

Tribute to Swami Prashantanandji

As the name suggests, Sri Swami Prashantanandaji was a quiet, unassuming and a non-demanding person. He was with Pujya Swamiji since the days of Madras (Chennai) and has been an ardent devotee and a sincere disciple of Pujya Swamiji. He also devotedly served Pujya Swamiji in whichever capacity he was required to do.

I first came in contact with Sri Swamiji at Sandeepany Sadhanalaya where I was a Brahmachari, and Sri Swamiji, along with other duties, was also teaching us Vedic chanting. He, of course, attended all the classes of Pujya Swamiji. He always helped the Brahmacharis when they needed his help.

Sri Swamiji taught Vedanta for over four decades in various locations in Tamilnadu and during the period of 1981 to 1983, he was gracious enough to spend time in Ahmedabad when I was away to Mumbai for the teaching assignment. During that time, he conducted Vedanta and chanting classes and the students fondly remember him for his knowledge, his fatherly kindness and care and accommodation he displayed towards whoever came in contact with him. At the request of Swami Pratyagbodhanandaji, Sri Swamiji later regularly visited Surat to conduct classes there.

It was always a pleasure to meet Sri Swamiji and have Satsanga with him when he recalled his experiences with Pujya Swamiji. He will always be lovingly remembered by all those who came in contact with him and whose hearts he invariably touched.

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Swami Prashantanandaji was a very senior disciple of Param Pujya Swamiji with whom he was very closely associated for more than five decades. He was a simple, loving and caring person. I was very impressed by his unflinching devotion towards Swami Chinmayanandaji and our Pujya Swamiji. There was no limit to what he could do for Pujya Swamiji whose confidence he earned and enjoyed to the fullest extent. He did not have his own personal wish. He dissolved his wish into pujya swamiji's sankalpa. What a great example of surrender !

For Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Anaikatti he was a caring and guiding presence. He represented Pujya Swamiji for us. His maha-samadhi is a great loss for the gurukulam.

At the personal level, for me he was a source of guidance, loving care like a father and a source of blessings. I am fortunate to have spent hours with him listening about Pujya Swamiji and their association together. It enhanced my reverence for him and Pujya Swamiji. He will be always remembered for his simplicity, humility, dispassion, devotion to Guru and lover for learning.

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