Swami Dayananda Memorial Retreat - Camp 2 (March 14 to 21 2023)

Sri Swamini Brahmaprakashananda affectionately referred to as "Mataji" by her students taught Kenopaniśad and as an added bonus Sadhana Pancakam to an international audience. An accomplished grammarian herself, Swamini waded through the Upaniśad using the Bhaśya to explain the nuances of the unique presentation of the Kenopaniśad with a fluency and ease that engaged all the students present.

Swamini regaled the audience with numerous anecdotes of Pujya Swamiji so that those who have not had the awesome pleasure of being with Pujya Swamiji would get a glimpse of such a great teacher whose compassion and wisdom is without measure or comparison. Her love for her Guru was evident with the passion she recalled the teachings of Pujya Swamiji during the first course conducted at Anaikatti. Often quoting Pujya Swamiji, "To understand I am seeking the limitless requires one extra ounce of *punya*."

Swamini is the Chief Acharya at Arsha Vijnana Gurukulam, in a remote area near Nagpur which she helped set up at the behest of Pujya Swamiji and has been running single handedly since; having completed two three-year courses with a third course commencing later in July this year she is both an accomplished teacher and administrator. This course is offered both online and in a Gurukulam setting.

Her extolling the vision of the Upaniśads, presenting the Veda as a thousand mothers and fathers revealing that you don't need a pramana to know you exist as the self is self evident but since the senses are turned outwards it is important for the student to find a teacher rooted in the sampradaya to get this knowledge. She cautioned the students not to fall for the many self proclaimed modern day Gurus who have not been taught in the traditional way proclaimed by the Veda.

Sri Swamini Chidekarasananda taught chanting of Artatrana Parayana Stotram with meaning during the Camp. Every day one verse is chanted during the arati since it is dedicated to Lord Gangadhaeśwara. Students so enjoyed the chanting and requested classes for Ganga Stotram and Lingashtakam also. Br. Punya Thiru conducted yoga classes and many availed of this facility also. *Om Tat Sat*