

SWAMI SATCHIDANANDA SARASWATI PEETADHIPATHI OF SRI VASAVI PEETHAM

Swami Satchidananda Saraswati was appointed as the second Peetadhipathi of Sri Vasavi Peetham at Bengaluru on June 20, 2021.

In keeping with the Covid-19 norms a traditional Peetarohana Ceremony was conducted at Sri Vasavi Kanyaka Parameswari Temple, Malleshwaram, Bangalore.

The ceremony was conducted invoking the blessings of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati and in the presence of Sri Dr. Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji (Head of Suttur Mahasamsthanam, Mysore), Sri Swami Brahmananda Ji (Head of Chinmaya Mission, Karnataka), Sri Siddalinga Swamiji (Head of Siddaganga Mutt, Tumkur) and Sri Vishwaprasanna Theertha Swamiji (Head of Pejavar Mutt, Udupi).

Sri Vasavi Peetham is the spiritual institution to provide religious and spiritual guidance to the 300 Vasavi temples spread across Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra and Orissa.

The Peetham was in need of a Sannyasi to lead in 2013. The representatives of the Peetham approached Pujya Swami Dayanada Saraswati at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti to seek guidance and bless the Peetham. But little did they know that Swami Sachidananda Saraswati would be leading the institution today.

His purvasrama name is Sri Niraj Bhoopalam. He is from Shimoga, Karnataka. He studied long term Vedanta courses conducted in 2010-13 and 2014-17 at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti. As a Brahmachari he served Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati personally with great devotion. He received sannyasa diksha from Swami Tattva Vidyananda Saraswati at Swami Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh in 2018. He has been a teacher in many of the Vedanta camps held at Rishikesh. He is also the Vice Chairman of Arsha Vidya Kendra, Bengaluru and has been teaching Vedanta at the Kendra since 2019.

He is appreciated for his singing, dynamism and teaching. He is soft spoken, humble and friendly towards everyone. He is fluent in Telugu, Kannada, Tamil, Sanskrit and English.

Arsha Vidya family offers best wishes and prayers for Swami Sachidananda Saraswati, the youngest Sannyasi in the Arsha Vidya Parampara to be able to contribute to Sanatana Dharma in a big way in the coming days. - **Report by N. Avinashilingam**

