

Fourth Long-term three-year course At AVG, Coimbatore.



The fourth long term three year course that started in Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti on 23rd July 2010 is nearing the completion of the first year. The course is being attended by more than 85 students. Pujya Swamiji is currently teaching the Kathopanisad bhashya after having completed the Mundakopanisad, Kaivalyopanisad and Drik-drisya-viveka.

Pujya Swamiji, as usual embodies the teaching and is at his best in every class. The students and others are enjoying the classes to the maximum and eagerly wait for every class. Pujya Swamiji unfolds the vision of sastra in such a way that one is driven to a situation where one cannot but see. The apt examples that Swamiji employs

effectively enhance the level of understanding and also reveal his being in touch with the current times. Swamiji always used to say that if Sankara were to be here now, he would definitely employ them. Swamiji's unique and effective way of introducing Isvara as one maha-order in the form of various laws, pervading the entire sristi helps a person to resolve the basic problem of resistance to facts in life and non-acceptance of oneself and the world.

One cannot but appreciate the boundless compassion in Swamiji when one recognises that Swamiji has been teaching continuously without a break notwithstanding his health and in the midst of his countless engagements.



It is a great blessing to all of us that this traditional parampara of Vedanta teaching is available to us today; a greater blessing that we students are at the right place at the right time to receive it; and the greatest blessing is to have Pujya Swamiji unravel the vision of Vedanta in his inimitably exemplary style powered by his impeccable communication skills with which he makes us see what he sees. We all look forward to the study of other upanisads, Bhagavad Gita and Brahma sutra with Pujya Swamiji in the next couple of years.

We students are doubly fortunate to have our Resident Acarya in Swami Sakshatkritananda who has completed the first six chapters of Pancadasi and Sadhana Pancakam and is will be teaching the Mundakopanisad bhashya when Pujya Swamiji is away in the US.

Sakshat Swamiji follows the footsteps of Pujya Swamiji and this is very evident in his teaching style – never has he used a word which has not been used by Pujya Swamiji. Very knowledgeable and experienced, Swamiji has been handling the students with the same compassion and understanding as Pujya Swamiji.

The course syllabus includes study of Paninian grammar which is very challenging. The students have started learning Panini and are coping well. The Sanskrit classes are taken by Swami Sakshatkrtananda himself for the beginners.

Br.Sankar takes Sanskrit classes for the advanced students.

Many students have learnt the art of chanting Vedic mantras.

Swamini Saradananda and Swamini Vedarthananda have been teaching the art of chanting: āratī mantrās, daśa śānti, medhā sūktam, āditya hṛdayam, puruṣa sūktam, Śrī Rudram and Camakam etc.

The students have the advantage of learning yoga practices to maintain good health. The yoga classes are being conducted by the talented teachers Smt.Devi and Sri Sujit who are blessed with the combination of Yoga with Vedanta.

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