

Inauguration of Six Month Course on Vedanta and Sanskrit Puja Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati's Visit to Sri Swami Chidbhanananda Ashramam, Theni

on 3rd December 2014



Anugraha Bashanam

With the grace of Adiguru Sri Prajna Dakshinamurti, the six month course on Vedanta and Sanskrit planned with the guidance of Sri Swami Omkarananda, was formally inaugurated on 03rd Dec 2014.

The course Acharya Swami Sarvananda, faculty Sri Swami Adyatmananda and Sri Arasu Ramanujam, our Executive Trustee spent their valuable time for months in planning the course and in selection of candidates. Fifteen candidates were shortlisted after a meticulous selection process, from which thirteen have joined the course.

Puja Sri Swamiji readily accepted to grace the event, and to take the first session / class to the course participants.

Puja Sri Swamiji was accorded a traditional welcome at Vedapuri, by the Trustees, faculties and devotees at 04:30pm. He was taken around Adiguru Sri Prajna Dakshinamurti Vidyapitham and Ashram premises.

Puja Sri Swamiji addressed the course participants and devotees at Sri Barhmaloka Hall for an hour from 05:30 pm.



Pujya Swamiji along with course students and Acarya

Starting his Anugraha Bashanam invoking the blessings of Sri Dakshinamurti, he welcomed the participants stressing that learning Vedanta is going to be their life time commitment, unlike other subjects of learning.

The subject matter is “You” which is different. They are to learn about Jiva, Jagat and Ishwara. The scheme of our life is Jagat and its cause is Ishwara. Vedanta talks about all the three.

Pujya Sri Swamiji explained how ‘Self’ is free from limitation and hence Vedanta is called ‘Moksha Sastra’. We are all seekers of Moksha. Sanatana Dharma, unlike other cultures, explains how moksha means freedom from what you don’t want.

While all living creatures are conscious, only human beings are self conscious and have all sorts of complexes. Human body is designed for moksha, for a sense of dissatisfaction.

While human beings strive for security through outside elements like money or power, they feel insecure when they have money or power; they feel insecure without them also. They also look for security in Heaven.

Vedanta says ‘you are the meaning of the word security’. As a seeker, you are seeking knowledge of Atma, which is eternally secure.

Like a sugar crystal, that is sweet whether it is inside a container or outside; that is sweet yesterday, today and tomorrow; that is sweet unrelated, human being should realise that Atma is eternally secure without any crutches, secure everywhere, always and unrelated.

This, called Purusharta, is being sought after by all. Vedanta is moksha sastra which teaches how the true nature of ‘you’ is always secure and satisfied.



Pujya Swamiji's Class

Pujya Sri Swamiji mentioned that their purva punya has brought the participants here to learn Vedanta. They will discover this within few months on their course of learning and realise how lucky they are to learn Vedanta and seek the ultimate.

He then introduced the faculties – Swami Sarvananda, Swami Adhyatmananda and Sri Arasu Ramanujam and the syllabus. He lauded the criteria that were used to select the participants and mentioned that this is the optimum strength with which a course can be comfortably handled.

He mentioned that Sri Swami Omkarananda, a great soul has set-up this good facility, in a serene atmosphere, with a flowing river, for teaching and learning, out of love. He explained how the course participants are fortunate to learn with so many facilities at their disposal.

He concluded the session with a prayer on Goddess Sri Saraswati.

He conducted an hour long Satsang for the participants from 08:30 pm, before retiring for the day.

On 04th Dec 2014, Pujya Sri Swamiji took another session to the participants for an hour in the morning.

Pujya Sri Swamiji spent few minutes individually with each participant, inquiring the details about them and blessing them.

As mentioned by the course participants themselves, they are all very blessed and fortunate to have such a great Mahatma coming to meet them and spending time with them. They expressed their wholehearted thanks to Swami Omkarananda for making this possible.