

Vidyaranya is known for its core unique and trusted framework of teaching Vedas along with modern education, patriotism, physical education etc. It is in Bhagyanagar (Hyd), Telangana with 100+ students currently learning Krishna Yajur and Rugveda sakhas.

Arsha Vidya Pitham (Swami Dayananda Ashram) at Rishikesh felt a need for implementing Vedic Heritage course curriculum to Vidyaranya students on a periodic basis with an objective to produce truly inspiring vedic pundits, scholars and professionals to propagate Sanatana Dharma to future generations. Swami Sakshatkritananda Ji, Chief Acharya of Arsha Vidya Pitham, Rishikesh, while blessing the participants with certificates, expressed his happiness in his speech as follows:

Anugraha Bhashanam by Swami Sakshatkritanandaji

"All of you have Brahma Varchas. "Varchas" means brilliance. "Brahma" means Veda. Brilliance is born out of Veda adhyayanam. That Brahma Varchas that all of you exhibit is a testimony of what Vidyaranya Vedapathashala is. Generally, you don't get this education in Vedapathashala. You are all blessed and are exposed to different fields of knowledge and skills. On top of it, the Vidyaranya Pathashala has got association with Swamini Satyavratanaanda. That is a beautiful addition to the Vedapathashala. So, you are exposed to our Sanatana Dharma. One has to have knowledge of our Sanatana Dharma, our achara and values along with education. This is one of the most beautiful learning. And, this camp is well run, and very well administered. I heard all about it. We are also happy as a part of it. I pray to Lord Gangadhareshwara and Pujya Swamiji to bless all of you to continue to learn and finish your education. Be a model to a Brahmana, how a Brahmana should lead his life. And be a model to other students coming out from Vedapathashala. I pray for the wellbeing of the Pathashala and for those who are connected to the Pathashala. Om Tat Sat."

As a part of this initiative, the ashram had conducted the Vedic Heritage course to the first batch of students of Vidyaranya Veda Pathasala. The course for the batch will be taken in multiple stages. The current batch of students from Vidyaranya had been represented by it's founder Shri Madugula Sasi Bhushan Somayaji Ji, CEO Smt. Sirisha Pingaliji, 2 Adhyapakas and 33 Vedic students from the Pathasala.

Swamini Satyavratanaanda Saraswatiji, Shri Acharya Kota Maheshji from the ashram led the entire program starting from evaluating and understanding the Vidyaranya pathasala, its objectives, its worthiness and then planning the alignment of the objectives with a course that can complement the students with a comprehensive learning track.

Swamini Satyavratananda Saraswatiji (managing trustee of Akshara Vidya Trust) had made a personal visit to the pathasala in order to establish the true connect with the pathasala, its students, its founders and karyakartas. Akshara Vidya Trust had also provided great deal of help in the program execution, logistics planning etc.

The course for the first batch went for 2 weeks starting on July 7th, 2024 and concluding on 19th July 2024. The course covered the main topics such as foundations of Sanatana Dharma, it's value system, Yoga, Responsibilities of a Brahmin, Bhagavatham, Ramayana, Mahabharatha, and Bhagavad Gita etc.

Students participated and learned the topics with utmost discipline and hard work covering their regular vedic practice along with Vedic Heritage classes paying un-scattered attention to both.

An examination had been conducted to all the students on the last day of the program to assess their understanding and grasping. All the students had done very well in the exam and given confidence to both the institutions that the path that is envisioned is the right path and we should continue the same with more dedicated focus and devotion. In her concluding words, Swamini Satyavratanandaji pointed out that "The vision of Pujya Swamiji should be carried forward to the future younger generations to inculcate more reverence towards our Sanatana Dharma".

We thank everyone involved with a great sense of gratitude. Namaskar.

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