

GURU PURNIMA AT AVG

Guru Purnima is the birthday of Vyasacharya, who made invaluable contribution to the world as the compiler of the Vedas, the Mahabharata and the 18 Puraanas and most importantly to Vedanta through the Brahma Sutras. We worship on this day, the Guru Parmpara starting from Lord Dakshinamurthy, Vyasacharya, AdiSankaracharya, Pujya Swamiji and our Acharyas. Just as we invoke Lord Dakshinamurthy in the temple, we invoke all our Acharyas as the altar of worship on this day. We worship the institution of Guru on this day.



Altar

GURU PUJA: Guru Purnima was celebrated reverentially in accordance with the time honoured tradition on July 9, 2017 at AVG, Anaikatti. Pujya Swamiji's paduka was kept in the altar the lecture hall. Elaborate shodasa puja was performed. Ashtotranamavali on Guru, Guru Stotram and Sri Dayananda panchakam were chanted.



Purnakumbham for All Acaryas

ANUGRAHA BHASHANAM: Swami Sadatmananda delivered the anugraha bhashanam. He elucidated the great contribution of Vyasacharya to the tradition. Guru purnima also indicates the beginning of Chaturmasya when Sannyasins stay at a given place and teach for the next 4 months. He extolled the observance of austerities during these 4 months. He suggested that all spiritual seekers should take a vow to follow a new spiritual practice like japa or to give up some thing for 4 months from this date. If 4 months is too long, it can be observed for 2 months or at least the last 1month. Spiritual practice during this period are considered very efficacious. What we follow for some time will later become our habit.

PUJYA SWAMIJI'S VIDEO TALK: Pujya Swamiji told that adhikaritam is the main requisite for Vedanta study. In case there is a defect in the eyes, the object of sight cannot be correctly seen. Similarly if a person is having some inadequacy in adhikaritam, he cannot appreciate the Vedantic teaching fully. In Vedanta, adhikaritam is talked about as preparedness. The quality of a person having certain attitudes or values are recommended rather than as some necessary attributes of the mind.

PUJA TO GURUKULAM ACHARYAS:

In the afternoon, the students organized a programme to express their gratitude to all the Acharyas of the long term course. Acharyas of the Gurukulam were welcomed with purnakumba into a specially decorated dias. N. Avinashilingam was the master of ceremony. Prayer was done by Ai Dristi. Traditional pada puja was performed and all upacharas were offered by the students to all the Gurukulam Acharyas. Songs were rendered in the praise of the Guru by students Sreya and Rajagopalan. Students Paulo and R. Akil expressed their gratitude on behalf of all the students for the teaching, grace and affection of the Acharyas.



Aarati



Adi Shankaracarya & Vyasaacharya



Directed by N. Arthi and S. Jayakumar, the students presented a skit. The theme was Vyasacharya and Sankaracharya visiting buloka on Guru Purnima Day and see the manner of Vedantic teaching. They see the current distortions in the teaching. They finally visit AVG, Anaikatti and were happy to see the traditional teaching. The actors were Shivam, Henrique, Ganapathy, N. Avinashilingam, Manisha, Chakkilam Venkatesh, Subramanian, S. Jayakumar, Jyothi, Thinnapan and

Prema. The Acharyas blessed the students with their anugraha bhashanam. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Jyoti.

All the students offered Guru Dakshina to the Acharyas and received their blessings.

-Report by N. Avinashilingam

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