a unique presentation on the topic- Vyasarum en Gurunatharum
- **Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswathi ji's Jayanthi celebrated on August 15<sup>th</sup> 2014**
  - ❖ Under Swamiji's guidance, students of the Gurukulam joined together to celebrate the Jayanthi of Pujya Swamiji
  - ❖ These celebrations commemorated with Maharishi Aurobindo Jayanthi, Independence day and Raksha Bandhan
- **Krishna Jayanthi** was celebrated at Yoga Shanthe Gurukulam on August 17<sup>th</sup> with the following highlights
  - ❖ Carnatic Kutchery by 'Mambalam Sri Sisters' specialising on Krishna songs
  - ❖ Children dressed as Little Krishnas and Radhas welcomed Swamiji to the function
  - ❖ Vishnu Sahasranama Archana and Puja with Swamiji himself chanting the 1000



conclusion of this Chaathurmaasyam punya kaalam

❖ September 25<sup>th</sup> to Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 2014- **Samkraanthi Shibhir** by Swamiji attended by 100 students at Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh and Haridwar. Adi Sankara's text 'Bhaja Govindam' will be taken during this camp

Apart from the above Vedanta classes, camps and

names of Vishnu repeated by all students with Pushpa Archana

- ❖ Sri Krishna idols and Vishnu Sahasranama books were distributed to all the 200 participants
- ❖ Swamiji also led a Bhaja Govindam Paaranayanam on that auspicious occasion
- ❖ A Unique presentation was made by Gurukulam students on the topic 'Sarvathra Samadarshanam'



• **Events coming up at the Gurukulam**

- ❖ September 11<sup>th</sup> 2014- Swamiji's Jayanthi to be celebrated by planting of 57 trees at Sastralayam, Maduranthakam in the morning and Bhagavad Gita classes Samarop function in the evening at Sankara Mutt
- ❖ **Vishnu Sahasranama Navaaham** classes by Swamiji at Sankara Mutt between Sept 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>
- ❖ September 21<sup>st</sup> 2014- A **Maha Samarop** function at Sankara Mutt to mark the

workshops, Swamiji has also been motivating his students to chant the Vijay mantra 'Om Sri Rama Jaya Rama Jaya Rama' to pray for the early Kumbhabhishekham of Sri Ram Mandir at Ayodhya. This Japa movement which started in February 2013 is being chanted by 3300 students of Swamiji and the total Japa count has surpassed 35 crores in the one and half year period.

Jai Sri Ram

Jai Gurudev