

Inauguration of 3 Years Course at AVG



Pujya Swami Dayananda Sarasvati inaugurated the three year course at AVG, Anaikatti on August 15, 2014 with around 60 students. Sri Vasudevacharya of Australia gave a benedictory address.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS: Pujya Swamiji spoke about how we begin any undertaking with a prayer. Today we had a very good beginning with laksharchana performed to Lord Dakshinamurti. He said that he was sure that this course would go smoothly

with no obstacles for the Teachers and the Students.

The whole pursuit is an adventure, not just a venture. With the three years course, the students are embarking on an adventure. Every day would bring new insights. After three years there would be a sense of fulfillment. In the beginning, one would say that one is hearing about Ishvara. At the end of the course one should be able to say that one is hearing about oneself. As the students had already undergone a three months course, they know what to expect of the coming three years.

The aim of learning the shastra is for oneself to know. Sharing the knowledge with others is also part of the learning. One is said to know a subject matter only when one can give that to others. By the end of the course, the students will be equipped with all the tools to share the knowledge.

This Gurukulam is the only place available in the whole of India where classical Sanskrit and Vedanta are taught in English. Students should have a commitment to spend some time for Sanskrit daily. Students should take leave of everything else for three years and study Sanskrit and Vedanta.

Students should keep their mind open. Attentive students in the class would grasp



to teach Vedanta upon successfully completing the course.

In order to run these two gurukulams, as well as the annual Vedanta camps for short-term residential study at Arsha Vidya Pitham, known as Swami Dayananda Ashram in Rishikesh, Pujya Swamiji appointed several of his senior disciples to share the institutional teaching load.

During the summer season Saylorsburg gurukulam has a full schedule of back-to-back family camps beginning with the Independence Day Family Vedanta Retreat and ending with the Labor Day Patrons' Family Vedanta Retreat, followed by the Yoga and Sound camp, where Vedanta is also taught.