

Guru Purnima at AVG



INTRODUCTION: Guru Purnima is the day when students express their gratitude to their Teachers. Starting from this day Spiritual aspirants who observe a religious vow for the forthcoming two months find them to be very effective.

GURU PURNIMA PUJA: Guru Purnima Puja was celebrated at Anaikatti Gurukulam on July 12, 2014. Students and devotees turned in large numbers at the Gurukulam to receive the blessings of Pujya Sri Swami Dayananda Sarasvati. Puja was done at the altar in the lecture hall. 108 names of the Guru were chanted. Pada puja was done to Pujya Swamiji.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S ANUGRAHA BHASHANAM: Pujya Swamiji delivered his anugraha bhashanam. He said that Guru purnima is Guru's day. Brahma vidya is a highly desirable and unique teaching which can be given only by a Guru in the parampara. The Guru should be a traditional Sishya, who has studied from a Guru in the parampara. This vidya is unique as it is from Lord Sadashiva himself.

The traditional mutts like Sringeri and Kanchi invoke their earlier Pontiffs in a pot of water on Guru Purnima day and pay their tributes and offer puja. Orthodox Sannyasis observe chatur masya (four months) vrata. There is one Vedic sentence which says one paksha (half month) can be taken as one month. Hence the orthodox Sannyasis observe the religious vow of staying in one place for two months from Guru Purnima day.

Adi Guru, Sri Dakshinamurthy's form represent the jagat with five elements. Damaru represents space, Head band represents air, torch represents fire, Ganga





Vyasa's time . Sri Adi Sankara gave the bhasyam which is the sampradaya of teaching. The vision is true and unique and is established by the sabdha pramana. It is satyam and cannot be negated in all the three periods of time. Teaching is made by adhyaropa (superimposition) and apavada (negation). This is the only tradition that can survive against all kinds of objections. This

vision is handed over while teaching the Sastra. The one who dispels ignorance is a Guru. He is the light who dispels darkness. There is no verbal entropy in the teaching.

on the head represents water and the whole idol represents earth. Japa mala on hand represents spiritual discipline. Apasmara, the asura he keeps under his feet represent the jiva's negative tendencies kept under control.

BOOKS RELEASE: Pujya Swamiji released three books authored by him titled Purnamadah Purnamidam, The True Teacher and Hinduism.... its uniqueness on this occasion.

"I am Brahman", only sastra can tell. The sastra will become meaningful only if taught by a Guru in the tradition. Sri Veda Vyasa is an important guru in the tradition. Hence his birthday is celebrated as Guru purnima.

The students offered guru dakshina to Pujya Swamiji and received prasad.

Our parmpara starts with Sadashiva. Written sastra is available from Sri Veda

NEW DINING HALL INAUGURATION: Pujya Swamiji inaugurated the newly built dining hall, adjacent to the existing dining





hall. Pujya Swamiji and other Swamis took lunch biksha in the new dining hall. Healthy and tasty south Indian food is served in the Gurukulam. The dining facilities have been increased to accommodate the growing requirements.

PUJA TO OTHER ACHARYAS: In the evening, the students undergoing the long term course offered their puja to all the other Acharyas teaching in the Gurukulam. A few students spoke expressing their gratitude for the excellent classes.

Swami Sadatmananda congratulated the students for studying well and taking active part in all the activities of the Gurukulam.

Swami Shankarananda told that one should invoke the Sishya in him to tap the Guru's grace. Swamini Agamananda told that when she saw the fifth long term course students she felt that Pujya Swamiji came back from the hospital to teach them. Swamini Saradananda told that Pujya Swamiji made her life prayerful and her life is made. Swamini Vedarthananda told that we should be thankful to Isvara for getting the right Guru and the right teaching.

The students offered guru dakshina to Acharyas and received their blessings.

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