

Vedanta Retreat at Jnana Pravaha, Manjakudi

Retreat on the 17th chapter of UPADESA SAHASRI at Jnanpravaha, Manjakkudi from March 22-27, 2024 by Swamini Satyavratandaji

At the outset, our humble pranams to Swamini Satyavratananda for the Vedanta spiritual retreat.

Vedanta retreat was inaugurated by Shri. Srinivasanji, the correspondent of Swami Dayananda Educational Trust, with a prayer of Swami Dayananda Panchakam composed by Swami Paramarthanandaji. He honoured Swamini and Maheshji and he appreciated Swamini's completion of 25 years of Vedanta teaching. Swamini honoured Sri. Srinivasanji and Swami Ramesvaranandaji.

The session commenced on "Right Knowledge", 17th chapter of UPADESA SAHASRI written by Adi Shankaracharya. The sishyas are blessed to gain the right Knowledge under the right Guru at the right place.

The session by Shri. Maheshji, on Shankara Vijayam, has helped in understanding the life achievements of Adi Shankara. It was so heartrending that brought tears in many eyes. It was a life experience as Shri. Maheshji illustrated Adi Shankara's journey from Kaladi to Kedarnath.

Highlights of the retreat.

- ◆ Swami Ramesvaranandaji explained about the various facilities available in Jnanpravaha, study room, meditation hall, reading room with library and also about the Digital archives for the benefit of the participants.
- ◆ Sishyas had the opportunity to visit green organic, herbal farms.
- ◆ Blissful chanting by the students of Vedapathashala.
- ◆ Everyone did gopuja.
- ◆ Darshan of Lord Lakshminarayana Perumal and Kailasanatha Swamy everyday.
- ◆ Satvik food served by courteous people.

Swami Ramesvaranandaji honoured Swamini and Maheshji with Pujya Swamiji's Mandukyopanishad books and Sri Bhaktavijayam book respectively.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Sheela Balaji, Chairperson and Managing Trustee of Aim for Seva, for all the services, and her devotion and commitment to fulfil the vision of Pujya Swamiji. We humbly submit our pranams to Swamini for arranging an excellent Vedanta retreat at Pujya Swamiji's birthplace, and we also thank everyone in the Ashram who helped for this life-time unforgettable experience.

- Report by LATHA

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