

# Spiritual camp at Rishikesh

2018 June 3 to 10th

A spiritual camp was held at Rishikesh Ashram from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 under the auspices of Swami Brahmaparananda Saraswatiji of Arsha Vidya Tirtha, Jaipur. About 70 devotees from Chennai, Mumbai, Bangalore, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Delhi and, about 17 students from FSH Jaipur and Udaipur participated. ***The Ashram on the bank of Ganges added to the grandeur of the environment.***

The day commenced at 5.00 a.m. with students chanting Rudram rhythmically and in a melodious voice in the temple. It was followed by yoga and dhyanam conducted by Swamiji wherein all went into a transcendental mode.



This was followed by Lectures on “***Srimad Bhagawad Gita***” by Swamiji. The great knowledge of nectar was unfolded to us beautifully and in a most simple way. Afternoons were kept reserved for Ganga snanam, English and Sanskrit classes and games for all the children, classes on shloka chanting and its importance and meaning. The evening Ganga aarti was mesmerizing with everyone singing melodious Ganga stotram and night satsang saw a fiesta of Bhajans where in students were the main performers ending the day with Pujya Sri Swamiji’s soul rendering composition ***Bharata Desha Hitaya...***

***Some of the highlights of one week-camp was: blessed to be part of Rudrabhishekam at the Samadhi sthal of Pujya Sri Swamiji ; Sadhu Bhandara; elaborate Ganga maa pooja; pravachan by Swami Satswaroopanandaji, Senior disciple of Pujya Sri Swamiji and Swamini Sadvidyananda Saraswati ; sanskrit skit by Swamini Sachitananda Sarawati; a visit to Kailash Ashram with Swamiji to seek blessings of Mahamandaleshwar ji.***

The camp was indeed an enthralling experience. It was amazing to see little/young children along with their parents and grandparents spending their vacation in such a holistic atmosphere. ***We all have returned home with discovering some new dimension in ourselves!***

Our heartfelt thanks to *Swami Shuddhanandaji*, and the entire staff who made our stay during the camp very comfortable.



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