

GURU PURNIMA AT AVG



AnugrahaBhashanam by Swamiji

A Guru is one who is the teacher of the maha vakya, the equation revealing that you are the whole. The Guru, the person with a human body, who teaches, becomes an altar of worship. Guru Purnima is a very important day for spiritual seekers. On this day we seek the blessings of all Gurus in the tradition starting from the first Guru Lord Dakshinamurthy.

GURU PUJA: Guru Purnima was celebrated with traditional reverence on July 19, 2016 at AVG, Anaikatti. Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati's paduka was kept in the altar in the lecture hall. Shodasa – 16 step-guru paduka puja was performed including ashtotra namavali.

ANUGRAHA BHASHANAM: Swami Sadatmananda delivered the anugraha bhashanam. He told that Guru Purnima is also called Vyasa Purnima. It is Sri Veda Vyasa's birthday. Sri Vyasa has contributed a lot to vedic and vedantic teaching. It is due to punya that we get a Guru. We are all blessed because we had Pujya Swamiji as our Guru. Pujya Swamiji continues to teach us through his books and recordings.

BOOK RELEASE: Swami Sadatmananda released the book TAITTIRIYOPANISAD with Sankarabhasyam written by Smt. Divyajnana Sarojini Varadarajan.



Release of book

GURU TIRTHA & SWAMI DAYANANDA GALLERY: Swami Shankarananda told that as per wish of Pujya Swamiji, his Kutiya will be turned into a monument. A meditation room with a statue of Pujya Swamiji is proposed. To view the architect's visualization of Guru Tirtha, please visit: <http://arshavidya.in/guru-tirtha/> . The present Swami Dayananda Gallery is proposed to be restructured with visual media to showcase Swamiji's life and contributions more comprehensively. Devotees having good quality pictures and videos of Pujya Swamiji may e mail them gurutirtha@arshavidya.in

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S VIDEO TALKS: Video of Pujya Swamiji's talk during an earlier Guru Purnima was played.

PUJA TO OTHER ACHARYAS: In the afternoon the students spoke on the importance of receiving Isvara kripa, Sastra kripa, Guru kripa and Atma kripa. Sanskrit skit and Music Programme all with the theme of Guru, were presented by the students. The Acharyas spoke about the importance of guru parampara.



Public participation

The long term course students offered Guru Vandanam and Guru Dakshina to all the Acharyas in the Gurukulam. Also a bouquet of flowers made with students' thoughts about each Acharya were offered. Guru purnima is a great opportunity for the students to express their gratitude to the Acharyas.

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