

“Sankalpa Shibhir” By Sri Swami Brahmayogananda at Kanyakumari



Sri Swami Brahmayogananda, Yoga Shanthi Gurukulam, Chennai conducted a six-day **“Sankalpa Shibhir”** from the 23rd to 28th of May 2011 at Vivekananda Kendra, Kanyakumari. As many as 135 Students from various parts of the country attended this camp. Sri Deepak ji, Secretary at the Administrative office of Vivekananda Kendra, inaugurated this Shibhir by lighting the Kuthu Vilakku. The inaugural function was also attended by officials from Vivekananda Kendra, Vivekananda Rock Memorial and Poompuhar Shipping.

Sri Swamiji conducted 24 classes on ‘Prašnopaniṣad, belonging to Atharvaṇa Veda. In his lucid style, Sri Swamiji dealt in detail with the unique aspects of the Upanishad. He explained how the super imposition— adhyāropam — of Śṛṣṭi on Ātmā and dismissal— apavādam — revealed the truth of jīva being Brahman.

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The division of the campers into six groups based on names of Guru and śiṣya in the upaniṣad aided one and all to grasp the concepts with better understanding through daily group discussions.

As part of this Shibhir, under Swamiji's guidance, all the 135 students also had darśan of Sri Nellaiyappar at Tirunelveli, Lord Muruga at Tiruchendur, Lord Sthanumalayar at Suchindram, Tiruvalluvar statue at Vivekananda Rock memorial, and Bhagavathy Amman at Kanyakumari in addition to witnessing the sunrise.

Release of Chāndogya_upaniṣad_CDs:

One of the unique events of this Shibhir was the release of MP3 CD of talks on Chāndogya Upanishad by Sri Swamiji at the Vivekananda Rock Memorial. The first copies of the CDs were presented to senior representatives from Vivekananda Rock and Poompuhar Shipping.

The campers enjoyed the serene and natural Kendra environment that was spread over more than 100 acres. It was highly inspiring to see all the students enthusiastically participate in this week-long camp packed with different programs despite the hectic and tight class schedule. The highlight of the camp was the 24 classes on Prasna Upanishad that was wonderfully packaged and gifted by Swamiji to his students.

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