

JNANA PRAVAHA, MANJAKUDI - JUNE 2024 RETREAT REPORT

Arshabodhini acarya, Lavanyaji conducted her 8th camp at Jnana Pravaha, Manjakkudi, this June 15 -22.

The camp was conducted for over 50 Vidhyārthis where Acarayaji taught *Mundakopnishad*. The Upanishad was covered in 33 classes over 6 days.

The camp started with a grand Dakshinamurthy pooja, followed by the traditional Shirovrata pooja. The vidhyārthis received the text books from their Guru and Swami Ram-esvarananda Ji, held it over their head reverentially, and came around the classroom before starting their classes.

At the inauguration function, Swamiji and Shri Srinivasan ji warmly welcomed all and encouraged them to come back often. It was remembered how it was Pujya Swamiji who placed Mundakopnishad as the first Upanishad to be learned, which will affirm the student's understanding as they move on to study other texts.

Another important event during the camp was on International Yoga Day, 21st June 2024, where the book *Samvada*, written by Shri Ramgopal Ji, was launched.

Shri Ramgopal ji studied in the Arsha vidya Sampradaya under Guru HH Swami Brahmayogananda Ji. He has always played a crucial role for the vidhyārthis of Arsha bodhini by having satsangs and question and answer sessions, not only during camps but regularly through whatsapp and google meet to compliment Guru Lavanyaji's teaching. His questions always induce the students to think from different perspectives, always pointing out the importance of traditional teaching. The book is a collection of such questions and answers, which can be very useful for a vedantic student.

Book was released by Swamiji, Acharya Rangaji, Acharya Suryapriyaji, Acharya Lavanyaji and Acharya Vasudevanji. Acharyas who studied along with Ramgopalji, under HH Swami Brahmayoganandaji spoke on the occasion.

The camp concluded with a Guru pooja and feedback session from vidhyārthis, where they expressed their gratitude to Guru Lavanyaji for her simple yet clear teaching. They also appreciated the facilities provided by the Jnanpravaha everytime there is a camp that allowed uninterrupted study of Vedanta. Those who wish to buy a copy of the book Samvada may call or message 7338882664 for copies.

- Report by Arshabodhini

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