

Course announcement - Thirty Nine month course in Vedanta and Sanskrit commencing 1st May, 2014

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Coimbatore is pleased to announce a thirty nine month course in Vedanta and Sanskrit commencing on the 1st May, 2014. The course will be conducted under the guidance of Puja Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati by his disciples - Sri Swami Sadatmananda Saraswati with the assistance of Swamini Agamananda Saraswati and Swami Shankarananda Saraswati. The medium of instruction will be English.

Swami Sadatmananda Saraswati has been teaching Vedanta and Sanskrit for over twenty years and has rich experience in communicating the vision of Vedanta in English, Hindi and Gujarati. He currently conducts regular classes in Bangalore at Arsha Vidya Kendra (www.arshavidyakendratrust.org) and also at Kailas Ashram at Rishikesh.

Swamini Agamananda has been studying with Puja Swami Dayananda since 1978 and has taught Sanskrit at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Saylorsburg and Anaikatti..

Swami Shankarananda assisted the Acarya, Swami Saksatkrtananada Saraswati, doing Sanskrit classes and some Satsangs as needed, during the three year Vedanta course between 2010 to 2013.

Timeline

15-Jan, 2014

Due date for receipt of applications

15-Feb, 2014

Admission decisions

01-May, 2014

Course commencement

Syllabus and Activities

The syllabus for Vedanta for the course will include a study of several Upanisads, the Bhagavad Gita and the Brahmasutra Chatussutri along with Bhashyam by Adi Shankaracarya (and other commentaries as needed). This will be supplemented by some other Vedanta texts also. In Sanskrit, the focus of the study will be to help students become comfortable with the study of sastras. The course will include an elaborate coverage of Paninian Grammar. In addition to Vedanta and Sanskrit, there will be several activities like temple pujas, chanting classes, Guided meditations, Satsangs, Gurukula Seva , Yoga etc. which all students are expected to participate in.

A Typical day in the course may look like

Time	Activity
05:15 to 06:30	Temple Puja – Morning
07:00 to 07:30	Guided Meditation
07:30 to 08:15	Breakfast
08:30 to 09:30	Morning Vedanta Class
10:00 to 11:00	Sanskrit class
11:30 to 12:30	Chanting or Yoga
12:30 to 01:30	Lunch
01:00 PM to 02:00 PM	Library time [optional]
03:00 PM to 03:30 PM	Tea
05:00 PM to 06:00 PM	Evening Vedanta Class
06:00 PM to 07:00 PM	Temple Puja – Evening
07:15 PM to 08:00 PM	Dinner
08:00 PM to 09:00 PM	Satsang
Between Lunch and Evening class	Gurukula-seva and any extra classes as needed

Expected Qualifications:

- College Graduates with a minimum of (10+2+3) years of formal education
- Conversant in English
- Age: Between 25 and 60 years
- Have physical & mental stamina, interest and commitment to study

All Teaching is provided free of charge at the Gurukulam. Donations are expected for Room and Boarding.

Obtaining and filling in the Course Application Form

Interested persons may apply by downloading the application form along with the Guide to filling in the application form from the Gurukulam website at www.arshavidya.in/lt-course-2014/index.html. The applications must be filled completely as per the 'Guide

to filling in the application form'. Any additional information which may support your application is also very welcome.

Once you completed filling in the application, please

Save the files with the file names and type as explained in the 'Guide to filling in the application form'. Please verify against the checklist that all the items to be included in the application package have been included and then:

Email to: vedantacourse2014@gmail.com

or

Mail to: The Acarya, Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti PO, Coimbatore – 641 108,
Tamilnadu, INDIA.

LAST DATE FOR RECEIVING COMPLETED APPLICATIONS : 15-JAN- 2014.

Selection Process

The selection will be done by a selection panel at the Gurukulam. The applications will be scrutinized and short-listed applicants may be called for Phone-in or Personal interviews (personal interviews if needed only for residents of India). The admission decisions will be made on the basis of all the inputs received. Once admission decisions are made the applicants will be informed via email about the same. Admission decisions are expected to be completed by Middle of February,2014. All selected applicants will be issued provisional admission offer letters to the course.

The admitted applicants would need to confirm their acceptance of the provisional admission offers. Once signed acceptance letters are received, students needing Visas (Foreign passport holders) will then be sent letters and any supporting documentation to apply for Student Visas at Indian embassies.

The Provisional Admissions will be confirmed after the first three months of the course. This will help us understand whether a further study of another thirty-six months is advisable for a student at that time. From the course participant's perspective this will help review one's options in the light of how the course matches up with expectations one had prior to joining the course and enable more informed choices to be made.

Queries? please email vedantacourse2014@gmail.com