

AIM for Seva Students Retreat at AVG, Anaikatti

With the blessings of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati, the chief Acharya Sadhatmananda Saraswati and Jagadhatmananda Saraswati, and with the guidance of Swamini Sudhavidhyananda Saraswati mathaji, the Aim for Seva conducted a residential retreat for Chatralaya students with the great support of Shrimathi. Sheela Balaji, the trustee of Aim for Seva. The retreat was conducted from 27th May 2024 to 30th May 2024. Students from Anakatti, Chinnasalem, Manjangudi, Pondicherry, Ambur, Cuddalore and Padaveedu chatralayas participated in the retreat with their wardens and teachers. The 4-day retreat was inaugurated by Swami Sadhatmananda Saraswati followed by the orientation program by Swami Jagadhatmananda Saraswati on 26th May 2024 at 8 pm. These four-day retreat consists of classes from 7 am to 9 pm as below. The classes started with the dharshan of Guru theertha and ended with Satsang daily. In this regard 3 yoga and meditation classes, and 4 value education classes were conducted by Swami Jagadhatmananda Saraswati to improve the memory power and discipline of students. Students learned daily pooja practice too in these classes.

Further 2 value education classes were conducted by Swami Tatwatmanananda Saraswati. Students went to Balamurugan temple and Medha Dakshinamoorthi temple and recite songs on the deities at 5 pm to 7 pm these days. 4 Sanskrit classes were conducted by Swamini Pranavapriyananda Saraswati and 4 chanting classes were conducted by Swamini Sathya Vritanandha Saraswati and students fondly attended these classes. 3 Satsangs were conducted by Swamiji Jagadhatmananda Saraswati. Students cleared their queries and they sang bajan songs with Swamiji then.

On 29th and 30th of May, Ramayana classes were conducted by Shri Venkata Ramesh Babu of Sai Ganga Trust, Tiruvannamalai, and his team Shri. P. Kuppan, Shri. Nalla Paneerselvam and Shri. Dinakaran and Certificates were given to the students for their participation. Arsha Vidhya Gurukulam staff, Shri. Thirumalai donated stationary materials to students which worth Rs.75. A special temple pooja was conducted for the welfare of chatralaya students on 30th May morning at Dakshinamoorthi temple. On behalf of Aim for Seva, Mathaji Sudhavidhyananda Saraswati gave vastra dhanam to all official and non-official staff of Arsha Vidhya Gurukulam.

The Aim for Seva staff and students are very much thankful to Shrimathi. Sheela Balaji, the trustee of Aim for Seva and the services offered to us by Arsha Vidhya Gurukulam.

Feedback received from students:

Mohana: The value education classes based on Dharma were thought provoking

Velmurugan: The Ramayana classes were too interesting and understandable

Bhuaneswari: The yoga classes were interesting

Raghavendran: Swamiji's bilingual teaching was understandable

Pushpa: The chanting classes were interesting .

