

Vedanta Retreat at Jnana Pravaha, Manjakudi

RETREAT: Swami Shivaswaroopananda Saraswati and Revathyji conducted a Vedanta retreat at Jnanapravaha, Manjakkudi from 25th February to 2nd March 2024. Swami Shivaswaroopanandaji taught the 'Tattvabodha' text, and Revathyji taught the stotra 'Kamala Jadayithashtakam' during the retreat.

A Vedanta retreat was conducted by Swami Shivaswaroopananda Saraswati and Revathyji at MANJAKKUDI from 25Feb 2024 to 2 March 2024. We, the students and teachers of this camp feel blessed to have the opportunity to study Vedanta in Pujya Swamiji's Janma Bhumi.

The retreat was modelled on the daily schedule in a three-year course starting with meditation refreshing the mind, followed by chanting Sri Rudram, pujas at Pujya Swamiji's Shrine and Lord Dakshinamurthy. Evenings were filled with visits to nearby places, Siva temple and Vishnu Sahasranama chanting in Perumal temple.

During the camp a complete and comprehensive overview of the text Tattvabodha was given by Swami Shivaswaroopananda Saraswati. The stotra 'Kamala Jadayithashtakam' was taught by Revathyji. We also had the opportunity to avail of videos of Swamiji's recorded talks, as well as his books at **Jnanapravaha**, the archive of all of Swamiji's teachings.

What made the camp really memorable was the excellence of the facilities for conducting the camp; the lecture hall, the accommodation and the healthy and tasty food. Swamiji's presence can be felt here in the love and warmth of every one in this village towards all those who are associated with him.

We had an opportunity during our stay at MANJAKKUDI to see in person the different schemes initiated by Pujya Swamiji; - the Veda pathashala, student chatralayas, college and schools, goshala etc.

Being blessed by Swami Sakshatkrtananda in person and attending the Kumbabhishekam of the Angalaprameshwari temple, Pujya Swamiji's purvashrama kuladevataas honoured guests, was an unexpected bonus. Om.

Report by Swami Ramesvarananda

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