

Pujya Swamiji releases “Bharatiya Vidya Vikas”— a teaching program in Gujarati for school children

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Pujya Swamiji released the new teaching program for school children, “Bharatiya Vidya Vikas” in Gujarati on the 7th of February 2012. He also delivered enlightening talks on “Absence of Alienation” from the 8th to the 10th of February 2012.



Swami Tattvanishthanandaji and Swamini Sulabhanandaji, under the banner of Vidyanidhi Trust, had prepared this school children program “Bharatiya Vidya Vikas”, in nine volumes, for students of Class I to IX. The whole teaching program encompassed the total way and view of our Sanatan Dharma, Veda, Value structure and Vedic culture—step by step as child grows. This program enables the child who goes through this program in nine years to know the vastness of our knowledge and culture. It also prepares the child to face this competitive life of business and family.

The four-day program began with Gujarati Bhajans by Sri Hemant Chauhan.

Pujya Swamiji, Swami Sadanandaji, (Representative of Sri Shankaracharya, Sharda Pitham, Dwaraka), Swami Viditatmanandaji, (Adhyatm Vidya Mandir, Ahmedabad) Swami Madhavapriyadasji (Swminarayana Gurukula, Charoli, Ahmedabad), Tattvanishthanandaji and Swamini Sulabhanandaji lighted the lamp.

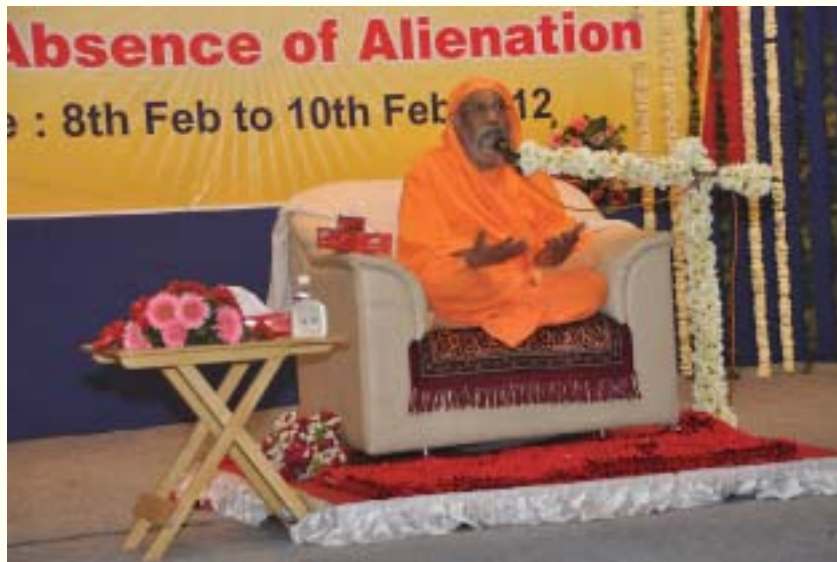
Swamini Sulabhanandaji, in her address, gave a glimpse of the nine volumes and also explained the importance of the teaching program as a part of the school teaching curriculum. She said this was the way they could develop ‘value’ in the mind of every



child studying in the school, and in future, they would have healthy minded citizens who would be proud to be Indians and Hindus.

Swami Sadanandaji and Swami Madhavapriyadasji also praised and talked about the importance of this nine-volume program.





Pujya Swamiji spoke on the topic “Absence of Alienation” on all the three days. gave As usual spell bounded audience with Pujya Swamiji, in his address, gave a new vision, unique thoughts and the solution for the alienation everyone faced though they were in the midst of the crowd. He said in this world all carnivorous animals had only one job to do to live their lives and that was to find its food. But vegetarian animals had two jobs -- one was to find food and the other, to protect themselves from carnivorous animals. But when it came to human beings there were three jobs for everyone. Firstly every one was to find food to survive and to protect oneself from the world and the third job was to protect him or her from oneself!

When any other animal baby was born, it had to get up on its own legs to protect itself and to get mother’s milk. As long as human baby was in mother’s womb, it was connected to the total. When it was born it was being disconnected from the total as the umbilical cord was being snapped off. It started its life with total helplessness. And the Lord compensated this total helplessness with the total trust in the hands that carried it and

took care of it. The one who took care of it was slowly proved to be not secure and trustworthy. So as the child grew, its trust is eroded; total helplessness continued. The Lord has provided a method of to hiding this pain and helplessness all the time during the first few years of life which created heavy unconsciousness. Nobody was free from this unconsciousness and it controlled the person for rest of his/her life.

Pujya Swamiji said, "in human life everyone is endowed with the freewill and so one has to chose the action and decide the course of one's life. There is always a chance to make a wrong choice due to inner pressure of heavy unconscious, total helplessness and insecurity. So a person has to protect oneself from this inner enemy. All this together create a sense of alienation in the mind of every human being".

Pujya Swamiji further said, "that the solution for this is sense of alienation to understand Isvara as a maker and material cause of the entire creation. As a pot is never separate from its material cause, clay, so too this creation is non-separate from Isvara, Isvara being a material cause. There is no time, place or situation where person is separate from Isvara. With this understanding of Isvara one can get over the sense of alienation, for Isvara is always with him. In fact, by studying Vedanta one can see clearly that he or she is non-separate from Isvara".

"The school children program, "Bhartiya Vidya Vikas" is the best way to educate children and those who would go through this entire program would never face this problem of inner enemy and sense of alienation. This is the cultural program to have healthy, sane and mature future citizens of the country. I pray to Lord for the success of this program", he said.

On the evening of the 9th Sriram Parasuram and Anuradha Parsuram touched every person's heart by their melodious voices with Hindi and Sanskrit Bhajans composed by Pujya Swamiji. On the evening of the 10th Ms. Twisha Vyas performed Bharatnatyam dance on Tyagraja's composition on Ramayana episodes and Ms. Krupa Ravi, Ahmedabad performed Bhratanatyam dances on Krishna stotras.

Besides this main program, there were other three programs.

On the 7th there was a 3½ hour non-stop play on the life of Swami Vivakanandaji. This was a part of the 150th Birth centenary celebration, directed by Dr. Vikrambhai Panchal. It was sponsored by Adhyatm Vidya Mandir, Ahmedabad.

On the 9th morning Swamini Suprabhanandaji invited Pujya Swamiji to her Kutia, where there was a pada puja and talks.

On the 10th morning Swami Veditatmanandaji invited Pujya Swamiji to the ashram at Tattvatirtha, Thaltej. After padapuja, Pujya Swamiji addressed the gathering on "You are the problem you are the solution."