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Report of the inaugural function of the three months residential course on Vedanta and Sanskrit beginning on February 01, 2017.

Om Sri gurubhyo namaḥ!

By the grace of Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati, the fourth residential three months course on Vedanta and Sanskrit was inaugurated on February 01, 2017. As a preamble to that a pādūkā pūjā to Pujya Sri Swamiji was performed on January 30, 2017 at the residence of our President Smt. Rajshree Jichkar.

The Prayers were presided over by Mataji, Swamini Brahma prakasananda Saraswati. The puja was performed by Sri Yajnavalkya, son of the late Dr. Srikant Jichkar, the founder president of Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam.

Smt. Sulochana Jichkar, Smt. Rajshree Jichkar, Kumari Maitreyi Jichkar, Sri. Pramod Jaiswal and others were present. Sri Suhas Nayak, the priest at the Temple at Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam guided the puja. All the students admitted to the current three month course and the administrative staff of the Gurukulam were also present. This current course began with the Guru Puja at 6.15AM in the lecture Hall followed by puja at the temple, in which all the students participated.



Guru puja

The formal inauguration function was held in the lecture hall at 10AM. The current president of Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam, Vedapuri, Nagpur and Sri Swamiji Jitatmananda Saraswati from Arsha Nilayam, Ipoh, Malaysia graced the occasion.

The program started by paying obeisance to Pujya Sri Swamiji and the Guru paramparā with the guru stotram. Sri Swami Jitatmanada Saraswati blessed the students and urged them to appreciate the paramparā and appreciate the knowledge given to them.



Gurupaduka puja

President Srimathi Rajshree Jichkar recollected the moral and the emotional support rendered to her by Pujya Sri Swamiji and Mataji personally and for the running of the Gurukulam. She wished all the students a pleasant stay at the Gurukulam pursuing scriptural studies.

Mataji, Sri Swamini Brahma prakasananda Saraswati in her anugrahabhāṣanam, blessed and welcomed all the students. She said that all the students are here to know about themselves to gain ātma jñānam and also learn all that is necessary to gain that knowledge. She said that Pujya Sri Swamiji was present here to bless her and all the students in an arūpa form and that his blessings were always with us.

She fondly remembered Late Dr. Sriakant Jichkar and his enthusiasm for this knowledge and the Gurukulam. She also remembered Sri Swami Siddhananda Saraswati who would always grace the occasion in each and every function of the Gurukulam.

She initiated the students by giving some of the books for the course namely kaṭhōpaniṣad, śrīmadbhagavadgītā and dipārādhana.

This inaugural function was followed by the first Vedanta class.



Lecture

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