

## Activites at Shri Dakshinamurti Trust, Bhuj-Kutch (Gujarat), India



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Swami Pradeeptanand Saraswati: The Light House of Vedantic Knowledge enlightening entire Kachchh Region (Gujarat) since 2005.

After attaining Brahmacharya Deeksha at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti from Poojya Swamiji Dayanand Saraswatiji, Brahmachari Pradeep Chaitanya came to the western most region of the country i.e., Kachchh (2005 AD) as he was ordered by Poojya Swamiji to perform his duties in this region.

With the blessings of Poojya Swamiji, Brahmachari Pradeep Chaitanya established Arsh Adhyayan Kendra, Bhuj (2005 AD) and the river of Vedantic Knowledge started flowing through various Janana Yajnas across the Kachchh District.

Gradually Brahmachari Pradeep Chaitanya started regular discourse classes on Sheemad Bhagvad Geeta and various Upanishads. 'It is easier to build Strong Children than to repair Broken Men'. So, Brahmachari Pradeep Chaitanya simultaneously started Bal Sanskar Kendra for children. In the year 2010, Poojya Swamiji Dayanand Saraswatiji bestowed Poorna Sanyas Deeksha and named Swami Pradeeptanand Saraswati.

As of now, more than 50 Jnana Yajnas have been organized and over 30 Scripture Texts have been covered in Weekly Classes. At present, every Sunday there is a class on Upanishada since 2007. Among all near and dear of Swami Pradeeptanand Saraswati one young son of India and native of Bhuj Kachchh Br. Karan Bhatt got inspired and chose to walk on the same path. He also is studying at AVG.

During all these time, Swami Pradeeptanandji continuously felt the lacking awareness about our holy scriptures and living a value based life. He had dilemma : whether he should establish a Gurukul to teach all these things or Himself should go to the students where they are. After a lot of deliberation Swamiji decided to reach the students of entire Kachchh at their schools and hostels. A new movement was started under the umbrella of Pratibha Samvardhan Certificate Course in 2014 AD. All 10 Talukas of the district is covered every year. In one academic year Swamiji go to the selected schools at least three or four times and interact with students based on Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta. As of now, over 1,75,000 students from school to colleges got inspiration from Swamiji. As a result of persistent efforts, Std. 12 Gujarat Board Exams, Kachchh district stood First among the entire State in 2023.

An ignited teacher can enlighten at least 30 generations of students. So, on next level or higher orbit, Swamiji thought to teach the teachers to multiply the effect and reach. Swamiji put this idea before the V.C. of Krantiguru Shyamji Krushnavarma Kachchh University, and it was positively adopted. One day seminar in each term was organised for All the trainees of

Teacher Training Colleges as well as regular teachers of schools and lecturers of colleges. Over 5000 educators have been trained by Swamiji.

Swamiji felt that the teachings of Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta should help in real life situations to any and every common man. It must be included in the school curriculum. And a bingo! The Government of Gujarat decided to include the same. The District Institute of Education and Training, Bhuj-

Kachchh approached Swamiji to conduct seminars and impart the knowledge and understanding of Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta through easy discourse. The DIET organized such seminars of CRCs and BRCs (the heads of schools at cluster and block level) under the mentorship of Swami Pradeeptanand Saraswatiji. It is the mission of Swamiji that in any manner, what so ever, the knowledge and understanding Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta must reach to every student of Kachchh District so that they can live their lives accordingly.

Stagnant water loses its purity and in cold weather becomes frozen; even so does inaction sap the vigour of the mind. Swami Pradeeptanand Saraswatiji had a brilliant idea of utilising place and resources of major religious functions (Kathas) for training the youths. Swamiji gave tag line to devotees 'What You Think is Everything'. Swamiji put his idea of organizing a Shreemad Bhagwat Saptah' and 'Lakshya Vedh' Seminar on the same days before his devotees. And from 5th June 2022 to 11th June 2022 it was grand success. In the afternoon, there was Shreemad Bhagwat Saptah while in the morning, there were lectures for teens and youth by the Governor of Gujarat Hon'ble Acharya Devavratji, Renowned Padmashri Savjibhai Dholakiya, Swami Parmatmanand Saraswatiji, renowned writer orator Dr Sharad Thakar, Hon'ble Minister Res. Smriti Iraniji. This entire event was live on youtube channel also. Thousands of people got benefits of this event.

Year 2023: new year, new step ahead to make people capable of living life in the light of Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta. Swami Pradeeptanand Saraswatiji designed and started 18 weeks Certificate Course on Shreemad Bhagwad Geeta. One chapter every week. Over 100 participants are learning at present.

Next Year's Vision : Certificate course on Mahabharata and Values.

In all his activities, Swami Pradeepanand Saraswati feels Devine Blessings of Poojya Swamiji as one can hear in any formal or informal talk : "My Guru is talking to You through this Swamiji".

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