

SWAMI DAYANANDA SEVAK TRAINING PROGRAMME



ABOUT AIM FOR SEVA

Started in 2000 as a pan India movement, AIM for Seva's focus is rural education. Through its flagship programme, Chatralayams (free student hostels), AIM for Seva has positively impacted the lives of 4000 children, year on year.

Today, AIM for Seva has 133 projects across 15 states.

Our work has impacted over 20 million people over a two decade period.

ABOUT THE FOUNDER

One of the greatest spiritual masters in contemporary times, Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati is the Revered Founder of AIM for Seva, Swami Dayananda Educational Trust (SDET), Arsha Vidya Research & Publication Trust (AVR&PT) and Arsha Vidya Gurukulams in India and USA.

Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati did not confine himself just to Vedanta. One of his founding principles with respect to AIM for Seva was that the youth of our nation should receive value education and cultural validation. He believed that only when a child is made aware of his or her roots would grow up to be a confident citizen and contribute towards nation building.

NEED FOR THIS PROGRAMME

Bharat (India) is one of the oldest and continuing civilisational state in this planet. Its contribution to the world has been extensive be it through the power of yoga, Ayurveda and of later, Vedanta.

While we boast of a rich and a continuing cultural heritage, Santana Dharma, the indigenous culture and tradition of the land has been under threat for centuries and continues to remain under threat even today due to the operation of certain vested interests.

The last 1,000 years have been particularly painful with 'double colonisation', first the Mughals and then the 'White Mughals' (British).

The Islamic conquests and British takeover of the sub continent during the medieval and modern era was not

just expansionist alone. At a deeper level, it led to destruction of our places of worship, centres of learning (Nalanda, Takshashila to name a few) etc. Our beliefs and practices were ridiculed as crude and animistic.

Post independence, while Anglicisation of education had its advantages but it led to confused identities and a need of constant validation from the west for even the most basic Indic practices and way of life such as yoga and meditation.

Through the Swami Dayananda Sevak Training Programme, we hope to create a platform for committed Sevaks to fulfill one's patriotic and spiritual aspirations which ultimately leads to one's emotional growth.

MISSION

To inspire appreciation of our Bharatiya culture in its entirety among trainees who will disseminate this knowledge through the AIM for Seva institutions.

By spreading this awareness of our rich tradition will help fulfil their patriotic and spiritual aspirations.

PROGRAMME DETAILS

This programme is conceptualised as a three month training programme. It will comprise two levels.

LEVEL 1: Beginner Level (2 weeks, starting from 4th November 2022)

COURSE COMPONENTS:

Focus on "Who we Were?"

As part of the curriculum, students would be taught the rich tradition of Bharata in the fields of arts, science, dance, music, Ayurveda, architecture, geology, economics and political science, linguistics etc and our rich philosophical tradition.

Focus on "Who We Think We Are?"

This segment of the course will focus on what was taught to us, a misrepresented version of history and its shrewd reinforcement through faulty examples and how as a race we were subjected to politico-religious-economic attack throughout the medieval and modern era.

Focus: What We Need to Do to Change our Perception?

The last component of Level 1 will focus on re-educating our own people to realise the universal power of Santana Dharma, which teaches 'All that is Here is Ishvara.'

Our Founder Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati visualised and started AIM for Seva as an all India Movement in the year 2000 to re-educate and reach out to our own people through Seva.

LEVEL 2: Advance Level (10 - 12 weeks, starting from 28th November 2022)

COURSE COMPONENTS:

Briefing on our Tradition that includes the basics of Sanatana Dharma, goal of life, sustainable happiness by celebrating festivals together and significance of historical stories. In short, Pancha Mahabhuta Yajna— to live in harmony with the world.

Principles of social psychology and psychological views of the self which helps to analyse oneself and meet people's expectation.

- Values from the Bhagavad Gita and introduction to Vedanta and Vedic culture.
- Importance of Puja Vidhanam, mantra chanting and meditation
- Importance of yoga and basics of ayurveda

- Orientation on record keeping systems
- Spoken English / Hindi / Sanskrit

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Graduate in any discipline
Age limit is between 25 and 40 years

SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates have to go through a registration process. There will be a written test. Shortlisted candidates will have to appear for an interview. The dates / venue of written test and interview will be informed to the candidates after their registration.

A stipend of Rs. 2000/- will be paid to candidates who successfully complete the Level 1 course. It will include their travelling expenses to reach Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti, Coimbatore - 641108.

Further, those candidates who are selected from the Level 1 course to undergo Level 2 course will be paid a stipend of Rs. 5000 per month during their training program.

At the end of Level 2 course, they will be absorbed as interns for field project for a period of 3 months with a stipend of Rs. 10000/- per month. After successful completion of internship, they will be absorbed as Assistant Co-ordinators with a suitable honorarium.



If you are interested in joining the programme, please register here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfpUITmX_p_N7OCj39nYP7r-u37opBut-VYmqYkU8E2ZwwurQ/viewform

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