

Three Day Gita Camp at AVG



CAMP SCHEDULE: Meditation classes in the mornings were guided by Pujya Swamiji on the first day and followed up by Swami Sadatmananda during the second and third days. During the day, there were three classes on the Bhagavad Gita – with Pujya Swamiji himself teaching all of the classes. The participants then gathered for an hour in Satsang during which time Pujya Sri

INTRODUCTION: Pujya Swami Dayananda Sarasvati conducted 3 day Gita camp at AVG, Anaikatti attended by around 50 participants from April 25, 2014 to April 27, 2014.

Swamiji answered the questions raised by the campers. The renowned classical musician Dr. Sriram Parasuram also give a talk on the nuances of south Indian and north Indian music during the satsang hours.



GITA TEACHING: Pujya Swamiji taught four significant verses from the Gita during the camp. Swamini Saradananda and Swamini Vedarthananda taught the chanting of the four verses.

KARMANYEVADHIKARASTE: Pujya Swamiji explained the verse beginning with “karmanyevadhikaraste...” (Gita II-47) – that one has a choice only with regard to action and no choice with regard to the results of action.

YOGASTHAH KURU KARMANI: He then elaborated on the verse beginning with “yogasthah kuru karmani...” (Gita II-48) in which he explained about performing one’s duty as an offering to Isvara and accepting the result as *prasada* from Isvara.

BUDDHIYUKTO JAHATIHA: He then unfolded the meaning of verse beginning with “buddhiyukto jahatiha.....” (Gita II-50), detailing the nuances of *karma yoga*.

YATAH PRAVRETTIRBHUTANAM: Swamiji concluded with “Yatah pravrttirbhutanam...” (Gita XVIII-46) which talks about how one can worship Isvara by offering one’s own duty just as how one

offers flowers during one’s worship of Isvara and thereby attain success.

VALEDICTORY ADDRESS: In the valedictory address on the final day, Pujya Swamiji spoke about Isvara in the form of order and within that order, every other order – such as the physical order, psychological order, biological order, order of karma, and the order of dharma and also everything else within these orders – lie. Swamiji emphasized upon how Isvara is manifest as the psychological order and how within that order, all of one’s emotions – even those of anxiety, anger and frustration – are valid. He spoke of Isvara in the form of *dharma* controlling our actions. He spoke glorifying our heritage, remarking that our heritage is huge. Swamiji added as a final remark that there will be more three-day camps in the future so that many more important topics can be discussed.

CONCLUSION: We thank Lord Dakshinamurthy for giving us back Pujya Swamiji – it is indeed Isvara’s greatest blessing for all of us that Swamiji is able to teach unhindered for four hours a day with his clear voice and his usual strength.

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