

Mahasivaratri Celebration at Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh



Mahasivaratri was celebrated in Rishikesh ashram on February 20 in the presence of Pujya Swami Dayanandaji.

Pujya Swamiji gave *sannyasa* to seven *sadhakas* on this auspicious day. These are:

Swamini Svatmavidyananda Saraswati (purvasrama name: Sadhavi Vrnda Chaitanya of Eugene, Oregon, USA);

Swamini Svatmabodhananda Saraswati (purvasrama name: Lakshmi Muthuswamy of Malleswaram, Bangalore);

Swamini Shuddhavidyananda Saraswati (purvasrama name: Yatiswari Thujarapriya of Vellore, TN);

Swamini Siddhatmananda Saraswati (purvasrama name: Lakshmi Thanuja of Rayadurgam, TN);

Swami Atmajnandananda Saraswati (purvasrama name: Bharat Natwarlal Bhatt of Talaja, Gujarat);

Swami Buddhatmananda Saraswati (purvasrama name: Nirmal Chaitanya of Coimbatore, TN) and

Swami Mokshavijnanananda (purvasrama name: Pavitra Chaitanya).

The day started with Rudra abhisekham to Lord Gangadhareshwara followed by sannyasa dikshas.

Pujya Swamiji inaugurated Om Namah Sivaya chanting at 7:00AM and stayed with devotees most of the day. Mahabhisekham was performed to the Lord Gangadhareshwara from 4 to 7 p.m.

Everyone felt blessed to be with Pujya Swamiji and to witness the auspicious sannyasa diksha.

