

The Annual Arsha Vidya Tirtha Spiritual Camp, Jaipur

The Annual Arsha Vidya Tirtha, Jaipur, spiritual camp was held at Rishikesh Ashrama from August 9-16, 2015 under the auspices of Swami Brahmoparananda Saraswatiji. About 40 devotees from Jaipur, Delhi, Udaipur and 20 Aim for Seva - Jaipur Chhatralayaa Students participated. The Ashram on the bank of Ganges added to the grandeur of the environment.



The day commenced at 5.15 a.m. with Rudrabhishekam in the temple. AVT students chanted the Rudram rhythmically and in a melodious voice. It was followed by dhyanam conducted by Swamiji. The devotees' went into a transcendental mode. Students and devotees' did yoga together. Each and every verse of Sadhana Panchakam and Tattva Bodha were unfolded by Swamiji in a most simple and beautiful way. Devotees' were delighted to learn many stotras and Gita chanting too! Evening satsang saw fiesta of bhajans by our students and devotees'!

Swamiji helped devotees' do *elaborate pooja of Maa Ganga.* It was very special for all of us to sit together in the Ghat and observe abhishekam to our *Divine Mother*! Adi Guru Shankaracharya's *Ganga Stotram*, the evergreen delight could be heard as also the Anga-pooja and the 108 names were chanted.

We were blessed to be in the Ashram on Poojya Sri Swamiji 'Prakaty Divas'— 15th August. All of us did an hour of 'Mahamrityunjaya Japam' followed by Nama Sankirtana lead by Swamiji. We were also part of Saadhu Bhandara, prayers, chanting and 'Yagna' performed for Poojya Sri Swamiji!

Visit to Kali Kamli Ashram: 'Kali Kamli Baba Ashram' is a universal kitchen FOR brahmacharis, Sadhus staying at Rishikesh for Vedic learning, Sadhana etc. This Ashram has fed thousands of sadhus. In earlier days our *Poojya Sri Swamiji* also had Bhiksha from there. As a mark of respect to this tradition, Swami Brahmoparananda Saraswati (who also had Bhiksha in His earlier days of his stay at Rishikesh) along with students and devotees' walked to Baba Kali Kamli Ashram for Bhiksha. On the way Swamiji shared the importance of this great tradition.

Eminent Indologist, Prof. Dayanand Bhargavaji, Ashram Acharya Swami

Shantatmanandaji also shared his words of wisdom during satsang .

Our heartfelt thanks to Swami Shuddhanandaji and team at Rishikesh Ashram

who made sure that our stay was very comfortable.

Hari Om

AVT Jaipur