

## Swami Labdhanandaji's Shodashi

On 14<sup>th</sup> October 2019 the Shodashi puja of revered Swami Labdhanandaji Maharaj was held in Venkateshwara gardens , Kompally , Hyderabad . He was disciple of Pujya Swami Dayanandaji. He was 94 and attained Mahasamadhi on 29<sup>th</sup> September. It was a grand Spoorthi Sabha organised by a most devoted team of Members of Swamijis Poorvaashrama - children , grand children , great grandchildren plus volunteers including our Swami Prakashanandaji , Kumarveluji , Sri Naresh , Sadanand and many others . Many sadhus from AVG other Swamis from Shivananda Ashram also attended the grand spoorthi sabha.



An elaborate paaduka puja was performed with much devotion individually to the sadhus by family members and devotees shared their memories about Swamiji - as a mahatma , krtnsakarmakrit, mridubhaaShi ( sweet natured) and most compassionate . Swami Tattvavidanandaji often spoke very reverentially and fondly about Swami Labdhanandaji . In His gracious Anugraha speech -Swami Svaroopananda described the nature of His shishyaA -“ just remember the life of Labdhananda Swamiji and one can see and imbibe the spirit of a balanced life , shraddha, cheerfulness, love , devotion , meditation , sacrifice , humility ! Sakshat Chidaananda svaroopah is the nature of such a sadhu . Hence Swami Labdhanandaji is with all of us , with each one of us !”

The grand function concluded with festive bhiksha for all. Indeed a memorable satsang which will be etched in our minds !!

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