

## Three Year Course in Vedanta & Sanskrit at Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam, Vedapuri, Nagpur

By the grace of Pujya Swamiji, under the guidance of Swamini Brahmprakananda the students of the Three-Year Course in Vedanta & Sanskrit at the Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam, Vedapuri (Nagpur) completed the first year of their course on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of February, 2011. Nineteen students, hailing from all over India and also Malayasia & Reunion Islands have been attending the Course.



Amidst the beautiful and tranquil surroundings of the Dandakaranya forest, classes on the *Kena* and *Mundaka* Upanisads, Gita, Vedic Chanting and Sanskrit Grammar were regularly conducted during the past one year.

Swamini Brahmprakanandaji had started for them classes on the Taittiriya Upanishad with Sri Sankara's commentary. Classes on *Pancadasi* of Vidyananda was also started in this period. Sivaprakasa Caitanya conducted classes on Vedic Chanting Sanskrit Grammar.

All the students made a trip to the Ashram at Amboli for the summer and continued their Sastra studies, enjoying both the pleasant weather and the great hospitality offered by Sri and Smt. Giri. They returned to Vedapuri in June. During the year, the

group also made short trips to Kolhapur, Ramtek and Goa visiting various temples. Recently they went to Manjakkudi and participated in the function held in honour of Pujya Swamiji.

Festivals such as Guru Purnima, Sivaratri, Gita Jayanti and Ganesa Caturthi were celebrated with verve and enthusiasm. A lakṣārcana for Pujya Swamiji was organized on 21<sup>st</sup> August, 2010. In January *Bhoomi Pooja* for the upcoming Brahmcarini Hostel took place. All in all it has been an eventful year and a great learning experience for all the students.

The students hope to continue and intensify their studies in the coming year. They look forward to their stay at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti and be blessed by Pujya Swamiji.

— Dhruva