

## SWAMI PARAMARTHANANDA'S YAGNA INAUGURATION FUNCTION

Coimbatore Vedanta Students always eagerly look forward to Swami Paramarthananda's annual *jnana-yagna*. Swamiji captivates the students with his spiritual downpour. The added bonus is the heavy rains he brings to Coimbatore city which makes the city, poor man's Ooty.

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Coimbatore Kendra organised a *jnana-yagna* during April 29 to May 5, 2018. Swami Paramarthananda continued from previous year the Vedanta Dindima in the mornings and Uddhava Gita Chapter 3 in the evenings.

During the inaugural function MsAparna rendered the prayer song and Sri C.R. Suryanarayanan, Secretary, BVB gave the welcome address and also garlanded Swamiji. Swami Sadatmananda and Swami Shankarananda and other Swamijis and Swaminis of AVG were present.

Swami Paramarthananda briefly introduced Uddhava Gita. Bhagavatam contains 12 *Skandhas* (sections). The 11<sup>th</sup> *Skandha* contains spiritual teaching. Uddhava Gita appears in 11<sup>th</sup> *Skandha*. The original dialogue is between Sage Suka and King Parikshit. Sage Suka recounts dialogue of Lord Krishna and Uddhava in the eleventh *skandha*, where again appears the dialogue between Dattatreya Avadhuta and King Yadu. Summary of the seven day talk is covered by a separate article in this issue.



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