

Visit of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati in Mauritius from 3rd to 7th July 2009



Pujya Swamiji reached Mauritius on 3rd July 2009 by an early morning Emirates flight. Swamiji was welcomed at the airport in the VIP lounge by Swamini Karunananda, Spiritual Head of the Institute of Vedanta, Reduit with the Purna Kumbha. The Prime Minister's Office was represented by Dr. J. Jhurry. Also present at the airport were Dr. Gopalakrishan who had come from Delhi, other devotees Dr. Neerunjun Gopee, Mr. Gopallen Moorooogen and Mr. Roshan Baguant. Swamiji was accompanied by Swami Sakshatkrtananda and Mr. Subramanien Ramamurthy.

Swamiji stayed at the Four Points Sheraton Hotel at Ebene which was inaugurated on the same day. Swamiji gave a press conference in the evening at the hotel for MBC TV and Radio respectively. Pujya Swamiji gave a brief on Teaching of Vedanta and answered the questions put up by the reporters.



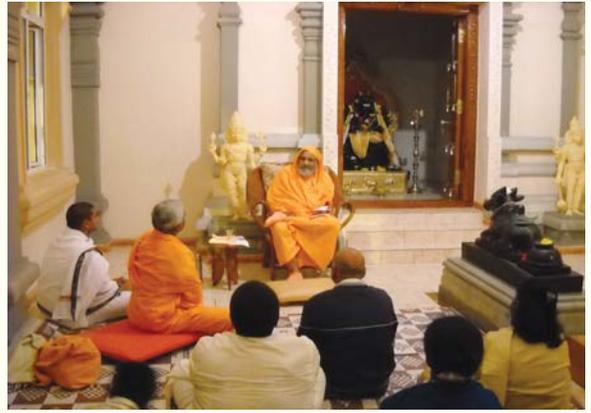
In the evening there was a programme arranged at Kali Kovil in Chebel where Swamiji spoke about human values with specific reference to the family situation, to a large audience. On Monday 6th, Pujya Swamiji again talked at Kali Kovil in Chebel, but to students of Hinduism. Swamiji threw light on the greatness of Hinduism.

On the 4th & 5th July, a seminar was organised from 9 a.m to 2 p.m at the Subramaniam Bharati lecture theatre of the





Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka. The theme was “An in-depth enquiry into the vision of the Upanishads”. The lecture theatre was packed to full capacity by the registered delegates. The welcome address was made by Prof. S. Jugessur, chairman of the Council of the University of Mauritius. Swamini Divyatmananda introduced aptly Pujya Swamiji. Dr. Rudramani, the head of Indological studies acted as moderator on the last day of the seminar. The time allotted for questions had to be extended due to the long list of questions. The seminar was a total success – many participants openly opined about how beneficial this seminar had been for them. During the three evenings of 4th, 5th & 6th July, Pujya Swamiji gave discourses from 6 p.m to 7.30 p.m on “One verse of the Gita to live one’s life meaningfully”. Swamiji



clearly explained the meaning of success and the purpose of life. On the last day, a souvenir commemorating the visit of Swamiji was distributed as Yajna Prasad.

Gurupurnima was celebrated on the 7th of July at the Arsha Vidya Ashram at Palmar. The hall was packed to full and the prayers were carried out with great devotion. The function started with the puja to Lord Dakshinamurthi, who is the first Guru, in the temple premises. This is the only Dakshinamurthi Temple in Mauritius located right in front of the beautiful beach. It was a blessing to have Pujya Swamiji in person on that auspicious occasion. Pujya Swamiji’s presence on Guru Purnima was a first time event for all the devotees. In the afternoon, Pujya Swamiji left for Reunion island.

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