

## Training camp at Arsha Vidya Tirtha Chatralayam, Jaipur



With the Blessings of Pujya Swamiji, Swami Brahmapharanada Saraswati, organized one-week training camp at Arsha Vidya Tirtha Chatralayam, Jaipur from June 9-17, 2012 for preparing the young talent for starting & managing Sandhya Gurukulam's in different villages of the remote parts of Rajasthan. There were 20 young participants in this camp. This camp was organized mainly, to pursue the concept of Sandhya Gurukulams introduced by Pujya Swamiji, which is now successfully functional in many villages in southern India; train the participants on different aspects and importance of Sandhya Gurukulams in their villages.

Before organizing the training camp in Jaipur, Swamiji accompanied by four chhatralayam children visited Rishabhdev village and other villages in Rajasthan and held a three-day camp

to acquaint villager's the concept of Sandhya Gurukulam.

In the Jaipur training camp, Swamiji stressed upon the significance of participant's role in starting and managing Sandhya Gurukulams in their respective villages. Apart from sessions on significance of nitya pooja, yoga, ashrama seva, Swamiji also did sessions on chanting of Srimad Bhagawad Gita and explained the relevance in day to day life and education.

Swami Aishwaryananda Saraswati, from Indore, Swami Vishnuswarupananda Saraswati, from Nagpur and Swami Chitprakashananda Saraswati from Belgaum were invited to share their expertise in running of Sandhya





Gurukulams. They also enlightened the participants' with several different topics including education.

Shri Mohan Bhargava, a devout disciple of Pujya Swamiji, had intense discussion with participants' on how to answer the queries which may be raised by villagers and critics who quite often, without understanding the objective, talk negatively about such noble projects. He also discussed about preparing action plans and working out strategy for taking care of children of varied age groups joining Sandhya Gurukulam.

To keep their spirits high, special bags and name tags along with books and CDs



were also provided to all the participants.

As a result of Swamiji's efforts:

The first Sandhya Gurukulam was inaugurated in village Makadadev on Thursday, June 21st, on the auspicious day of Rath Yatra of Lord Jagannathji. Our Chhatralayam's multi-talented child, Gulab Chand Damor, converted his house to Gurukulam. Devotees' from Udaipur were part of this grand inauguration. About 80 (including little and young girls, boys, men, women) participated. Gulab and Mahimji taught them various activities. The dedication of our boy Gulab had an amazing effect. Every day 45 children come to the Gurukulam from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. to do their homework, yoga, chanting and bhajans. Gulab's father, Sh. Prabhu Dayal and his brother Sh. Ramchander Damor are doing outstanding work!

Then several of them who were trained, also started Sandhya Gurukulam in their respective villages and are managing quite well. They are: Kumari Meera, daughter of our dedicated Jagdish Master and shishya of Swamiji and Mamta Kumari Bhagora in village Nainbara, Sangeeta Kumari in Village Sagwada; Devi Lal in village Maanas, Somraj Barinda, Ashok Kumar and Kanhaiya Lal in village Sigri and Badri Lal in village Bhudar.

The villagers are already overwhelmed with the Blessings showered on them and their children!