

Swami Sudheeranandaji

Swami Sudheerananda Saraswati attained maha samadhi on September 23, 2022 at his kuteeram at Coimbatore. His Guru Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati attained maha samadhi on September 23, 2015. Date of maha samadhi for both the mahatmas are the same.

Swamiji's purva ashrama names were Shanmugavel and Dhira Chaitanya. He was born on December 16, 1945 at Pol-lachi. He successfully completed the first long term course at AVG, Anaikatti during 1990-94. He was given sannyasa diksha on March 7, 1997 at Rishikesh by Pujya Swamiji. Swamiji has been teaching Vedanta and Sanskrit from 1994 at Coimbatore and Tirupur.

Swamiji's sacred body was kept in a bhū Samadhi on September 24, 2022 at the land opposite AVG, Anaikatti Gurukulam. On October 8, 2022 a shodashi was organised by Swamiji's disciples at AVG, Anaikatti. Around 250 students attended. At 10 a.m. in the bhū Samadhi, astotra sada namavalli was chanted. Moola mantra japa and traditional puja were performed.

At 11:30 a.m. in the lecture hall, Swami Sudheerananda's Guru bakthi, simple living, humility and self discipline were praised by the speakers. Swami Sadatmananda told that on the 16 th day of maha Samadhi of a sannyasai, 16 sannyasis are invited and we invoke their grace. For the 16 mahatmas, 16 items are offered as dakshina. The big crowd that had turned up shows how many lives Swamiji has touched by his life and teaching.

Swamini Brahmaleenananda, Swami Tadevananda and Swami Nityamuktananda, who were class mates of Swami Sudheerananda during the long term course at Anaikatti during 1990-94 spoke about his simplicity, friendliness and depth of knowledge of Tamil Vedanta texts especially Kaivalya Navaneetham,

Swami Natesananda who was given sannyasa diksha by Swami Sudheerananda spoke about Swamiji's self discipline, committed teaching of Vedanta and Sanskrit and his long association with Swamiji. Swamini Mahatmananda of Tirupur was present along with her hundreds of students.

Sri K. Sampath, an ardent disciple was served Swami Sudheerananda, proposed a vote of thanks. At 1 p.m. in the dining hall, 16 Sadhus were offered 16 items of gift as dakshina. Lunch bhandara was offered to the Sadhus and the students present. *Om Tat Sat*

“Swami Sudheeranandaji was a great sadhu. He inspired many seekers by his simple life style and teaching. He continues to live in the hearts of his students and devotees inspiring them to lead the life based on the teaching of scripture he imparted. Om shanti.” - Swami Sadatmananda Saraswati.

