

## Vedanta camp at Jnana Pravaha, Manjakkudi

Swamini Sumatmanandaji conducted a 3-day Vedanta camp on Ishavasya Upanishad at Jnana Pravaha, Manjakkudi from August 8-10, 2024. Students were happy to experience the traditional village lifestyle at the birthplace of Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswati. Swami Ramesvaranandaji gave us a nice overview of the Jnanpravaha infrastructure – Hall, reading room, archives and institutions in Manjakkudi -the College, schools, 3 Chaatralayas, Goshala with indigenous cows, Dayananda farms, Mill for milling, Vermicomposting, 200 varieties of seeds for farmers, etc.

Swamini Amma began the teachings with profound Shanti Mantra – ‘Purnamadah Purnamidam..’ which is a mahavakyam in itself. The opening first mantra states - Ishavasyamidam sarvam. The entire universe is manifestation of Ishvara and pervaded by Ishvara.

Retreat included guided meditations, lively bhajan sessions, visit to the new block of college campus, local temples, AIM for Seva Girls’ Chaatralaya at Semmangudi village and the ancient Kudavasal temple. By Ishvara kripa and Guru kripa, all activities went off smoothly and made it a memorable retreat. We take the opportunity to thank Swami Ramesvaranandaji, Smt Sheela Balaji, Prasenjitji and entire Manjakkudi team for creating a congenial & stress-free atmosphere which allowed us to learn and contemplate on the lofty teachings taught by our Gurus. - **Report by Deepa Shalendra & Sudha Ramanathan**

