

Pujya Swami Dayanandji's Blessings to Barodians: Spiritual Festival at Vadodara : April 4-6, 2012

The Shruti Mandir Ashram was enveloped in pure light and love when Pujya Swamiji arrived on the evening of April 3, 2012. On his arrival, Pujya Swamiji was welcomed by Swami Brahmatmanandji and Swamini Shrutisaranandaji, along with the other spiritual seekers of the ashram, with Purna Kumbh. Swamiji spent some time with the Ashram family of *saadhaks*, who had been eagerly awaiting his arrival; recalling his previous visit, and with his smile and serenity, making everyone feel blessed and uplifted.

During the following three days, Pujya Swamiji blessed seekers with discourses at the Ashram in the morning and forenoon, on the topics: 1) "Namah" 2) *Duties and Conflicts*, and 3) "Satyam Jnanam Anantham". In the discourse on *Namah*, Pujya Swamiji unfolded how in our greeting, "Namaste", to one another, we are saluting not the outward physical appearance, but the true self within; which is none other than the *Paramatma*.



Elaborating on the topic of *Duties and Conflicts*, Pujya Swamiji explained beautifully all about rights and duties; and how a duty followed by one automatically becomes the fulfillment of a right of another. He emphasized that each one of us should follow our duties, thereby we help meet the rights of others; and when others too do the same, our rights are met. This attitude leads to far more harmony and happiness as compared to 'fighting for one's rights.'

Pujya Swamiji also elucidated with great clarity and wisdom in his discourses, the beauty of the essence of Brahman... Truth,





Knowledge and Infinite Ananda:
"Satyam Jnanam Anantham Brahma: A gifted teacher that he is, he helped listeners understand the profound message contained in these words.

In the evenings from April 4 to 6, public lectures were organized at the Baroda Medical College Auditorium; from 6.30 pm to 8 pm, on the topic: '*You are Unique.*' In these lectures, in his unique way, with simplicity and clarity, Pujya Swamiji unfolded the profound truth embedded in our scriptures, which helps us all realize that each one of us is unique.

A central message given to all was, "*Be a contributor, not merely a consumer...this is the only way to discover that you are unique.*" Laced with wit and humor, Pujya Swamiji's lectures also had the audience breaking into laughter now and then.



On the opening day (April 4), the royal Gaekwad family of Baroda graced the inaugural function; and Dr. (Smt) Mrunalini Devi Puar (respected Chancellor of M.S. University) inaugurated the evening talks. In the inaugural function, a book named 'THE' (Transforming Higher Education)', written by Dr. (Smt) Jayanti Ravi (Commissioner, Higher Education, Gujarat State) was released by Pujya Swamiji.

Pujya Swamiji was very appreciative of the care and hospitality he received at Shruti Mandir Ashram from one and all; and gladly posed for a photograph with each volunteer; so that these memories could be cherished.

We pray to The Lord to bless our beloved Swamiji with sound health for years to come. May we be privileged once again with his visit in the near future.

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