

Guru Purnima at AVG



Guru Purnima was celebrated at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti on July 22, 2013. Adi Guru, Dakshinamurti Swami was worshipped in the early morning at the temple.

Guru puja was done at the lecture hall which was jam packed with Swamis, students and devotees. 108 names of the Guru, signifying the greatness of the Guru, were chanted. Pada puja was done to Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati.

Pujya Swamiji delivered his anugraha bhasanam. He said: "Guru Purnima is Guru's Day. It is Vyasa's birthday.

Material knowledge is always partial. Only that partial knowledge with ignorance and confusion is handed over by the

Teachers. That knowledge keeps changing in course of time.

But Brahma Jnana is different. It never changes. You are poornam Brahman is the knowledge. There is a teaching tradition to hand over this knowledge 100%. This is kept alive because of its content. Bharat's gift to humanity is poornatvam.

Veda Vyasa collected and edited the four Vedas including the Upanishads. He highlighted the vision in his own words and works in Bhagavad Gita and Puranas. In Brahma Sutra he analysed the whole methodology of handling over the Brahma Jnana. Later Adi Sankara and other Acharyas created a foolproof method of communication without entropy.



Guru indicates an institution. Only that institution is praised. It is not the person that is praised. It is the sampradya of teaching methodology that is worshipped. In the traditional mutts, they invoke their Guru parampara in pots of water. Puja is done. After Guru Purnima, rainy season starts. Sadhus to uphold their vow of non-violence do not travel for 2 months during this period of chatur masya vrata to avoid himsa to small creatures.

I lived in Chennai with a nephew Akshayan. I used to go for a walk with Akshayan in the evenings. He was not seen for 4 days. He said that he attended a lecture on Mundakopanishad by Swami Chinmayananda. I also started attending the lectures with him. In the lecture, the verses

sounded familiar. I never thought of anything else after that.

I helped Gurudev edit books. I did lot of seva. I had energy, inspiration and dedication. That seva kept me going. Guru seva never fails. Grace led me to Swami Pranavananda. He taught me that Sastra is the pramana. That hit me like a bolt. All my ideas got reshuffled in my mind. I understood that it is a vision handed over. Later I studied from Swami Tarananda Giri.”

Pujya Swamiji released two books titled, Astadhyayisutrapathah: of Panini with anuvrtti, vartika and paribhasa and Dhatukosah- A book of root verbs based on dhatupatta of Panini. The books were authored by Brahmacharini Medha Michika, a Japanese student, studying in the current long term course. He advised the Students to emulate the Japanese students. He appreciated the dedication in Japanese culture.

A Swami from Bhuj, Gujarat printed a souvenir on the occasion of Guru Purnima. Pujya Swamiji also released that souvenir.

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