

## DISCOVER VEDANTA RETREAT

Smt. Neema Majumdar and Dr. Surya Tahora conducted a 5 day intensive Vedanta retreat and workshop at AVG, Anaikatti. It was held from May 25 to May 29, 2016.



**Surya**

In the morning meditation sessions, Surya taught the ways of connecting to the vision of Isvara through meditation and japa. Neema taught Chapter 7 of Bhagavad Gita, where Lord Krishna reveals the nature of Isvara to Arjuna. It shows the presence of Isvara everywhere and in everything, and reveals the essential nature of our being to be Isvara.

Neema taught Vedanta with a lot of clarity and engagement and provided plenty of analogies to help students understand the vision. The students especially loved the little stories she introduced in the teaching. The stories were always profound and frequently funny.

In the evenings the students had lively and animated debates and discussions, on various subjects.



**Neema**

Neema had done her Masters in International Affairs at Columbia University, New York. She worked with United Nations in the field of economic and social development at New York, Thailand and Fuji Islands. She teaches Vedanta in Mumbai to the well educated audience at Colaba, Juhu, Pedder road, Altamount road, Malabar Hills and Napean sea road. Surya did his MBA and Ph.D. in Pharmacology in

Paris. He worked in senior positions in the corporate world. He teaches Spirituality and Leadership to 700 MBA students in S.P. Jain Institute of Management and Research, Mumbai.

### **The feedback received from some of the participants are:**

Smt. Rashna Talati wife of Sri Noshir Talati, the leading Architect of India, Mumbai: We were taught Vedanta in the retreat with clarity and were able to get logical answers to all our questions. We were extremely happy with the environment and facilities at the Gurukulam.

Kumari Neetu Sarogi, an IIM alumni working with a leading NGO, Mumbai: Gratitude for the beautiful green hills of Anaikatti, with its pretty peacocks. Gratitude for the Gurukulam which made us all so comfortable and so welcome. Gratitude for my fellow students who shared their own life experiences and enriched my understanding. But most of all, I feel gratitude to Isvara for connecting me to my teachers Neema and Surya, who share their knowledge with so much generosity and warmth. What I will take away from this retreat is the grand truth of Vedanta and a prayer that I use this knowledge to align myself even more closely with Isvara.

**-Report by N. Avinashilingam**