

AVP Rishikesh — 6-Months Course completion

Completion of the Vedanta 6-Month Course, June-November 2024*

The cultural program at the conclusion of the course was presented by the students on the final evening. It featured chants, songs, and entertaining skits inspired by key Vedantic teachings, including the choice made by Arjuna, who chose Krishna as his charioteer, to the relief of Duryodhana, who wanted Krishna's army for the Mahabharata war. The evening program also reflected teachings on the three Gunas, Pujya Swamiji's story "Comes Without Coming" about Atithya (guest hospitality), and how the transformative Vedantic knowledge empowers the student to return home changed, helping and uplifting their families, friends, and colleagues.

The Valedictory ceremony on the final day included Gurupaduka Puja, chanting, Guru Dakshina, heartfelt words of wisdom by the Swamis, Swaminis and other teachers, as well as the distribution of certificates. During this ceremony, Srimati Varsha Kajaria delivered a touching and inspiring speech, reminding us of the importance of the knowledge we've gained and encouraging us to continue our journey with steadfast dedication.

This six-month journey has been an incredibly transformative and life-changing opportunity. Words cannot fully convey the profound impact and deep gratitude we feel towards the most compassionate one, Pujya Swami Dayanandaji, his devoted students, and the entire Parampara (spiritual lineage) that has shaped this study. We are deeply grateful for the tireless and selfless dedication of all those who have passed on this timeless knowledge, ensuring its continued purity and relevance in our lives.

We were blessed to study the Taittiriya Upanishad with Sri Acharya Sakshatji, a teacher of profound wisdom, clarity, and depth, whose love for the teachings helped each of us understand and appreciate the beauty of Adi Shankaracharya's commentary.

Sri Swamini Svatmavidyanandaji guided us through the Tattva Bodha, a foundational text for all Vedanta students, in a way that has deeply touched our hearts, both inside and outside the classroom.

Sri Swami Shankaranandaji tirelessly shared his wisdom and love for Pujya Swamiji over the six months, teaching us through guided meditations, Bhagavad Gita, Kaivalya Upanishad, and Q&A sessions. His commitment and energy were an inspiration. Our heartfelt gratitude also extends to Sri Swami Parabrahmanandaji, and Muktiiji, our dedicated Sanskrit teachers, for their patience and guidance. A special mention also goes to Gopalji, who has brought us closer to the sacred sounds of the tradition with wonderful Vedic

chanting classes.

We are profoundly grateful to everyone who has made this course possible. It is only through their efforts that we, as students, were able to partake in this invaluable journey. May we continue to abide in self-knowledge and carry its light wherever we go.

Om Tat Sat.

- Report by Ms. Shambavi

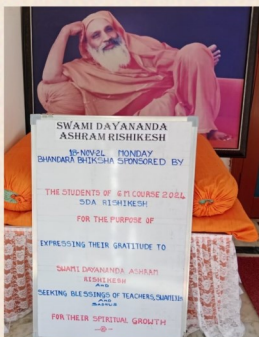


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