

# DEVATMA'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

**Sri Devatma Chaitanya** (purva asrama name Rajeev Macheril Krishnan) is Chairman of Arsha Vidya Vanam. Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati formed the trust, Arsha Vidya Vanam. Devatmaji belongs to a Yogi family, who founded the very famous Chettikulangara Devi Temple in the Chettikulangara Village of the Travancore region in Kerala. He did a long term course during 2010-13 at AVG, Anaikatti.



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**Arsha Vidya Vanam** is having its Head Quarters in Chettikulngara, Mavelikara, Kerala. In this organization classes and retreats on Vedanta, Indian culture for children and Yoga are conducted. Their website is [www.dayanandam.org](http://www.dayanandam.org).

They conducted a 10 day spiritual retreat at AVG, Anaikatti. The participants were from Norway, France, USA and India. During the retreat, Meditation, **Tattva Bodha and Yoga** were taught. They also had a **satsangh** session.

Feedback about the retreat from the participants is:

Devatma uses examples from everyday life to make everyone relate to the content of the text. All the sessions were just excellent. The surroundings in which the retreat was conducted are just amazingly beautiful! The silent walk we had in the jungle outside the ashram just added to the total of the breathtaking tranquility and beauty which this area has to offer. – **Siv Aashild Malme, Norway**  
Our teacher, group discussions, food, place and the retreat in general were all nice. – **Anita Svensen, Norway**

This retreat is a very great and peaceful experience. After so many travels in India, this Ashram is the most peaceful and nature feeling I experienced and with all facilities as well. The teacher gives us the best everyday with passion and a perfect schedule and time to digest all this knowledge. – **Coline Naudy, France**

Devatma's language is simple, easy to understand and his jokes keeps the class alive and engaged. He is an excellent teacher. Thanks to all who made this short vacation a memorable one for me. – **Chinnu, USA**

I am inspired especially to learn Sanskrit and attend a long term Vedanta course someday. Devatmaji's joyful attitude towards life is wonderful to see. His way of dealing with serious text in a simplistic manner dotted with so much humour make his classes interesting and easy for students to understand and grasp concepts. – **Geetika Singh Bisht, New Delhi**

Really fantastic. Learning Tattvabodha from Devatmaji with his great knowledge and communication skills. – **Sreedev Sreekumar, Kerala**

**-Report by N. Avinashilingam**