#### SanyasaDiksha



PujyaSwamiji's graceful presence in Rishikesh from 18<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> Oct 2014 was among other events, marked by SanyasaDiksha to eight of Swamiji's disciples, in two batches, on 20<sup>th</sup>& 22<sup>nd</sup>Oct 2014.

#### **Swami Akc–ayânandaSaraswati** (Purva-ashrama name - Chandra Bhushan)



Swamiji from childhood was inclined towards religion. He got master's degree & B. Ed in Sanskrit; taught Hindi & Sanskrit at higher secondary school in Gujarat for 4 years, before he

came in contact with Rashtriya Swayam Sevaka Sangha (RSS) in 1990 and became its pracharaka.

Swamiji worked with what is now known as Samskrit Bharati & has trained over 1000

spoken samskrit teachers in Gujarat. He met Swamini MaSamanandaSaraswati (a disciple of Swami Brahmânanda Saraswati) in Gandhinagar and studied Vedanta from her for over 4 ½ years. Teaching got completed in Aug 2013. He stays at the ashram in Gandhinagar. He speaks Sanskrit, Hindi & Gujarati fluently; also Marathi & English. He is open about future roles; is contented in nididhyasana.

# **Swamini Prabhavânanda Saraswati** (purva-asrama name-BhuvanSwaminathan)

Swaminiji obtained qualification in Chartered Accountancy at Chennai & worked in this field for around 20 years, which includes 5 years in Kenya.



Swaminiji had inclination to understand Vedas, from the very childhood. While working at Chennai she started attending Vedanta classes delivered by Swami Parmarthanandaji. She found her 'Guru' here in Swami VisaradanandajiSaraswati, under whose guidance her pursuit took the form of a jijnasu. Eventually in year 2008, she began her full time study with Swamiji. She has received the teaching of the scriptures & as of now, wishes to continue the pursuit.

#### **Swami SivajnananandaSaraswati** (purvaasrama name- K[–pachaitanya)



Swamiji is a science graduate from Malaysiya. He associated with Swami Sri Paramahansadasaji at Maleka ashram for 20 years; has his own Sri Vidya ashram at Skudai, where classes

are being conducted on a regular basis; once a month by Swami BrahmanandaSaraswati also. He joined the 3 year course at Anaikati in 1998, but had to return after a year. He however, maintained the contact by attending short duration courses. Eventually he completed the 3 year course at Anaikati, that concluded in Oct' 13.

Bhagawan Sri AdiShaE-karacharya & PujyaSwamiji have modelled Swamiji's life & prompted him to take to the life of a sannyasi. He conducts classes for children and the Gita home study course for adults and wishes to extend the benefit to a larger membership.

# Swami Somesananda Saraswati (purvaasrama name- Somesachaitanya)

Swamiji is a diploma holder in Pharmacy from Junagarh. He got exposed to Vedanta through talks & study of literature, written by Sri J Krishna moorty, and by VimalaThakar.



In 1993 he met Swamini Subhananda Saraswati (a disciple of Swami Brahmatmanandaji Saraswati, Baroda), who now is his teacher & the guide. Knowledge of the Sastra has been unfolded to him over a period of time. Swamiji has begun teaching also. He speaks Gujarati & Hindi well; also English. Sanyasa, he feels, reinforces his commitment to Sastra.

### **Swamini Brahmaprajnananda Saraswati** (purvaasrama name - Mrinalini Rao)

Swamini is M.Phil in Psychology from Mumbai; worked in this field as a visiting professor. Her quest of God was evident early; as a teenager she took to books by Swami Vivekânanda. Later she attended



Swami Brahmavidanandaji's classes in Mumbai for over 12 years. Her inclination to seva& social change and her organisational abilities are well demonstrated through her work with UK based funding organisation, which she headed in India and impacted lives of thousands of street children.

Swaminiji completed the 3 year Vedânta& Sanskrit course that concluded at Anaikati in Oct' 13. She now teaches Bhagavatgita, conducts workshops on personal growth, at a few centres in Mumbai.

## **Swami Sarvananda Saraswati** (purvaasrama name - Sivatmachaitanya)

Swamiji got early education in Madurai & a degree from BITS Pillani in 1995. Swami Paramarthanandaji's classes at Chennai helped Swamiji firm up his resolve to



pursue Vedanta studies and took him to Nagpur for the 3 year course that concluded in 2007. Since then he has been studying Vedanta subjects & Sanskrit at Anaikati& also teaching there. He gave a helping hand to Aim for Seva project in Uttarakhand.

Swamiji has moved to Theni to teach a long term Vedanta course at Swami Chidbhavanandaashram, of Pujya Swami Omkaranandaji. Swamiji wishes to work to getting a 'formal recognition' to the 'traditional Vedanta teaching system' so that more teachers are trained, and the knowledge reaches more people.

#### **Swamini Vidyananda Saraswati** (purvaasrama name - Vasanthi)

Swamini is a Maths graduate & Sanskrit gold medalist. Her father inspired her to think & look beyond the planet. Her life seems to move along the axis of "Vidya". She feels that a statement by the



visionary PujyaSwamiji that "Instead of teaching 20 children, train 20 teachers, and each will teach 20" gave her enough light & fire to train over 300 teachers in Tamil Nadu villages, who run sandhya gurukulams reaching out to over 8000 children.

Swaminiji completed the 3 year Vedanta & Sanskrit course that concluded at Anaikati in Oct' 13. She now conducts classes at 'ArshaParampara' Madurai; so too at Tirunelveli & Chennai.She takes no credit for her enthusiasm or drive, and feels that it is the Compassionate PujyaSwamiji's grace, which she got in plenty, that makes her what she is.

# **Swami VisvatmanandaSaraswati** (purvaasrama name - Visvachaitanya)

Swamiji is a B.Com graduate from Palaghat. He got initial exposure to Vedanta from Swami SadanandaSaraswati, who later introduced him to PujyaSwamiji. He attended many short duration camps



at Anaikati& at Rishikesh. He learnt LaghuSiddhantaKaumudi from Swami ParabrahamânandaSaraswati at Haridwar.

Swamiji completed the 3 year Vedanta & Sanskrit course that concluded at Anaikati in Oct' 13. Since 2008 he is in PujyaSwamiji'sSeva& also attends classes. He wishes to start teaching Vedanta at the home town, in due course. Swamiji speaks Malyalam, Tamil & English fluently.

#### **Please Note:**

Pujya Swamiji's Rishikesh Camps changed dates : First Camp : From 10.3.15 to 24.3.15 Second Camp : From 27.3.15 to 10.4.15