

Shodashi of Swami Prashantanandaji

Swami Prashantanandaji's Shodashi was organized at Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti on 31st October 2021 at 11 am. The programme started with a prayer and earlier pujas were performed at the adishtanam of Swamiji, which is just in front of the gurukulam. From the morning people started visiting the gurukulam and visited the Samadhi to pay their respects to Swamiji. It was noticeable everybody were remembering their connections with Swamiji and sharing the memorable events. The Swamijis visited are

Sri Shivalingeshwara Swamigal, Sri Kamakshi Dasa Swamigal , Sri Ponmanai Vachaka Swamigal, Sri Varahi Swamigal, Sri Sadashivanandaji

Swami Chainmayananda Dasaji, Swami Sakshatkritanandaji, Swami Tadevanandaji, Swami Ganeshaswarupanandaji, Swami Vishwatmanandaji, Swami Aishwaryanandaji, Swami Nateshanandaji and Swami Sadevananda ji.

Br. Sharanji welcomed the gatherings and followed by Shradhanjali was delivered by Swamijis. Following is the talk of Swami Sadatmanandaji in memory of Swami Prashantanandaji.

Prashantah yah svarUpaNa prakrtyApatithaiva ca,mahAsamAdhiprAptam tam, vandehamswAminammuhuh

I salute again and again to Swamiji who has attained mahasamadhi, who was of the nature of tranquility and he was that way even by his natural disposition.

We are observing this sixteenth day samaradhana conventionally called Shodasi samaradhana of Swami Prashantanandaji. I think of many of his qualities, but some of them I would like to share with you.

- The first and foremost quality of Swamiji was his Gurubhaktih- sharanagatih. There was no limit to what he can do for Puja Swamiji. He did not have his own wish. He had resolved his wish into the sankalpa of Puja Swamiji. He was a great example of surrender-guru bhakti. In fact in his room, he had stuck some papers with the bhajan- *more lagi lagan guru charananaki*. Not stuck just in one place, but in 3-4 places. It shows how much value he had for the guru.
- The second quality was his simplicity. He was very simple in his actions, in his possessions, in his interactions with people and in his lifestyle .
- He had this quality of humility. He was very humble and he never tried to project himself, always keeping himself behind. To everybody, he was very humble.

- The fourth quality of swamiji was his compassion. He had really imbibed compassion from Pujya Swamiji so much. He was very mindful not to hurt anyone. He tried to do his best to reduce the dukha of others.

He did not have any such problem of arrogance. He never felt- "How can I listen to this very junior swamiji?" He will come and sit in my class also. He had love for listening to sastra. He was a very simple mahatma with whom you can interact without any inhibition. People felt very comfortable with him. Now he has become one with Parmatma. We invoke his grace on this day and let us always get inspiration from his life.

Later all Sadhus were taken for Shodashi Biksha. 16 items were offered to each Sadhu along with dakshina. Every sadhu was honoured by Swami Sadtamananda ji and arathi was done. After that food was served. It was noticeable even after the conclusion of the programme people were standing outside and discussing about the memories of Swami Prashantananda ji.

Om Tat Sat

