

Veda Vidyarthi Prabodha Shibir (II Batch)
at AVG, Anaikatti (4th - 17th Sep 2024)

Vidyaranya has been working to nurture next generation of Ved pandits that are rooted in Veda gurukula parampara and equipped with skills needed to become a well-rounded individual such as formal education, Sanskrit, yoga, patriotism, and music. Pathasala is in Bhagyanagar (Hyd), Telangana with 110+ students currently learning Krishna Yajur and Rigveda sakhas along with modern education.

Arsha Vidya Gurukulam came forward to implement Vedic heritage course curriculum aligning to Vidyaranya's structure and conduct sessions in three batches of their students and teachers on a periodic basis.

On the inauguration day, the Chief Acharya, Swami Sadatmananda ji while giving Anugraha Bhashanam, said:

"Our Dharma is called Vaidik Dharma because it is based on Vedas. Veda is our fundamental text. Our Dharma is revealed by the Vedas. The Vedas are given by the Ishwara, received by the Rishis. Brahmachari means one who has dedicated his life to study vedas. His life is based on four principles:

Anushasanam (discipline),

Sarala jeevanam (simple food, dress, and stay),

Adhyayana nishta (commitment to the study of scriptures),

Prarthana (prayer in the form of sandhyavandanam)

All these four qualities are required to be successful in your study of Shastra.

For this you require motivation (Prerana), effort (prayatna), self confidence (atma vish-vasa), Ishwara kripa (the grace of Ishwara). My blessings and prayers for your study."

The current batch of students from Vidyaranya had been represented by its founder Shri Madugula Sasi Bhushan Somayaji Ji and CEO Smt. Sirisha Ji, and participated by 2 Adhyapakas and 40 students.

Swamini Satyavratana Saraswati Ji, Shri Acharya Kota Maheshji from the ashram led the entire program and provided a great deal of help to this Shibir. Also, the students of Swaminiji and Maheshji extended their support with Annasantharpana.

The course covered the main topics such as foundations of Sanatana Dharma, its value system, Yoga, Bhagavadgita and the values extracted from Bhagavatha, Mahabharatha, and Ramayana were also imparted. With utmost discipline and hard work, along with

their regular veda adhyayana, students participated and learned the topics.

The Vidyarthi and teachers were invited to visit Swami Dayananda Vedapathashala (where Atharvana Veda teaching is taking place), Swami Dayananda Ayurveda hospital on the occasion of Onam festival and were provided with a grand feast. They were also invited to visit Swami Dayanilayam of Swami Jagadanandaji.

An examination had been conducted and certificates were distributed to all the students. The students thoroughly enjoyed the lush green campus, beautiful peacocks and deers, Guru theertha temple and delicious Tamilnadu cuisine.

Swaminiji has designed this entire program to inculcate the vision of Pujya Swamiji in the younger generation.

On the last day Swamini Sharadanandaji gave a brief overview about Pujya Swamiji's achievements.

As an Ashirvachanam, Swami Sadatmananda ji said, *"I congratulate all of you for completing this Vaidik Samskriti program successfully. Now, this place is really looking like a Gurukulam. All people who were seeing you are so happy. When you successfully complete any program, you should see:*

Labha Swikriti -The acknowledgement of what you have benefited and achieved in this program

Samshodhana Chintanam - What are the areas you can learn better next time

Janebhyaha Kritajnata Jnapanam – Expressing gratitude to all people who are involved, like organizers, teachers, and helpers

Finally, expressing gratitude to Bhagavan because of whose grace alone this program is successful.

I invite you all again to come in the next year also. You are the future of this country. We are proud of you. You will do well wherever you are."

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

- Report by Smt. Sirisha Pingali, CEO