

## Vedic astrology retreat

AVG Coimbatore

In the serene ambience of the Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, at Anaikatti, Coimbatore, a retreat on Vedic astrology was organized. The Acharya conducting the camp was Swami Jagadatmananda Saraswati, a renowned and learned astrologer for over 3 decades.



The one-week camp began on 17 Nov 2018.

Swami Jagadatmanada ji meticulously unfolded the subject matter as though unfolding a lotus flower petal by petal. His mastery over the subject was such that he was able to relate to each student at their basic level of knowledge and teach the subject in a simplified and relatable manner.

Swamiji taught about the astronomical link in astrology first. With some quality time spent on the geographical aspects as well, Swamiji shifted gear towards the core of the subject and led the students into the world of 12 RASIS, 27 NAKSHATRAS, 9 GRAHAS and their combination and permutation.

Though this was supposed to be a basic level camp, one realized that the subject is so vast and wide that it is a herculean task to bring in the plethora of topics into a consize 1-week camp.

Swamiji taught about the basic logic behind the calculations and then reserved the intricacies behind Ganitha jyothisha for the next level camp. This time his focus was more on Phala jyothisha – predictive astrology.

The highlight of the camp was the satsang sessions which were flooded with questions and Swamiji handled every question with elan and effortlessly conveyed the answer to the seeker. The additional sense of humor that was a result of his in-depth knowledge and command over the subject, made it more enjoyable.

With utmost humility, Swamiji shared some of his personal experiences and proved that with Vidya comes Vinayam.

Overall, it was a camp worth its weight in gold, and with the blessings of Navagrahas and in the presence of Guru, and the acharya Swami Shankarananda Saraswati ji, the camp ended with a grand Padi Puja offered to the 60 steps of Sri Kalyana Subrahmanya Temple.

With all the myths about astrology as such demystified through the learning of the shastra from an authentic source, the camp ended ceremoniously, leaving the campers wanting for more and eagerly looking forward to the next camp.

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