

## Ramagita Camp of Pujya Swamijee at Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh

Pujya Swami Dayanandaji took RAMAGITA text in the camp organized at Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh from the 14<sup>th</sup> of March to the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2009.

RAMAGITA occurs in Uttarakanda of Adhyatma Ramayana., which forms later portion of Brahmanda Purana. As is well known Maharshi Veda Vyasa composed this Purana. So the style of presentation of Ramagita is Puranic.

The consort of Lord Parameshwara, Mother Goddess Parvati, requested him to explain the top secret and glory of Lord Rama. The entire Adhyatma Ramayana is a dialogue between Parameshwara and His consort Parvati. In the fifth chapter of Uttarakanda of this Ramayana, the younger brother of Lord Rama, Shri Lakshman requests him to teach so that he can cross over the shore less ocean of ignorance. This teaching by Lord Rama to his dear younger brother Shri Lakshman is called RAMAGITA. This teaching is the essence of Vedanta:

रामेणोपनिषत्सिन्धुमुन्मथ्योत्पादितां मुदा  
लक्ष्मणायार्पितां गीतासुधां पीत्वामरो भवेत् ॥

Lord Rama by churning the ocean of Upanishads extracted this knowledge and condensed it as Rama Gita.. He gave this knowledge to Lakshmana with pleasure. One may assimilate it and become eternal. (Adhyatma Ramayana, Mahatmya-49).

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There were more than 300 participants for the camp from India and many from different countries of the globe. It was really an international gathering of sort, as people from more than eleven countries were present. There was a big contingent of 27 participants from U.K. under the stewardship of Swamini Atmaprakashanandji. There were 14 persons from Brazil, and others were from France, Germany, Spain, Italy, Japan, China, and Mauritius etc. More than 200 participants were from different states of India.

Rama Gita is primarily a text of Vedanta but it deals with Patanjala Yoga, Sadhana chatusthaya, devotion to Iswara etc. Such an excellent text when it is expounded by Pujya Swamiji, it was a rare treat to listen to it. Further the exposition of Reality or Parmartha Tatva reached the zenith when an expert exponent like Puya Swamiji explained the glory of Lord Rama. It was unique presentation about the essential non-difference between knowledge and bhakti. This removed misconceptions many persons have about exclusiveness of knowledge and bhakti.

Like every good thing comes to an end, the camp ended on 28th March 2009. To participate in the valedictory function was a great treat. There was a sense of contentment among all. Pujya Swamiji made participants from each country to stand-up and all others greeted them with clapping of hands. Pujya swamiji was beaming and shining and so all the participants, more than 300 persons, felt blessed to listen to a great Guru about reality and glory of Lord RAMA.

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