

PURNA VIDYA TEACHERS TRAINING CAMP

FOR TEACHERS' OF SWAMI DAYANANDA MATRIC SCHOOL MANJAKKUDI -2016

The nine-day-long Vedic teaching program for teachers took off with an auspicious start by lighting the 'kuthuvilakku' on 26-05-2016. In her welcome address the Academic Director, Smt Bhanumathy Gunasekaran introduced the two Teachers Br Radha and Br Girija from Arsha Vidya Gurukulam Anaikatti and welcomed them along with other dignitaries and functionaries of Swami Dayananda Educational Trust, Manjakkudi. Shri M.G. Srinivasan outlined the origin, need for and development of "Purna Vidya" in the light of the vision of Pujya Swamiji. He concluded by expressing



Swamiji Blessings

his hope that the divine lessons will percolate to the generations that have missed out on inheriting the rich tradition, due to political compulsions, through their own children who will pick it up from the teachers by means of their instruction as well as exemplary behavior.

Apart from introductory and concluding sessions Br.Radha and Br. Girija enriched the knowledge of the teachers with the Vedic Lore in around 25 sessions of duration ranging from half an hour to two hours in a fun-filled manner with embellishments of stories and anecdotes especially those drawn from the illustrious life of Pujya Swamiji. These sessions unfolded the fundamental concepts like *Ishvara*, Dharma, Ithihasa, Puranas etc. comprehensively include key elements of the Vedic Traditions and their wide ranging influence on the life of any individual. Worksheets, interactive discussions and frequent feedbacks elicited from the participants fortified and deepened their grasp.



Pooja



Address by the Teacher

These instructional sessions invariably opened and ended with the chanting of suitable verses. Additionally, on a daily basis, separate chanting sessions were masterfully organized involving group chanting of selected slokas in praise of Lord Ganesa and Goddess Saraswati. These sessions provided a dimension of experiential learning to all the participants, as the teachers Br Radha Br Girija closely monitored the skill acquisition of the teachers, keenly noting the few errors that crop up from time to time and gently correcting them, to repeat as often as necessary, syllable-wise, line-wise and stanza-wise individually or in groups. The participants were thus helped to master the recitals with correct pronunciations, inflections and intonations. Bhajans on various deities were also sung with intense involvement by many participants as a regular part of the afternoon sessions. On the other end, a variety of cultural games were introduced to keep the participants engaged helping them to familiarize with the terminology, characters and important concepts learnt in "Purna Vidya"



Cultural Play



Dance

Puja demonstrations, with all the key components in their proper order accompanied by appropriate chanting were rendered by a choice of different sets of teachers every day, guided and supervised by the teachers extending the experiential learning while understanding the basis for all that have been followed down the ages.

The highlight of the valedictory session on 05-05-2016 was the grace and blessings bestowed by the dignitaries especially Shri. M.G. Srinivasan. The teachers shared their experience on these nine days. There was a cultural show by the participants which consisted of chanting, a dance and a skit titled "Human Body –

Whom does it Belong?" a Sanskrit play often quoted by Pujya Swamiji.

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Pearls of Wisdom

A child trusts its parent totally and feels fully secured. So too an adult must learn to trust Iswara totally.



Dr. R. Vijaya M.D., DGO., breathed her last on 4th May 2016, 11.45 pm at Thanjavur in Pillaiyarpatti near Vallam . She was a keen and devout educationist , disseminating knowledge among poor children of the place , evincing personal interest on them .

Dr.R.Vijaya M.D., DGO was running an old age home and a primary school SWAMI DAYANANDA SARASWATHI NURSERY & PRIMARY SCHOOL, at Thanjavur

Served in Tamil Nadu Medical Services for 31 years (1957 to 1988) and has won several awards in medical field as well as from public institutions .

She was very close to Pujya Swamiji . When Swami Dayanandaji was editing (when he was with Chinmaya Mission) the Thyagi magazine, Dr.Vijaya assisted him.

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