

Digvijaya Hemantha Shibhir' Under The Guidance of Shri Swami Brahmayogananda

19th to 27th November 2011 - YOGA SHANTHI GURUKULAM

Somnath temple was attacked and destroyed by the Muslims 17 times and was reconstructed each time. The Sagar Matha (The Sea Goddess) was witness to all the atrocities and the subsequent reconstructions. Now the same Sagar matha is facing this magnificently and gloriously reconstructed Somnath temple. In the very same premises of this sacred and holy 1st of the Jyothirlingam shrines, **Shri Swami Brahmayogananda** conducted 18 classes for 121 of his students on Adi Sankaracharya's text- '*Sarva Vedanta Siddhanta Saara Sangraha*' for three days. The topics taken were Samaadhanam, Uparathi and Mumukshuthvam as part of Sadhana Sathushtayam.

During the inaugural function which was presided over by **Sri Kamlesh Raval, Deputy Secretary & GM**, Sree Somnath Trust, the holy flag of this symbol of Rashtriya Gauravtha- Somnath temple was hoisted (**Dwajaroohan**) after Swamiji performed a Puja to the Dwaja under the guidance of the Chief temple priest. Between 21st & 23rd Nov, students were engrossed in their Spiritual quest at Sankirtan Hall of the Somnath temple complex which is a Z Plus Security area.

Sri A K Joti, Chief Secretary, Govt of Gujarat, participated in the Valedictory function of the camp and honored Swamiji and Sri Vijaisinh Chavda, Deputy General Manager, Sree Somnath Trust also took part in this function. This camp created such an impact that the whole temple town was



aware and talking about Swamiji and the classes being taken. The trust management was so impressed by the discipline that they helped in the stay & food arrangements at Dwaraka. Yet another highlight was that the Deputy Secretary, a Gujarati, addressed the students in Tamil and one of Swamiji's students spoke in Gujarati for thanks giving thereby denoting the spirit of **National integration**.

After the 3 day camp at Somnath, on 24th Nov, the students were taken for Beyt Dwaraka darshan, Nageswaralinga (another Jyotirlingam) darshan and Dwarakadish darshan. In Beyt Dwaraka, Swamiji called for all the Brahmanas in the small island of 5000 people and asked them to take a Sankalpam to perform their daily rituals like Nithya Puja and chanting of Gayathri mantra continuously for 3 years and by this way, the 4000 muslims in the island would automatically return back to Hinduism. It is to be noted that a Muslim boatman-



Ahmed who was very rude on the onward boat journey totally transformed on the way back and asked for Swamiji's blessings, merely by observing Swamiji's attitude and activities during the 3 hours at **Beyt Dwaraka**. Swamiji made contributions close to Rs 1 Lac in this holy place of Lord Krishna.

On the last day of the camp (26th Nov), Swamiji along-with 60 of his students met the Chief Minister of Gujarat, **Shri Narendra Modi**, for over an hour at his official meeting place- Circuit house. Swamiji blessed Modi ji to lead a Vibrant Bharatham in the model of Vibrant Gujarat. After Swamiji's inaugural speech, Shri Narendra Modi shared details on the achievements and development of the state in the fields of Agriculture, Electricity, etc

over the last 10 years. Modi ji also enthusiastically responded to several nation based questions posed by the students of the Gurukulam.

This 1 week visit of Swamiji along-with his 121 students was well covered by many Gujarat dailies and also specially covered in **Shri Narendra Modi's website**. It is to be recalled that Swamiji took the blessings of **Pujya Shri Swami Dayananda Saraswati** at Anaikatti, just before commencing this historic camp. This was yet another memorable camp for the students and for all those who were associated with it.

Jai Somnath! Jai Dwarakadish!

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