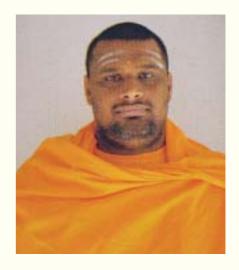
## A Jnana Yajna by Sri Swami Santatmananda

A jnana yajna was organised by Krishna Gana sabha, Chennai from the 30<sup>th</sup> of October to the 4<sup>th</sup> of November. 2011. It was a jnana Yajna given by Sri Swami Santatmananda. It was maiden venture for the Swami in Chennai. The Topic of the Yajna was an unique one- a modern title- IT IS HERE & NOW. It was well received by the public.

Everyday the jnana Yajna was blessed by giants in the field of Vedanta. One the inauguration Day Sri Swami Omkarananda blessed the venture . He highlighted the importance of Moksha- He said Here represents place and Now indicates time. One should strive to gain atma jnana here and now. It is not a thing to be acquired. It is already



there as the ever present one as Advaita. He said that Swami Santatmananda is a sishya of the famous traditional Guru Swami Dayananda Saraswati- a sampradaya Guru. Chennai is blessed to listen to Swami Santatmananda. The hall was full with a thousand listeners on the first day.

The Yagna was given in the mini hall from the second day. Sri Swami Nityananda Giri gave the benediction blessing Swami Santatmananda. On the third day Sri Swami Paramarthananda blessed the Yajna of the Swami. In a delectable way Sri Swami Santatmananda presented the topic. on the fourth day Sri Swami Abhiramananda and Sri Swami Suvijnanananda gave the blessings. They said the unique topic is the content of the Upanishads urging seekers to achieve this task of understanding the Self here and now.

On the fifth day Sri Ranganatha Yatheendra Maha Desikan gave the benediction. He traced the growth of Praveen who blossomed as Swami Santatmananda. On the concluding daySri Swami Suddhanada Saraswati the founder of Samvit Sagar ashrams blessed the venture.

To talk on a general topic one needs expertise. Swami Santatmananda exhibited that in a unique way. Everyday the hall was full. People of Chennai were blessed to have the Jnan Yajna. They wanted such talks to be given frequently by Swami Santatmananda.

Five of the Swamis who gave the benedictions and Swami Santatmananda are all disciples of Swami Dayananda Saraswati.