

Book Release - Mandukya Karika with Shankara Bhashya

The **Mandukya Upanishad with Gaudapada Karika, Shankara Bhashya and Pujya Swamiji's commentary** on the same for all the four prakaranas - is the most anticipated book of the year. It was taught during the first long term course (1990–1993) at the Arsha Vidya Gurukulam Anaikatti by Pujya Swamiji. The book was released on **September 23, 2022 at the Rishikesh Ashram** as part of the 7th Aradhana celebrations.

Arsha Vidya Research and Publication Trust took up the transcription, editing and publishing the Mandukya Upanishad. Guided by Swami Sakshatkrtananda, the AVR & PT team worked for 18 months to bring out this four volume book which will be of great interest to students of Vedanta. Smt. Sheela Balaji pitched in with a divine cover design befitting the content and the teacher.

Pujya Swamiji's teaching tenure spanned almost 50 years as one of the senior acaryas mentioned at the Aradhana celebrations. The time period of this book falls mid-way and hence has the flavour of Pujya Swamiji's teachings across the 5 decades. As one turns the pages, readers will witness and reminisce the thought-provoking messages that he imparted. We thoroughly cherished every moment of creating this book, and are sure readers will enjoy it as well.



During the book release function, a translation work of Mundaka Upanishad in Hindi from the original text earlier published by AVR and PT was also released. The translation has been done by Swamini Prabhananda Saraswati and will benefit all Hindi readers. Om.