

Arsha Vidya Meet

Arsha Vidya Meet was held on 21st September 2017 at Arsha Vidya Peetham, as a part of the Aradhana event for Pujya Swamiji, in Rishikesh.



With great participation of the Arsha Vidya family, the following key issues were discussed and agreed upon with the help of the panel which included – Swami Viditmanananda ji, Swami Prashantatmananada ji, Swami Brahmavidananda ji, Swami Satsvarupanananda ji and Swamini Brahmaprakashananda ji.

1. **Date for Aradhana divas:** The date for the Aradhana divas for Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati was agreed as 23rd September every year at Rishikesh. This is according to the English calendar and not according to tithi as it was difficult to arrive at one tithi, due to different Panchangas being followed according to the lunar and solar calendar. The plan for 20-23rd September 2018 in Rishikesh is : 20 Sept - Arsha Vidya Meet, 21-22 Sept - Vidvat sadas (Arsha Vidya and other scholars), 23rd Sept - Puja in Adhasthanam and Bhandara, Bhashya Parayanam every morning.

2. **Arsha Vidya Parampara** - An update on 'Arsha Vidya Parampara', a society registered in Delhi was given. Initiated by Swami Suddhanandaji the purpose of the society was to build awareness of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati ji 's legacy by building a memorial in Delhi, auditorium for talks and a facility for accommodation. Under the aegis, a Shraddhanjali was organised in 2016 with active participation from some political leaders. An estimate of Rs 10 crores is required for this project and Swami Santatmananda will be pursuing the procurement of land from the government to further the project.

3. **Vishranti Bhavan/Medical care** - A need to have a facility with access to medical care for ailing and/or old sadhus was expressed. An update of Swami Divyanananda's ashram in Haridwar

was provided which includes about ten rooms for accommodation. More details to be obtained by Swami Santatmananda ji.

Swami Pranavaatmananda ji (Acharya.swamy@yahoo.co.in) from Nellore offered accommodation for 6 elderly and/or ailing sadhus (male/female) in his ashram.

Sadhus to make individual arrangements with insurance companies for medical insurance. Those requiring assistance to pay the premium for medical insurance may contact Dayananda Anugraha Fund (www.dayanandafund.org).

4. Arsha Vidya Sampradaaya, virtual platform: Responding to the topic of 'Future of Arsha Vidya', a unanimous need to be more connected to each other to have synergy, co operation and collaboration for greater impact in society as the Arsha Vidya family was expressed. The Arsha Vidya Meet agreed to set up an information hub on a virtual platform which will be a website called Arsha Vidya Sampradaaya.

The virtual platform/website is an endeavour to be an information hub of all Arsha Vidya Teachers (Sannyasis and others) across the world. This will include their contact details, their various activities, links to their websites (if available), annual calendar etc. The purpose of this platform is to forge stronger connections within the Arsha Vidya family. By making relevant information available of all Arsha Vidya teachers, collective efforts for relevant issues can be made. In time, the information will also be available to the public at large, so that more people can be reached out to, with Arsha Vidya for greater collective impact in the world. It was clarified that the hub is not a separate organization nor a trust nor is it meant to replace any activities but only a virtual information hub of the entire Arsha Vidya sampradaya.

A working committee was formed to work out the details of this project. The working committee will be guided by the panel above and includes Swamini Tattavavidyananda, Swamini Sadvidyananda, Swami Santatmananda, Swamini Brahmaprajnananda, Brahmachari Neeraj Bhoopalam, Gunanand Rayal and 3 representatives (to be appointed from the respective ashrams). They (arshavidyasampradaaya@gmail.com) will be contacting the Arsha Vidya teachers across the world shortly. The members of the working committee will be in touch with everyone for suggestions, advice and participation.

This project needs the blessings, cooperation and guidance of the entire Arsha Vidya family.