

Prajnana Shibhir

Acharya : Rangaji
Organised by : Sri R Sathyanarayanan

Key Highlights of the Camp:

Inaugurated by 'Guruji' Shri Swami Brahmayogananda, Brahma Sutram student of Puja Swamiji

Inauguration included Upanishad-thraya Saaram – Mundaka, Kena and Isavasya, each by Guruji's student teachers – Smt Lavanya Ramgopal, Smt Suryapriya Rangarajan and Shri Vasudevan Kalyanaraman

Swami Sadatmananda conducted a Sathsang with campers – "Importance of Parampara for vedanta teaching and studying", followed by Q & A

Camp Acharya Shri Rangarajan Kalyanaraman (Rangaji) taught Aithreya Upanishad and Dakshinamurthy Sthothram

A sathsang with Arsha Avinashilingam ji – Puja Swamiji biography and online resources

Campers had a one day yatra to Perur Pateeswaran, Marudamalai and Isha Dhyana Lingam

One session on "Kaalam" - the greatness of Hindu calender and it origination from Surya Sidhanta the panchanga by Smt. Suryapriya Rangarajan

Inaugural Session

The camp was inaugurated by Guruji Shri Swami Brahmayoganada. Guruji had been 3 time student of Brahma Sutram with Puja Swamiji. Guruji had earlier conducted 3 camps at Anaikatti between 2008 to 2016 – 1. Value of Values, 2. Karma yogam and 3. Brahma Sutram.

In his inaugural address Guruji provided an overview of Aithreya Upanishad and the importance of Vedanta studies for every individual. Coupled with the emphasis on value system, Guruji introduced Acharya Rangaji as the Prathama Acharya of Yoga Shanthi Gurukulam which he founded for traditional teaching of Vedanta in tamil and serve the nation to make Bharath Viswa Guru.



Guruji also introduced the other three acharyas of Yoga Shanthi Gurukulam, Shri Vasudevan Ji, Smt Lavanya Ramgopal and Smt Suryapriya Rangarajan. Each of them summarized Isavasya, Mundaka and Kena Upanishads respectively. Acharya Rangaji along with other acharyas performed Pada Puja to Guruji.



The inaugural session was blessed with the presence of Swamini Vedarthananda and Swamini Sharadananda and Brhni. Aarti Ji.

Satsang by Swamini Sadatamananda – Importance of Parampara

As a divine blessing to all campers, Shri Swami Sadatamanada, resident Parampara acharya, conducted a satsang. Swamiji spoke about the evolution of this Parampara and the significance of parampara teaching, which alone holds the key to show the vision of shastras by enabling a seeker to gain Pramaanya bhuddhi thereby help discover one's true self. Indeed a very interesting, thought-provoking hour helped the campers's to deepen their respect and reverence towards Shastras and the traditional teaching.



The satsang concluded with an interesting Q & A session.

Aithreya Upanishad and Dakshinamurthy Sthothram

Acharya Rangaji between 28th May and 2nd June conducted 21 classes.

Aithreya Upanishad – 11 classes

Dakshinamurthy Sthotram – 10 classes

The campers mainly constituted Acharyaji's regular class students from Chennai, Conducted and co-ordinated by Sri Sathyanarayanan Ji.

Aithreya Upanishad's uniqueness of shrsti prakaranam, its apavadam and Maha-Vakya ikya bodhakam, left the students both in a contemplative mode and recognition of the connection between teaching methodology and the Moksha purushartha.

Dakshinamurthy Sthotram classes helped the students to appreciate the profundity of this teaching and the greatness of Adi Sankaracharya having packed the essence of all Upanishads in an ashtakam. Aided by Manasollasa of Sureshwaracharya, the classes were deep in content and light in presentation, making it easy for all to gain the understanding.

Both Aithreya Up. and Dakshinamurthy Sthotram classes included summary classes and Q & A sessions.



Guru Thirth-Dakshinamurthy-Subramanya Swami Temple & Ashram Campus

A work of marvel is the Guru Thirth. The campers opined that it is a symbol of Shraddha and samarpana bhava towards Puja Swamiji and an apt tribute. Also equally conceptualization of the Puja Swamiji Gallery – capturing life of Puja Swamiji impactfully in just 10 mins.

Words inadequate to express the divinity and sanctity reverberating in the Dakshinamurthy Temple – Adi Guru and the serenity mounted on hill-top – Sri Kalyana Subramanya Swami.



The students expressed that for gnana vyavahara, these are serving as important sahakaaris.

Sathsang With Arsha N. Avinashilingam

Shri N Avinashilingam of Arsha Avinashi Foundation graced the occasion and addressed the students. With his dedicated service in the form of making study resources available online, many students across the world are reaping the benefit.

Shri. Avinashi Ji distributed Puja Swamiji's Biography to all the campers. A short yet contentful coverage of entire life sketch of Puja Swamiji, helped the campers know and rever Puja Swamiji more than ever.

Avinashi Ji gave brief outline of the contents available in www.arshaavinashi.org and requested all to make the best use of the resources.



The other significant activities during the camp included:

Nithya Parayanam : Pancha Shanthi, Bhagavad Gita and Dakshinamurthy Sthothram - conducted by Sri Suryanarayanan Sankaran and Smt. Indumathi Vasudevan

A power point presentation on Kaalam by Smt. Suryapriya Rangarajan. The presentation's main theme centered on how the reckoning of time calculations were astronomically carried out taking Ujjain Mahakaleshwar as the point in accordance with calculations available in Surya Siddhanta (dating back 20 Lacs+ years back in to Treta Yuga), which the modern science are catching up with.

Accu-pressure for easy Cure : Smt. Praveena Chandrasekar conducted a sessions to enlight the campers on simple methodologies centering on pressure points and colours that can help cure ailments without medications.

A day in the camp was reserved for yatra. The campers visited:

- o Perur Pateeswaran Temple
- o Dhyana Lingam at Isha Foundation
- o Marudamalai Murugan Temple

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A brief Note on Acharya Rangaji and regular classes in Chennai

Shri Rangarajan Kalyanaraman (Rangaji) is a student disciple of Guruji Shri Swami Brahmayogananda.

A Chartered Accountant by Qualification, Shri Rangaji's prime objective has been Shastra Patanam and Paatanam enabling over 150 regular students to be engaged in Vedanta through his regular classes in Chennai. A brief note of his regular classes, texts covered are provided below. Besides Gita and few Upanishads he has completed important prakarana-grandas also.

Classes by RangaJi

On-Going Texts		
Katho Upanishad (Moolam after study of Bashyam)	Mahaswami Padhuka Mandapam, Mylapore	Every Saturday 6-7AM
Bhagavad Gita – Moolam (Based on Sanakra Bhashyam & Home Study course contents)	Sri Venugopala Swami Temple, Gopalapuram	Every Sunday 6-7 PM
Bhagavad Gita Saram	Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam, T Nagar	Every Thursday 7-8 PM
Bhaja Govindam	Ayyappa Temple, Mahalingapuram	Every Saturday 7-8 PM
Sri Rudhra Bhashyam	Sai Samithi, T Nagar	Every Sunday 7-8 AM

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