

## Valedictory Function of the Second Three-Year Course at AVG, Nagpur



The Valedictory Function of the students of the Second Course in Vedanta and Sanskrit at Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam, Nagpur was held on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

The day marked the culmination of three years of intensive learning and study of the teaching of the Upanishads, Paninian Grammar and allied subjects.

During this period the students also visited Anaikatti, Rishikesh and Amboli in the summer months for brief periods of study.

It was a poignant day as everyone looked back at the time spent here and reflected on their experiences and what they had learnt during this timeframe. Finding themselves at an interesting juncture between their pasts and unknown futures, the students spoke of how their thinking and outlook had been transformed by the vision they received from Pujya Swamiji and Mataji (Swamini Brahmaprakashananda), the Chief Acharya of AVG Nagpur.

Pujya Swamiji was present on the occasion and blessed the students for a life of continual assimilation and sharing of this vision.

Mrs. Rajshri Jichkar, the President of the institution, delivered the welcome address and Mataji presented the Acharya's Report of the three-year course.



The Chief Guest for the occasion was Dr Pankaj Chande, Vice-Chancellor of Kavikulguru Kalidasa University, Ramtek and President of Association of Indian Universities. The seventeen students were fortunate to receive from him, on behalf of the University, a Vedanta-Shastri Certificate equivalent to a Bachelor's degree. "Mahamahopadhyaya" title was conferred by this University on Swamini Brahmaprakashananda (Mataji). The event was also blessed by the presence of Swami Siddhananda, a very senior disciple of Pujya Swamiji, as well as Swami Vishnusvarupananda, Swami Citsvarupananda and Swami Sachidananda.

The patrons of the course, Pradeep Mukhi, Kumar Kale and Nirmal Gupta felicitated the students. It was a day of thanks-giving for the students who expressed their gratitude towards all those who made their stay at the Gurukulam not only possible, but also fruitful. This included the staff, trustees and patrons of the Gurukulam and, needless to say, the acaryas themselves from whom they directly received Brahma-vidya.

The event concluded with the Valedictory Address by Pujya Swamiji who stressed the importance of life-long assimilation and ever-increasing clarity of the vision of Vedanta.

