

# Guru Purnima 2015 & Inaugural Ceremony of VYAKHYA



## *"VYAKHYA"*

***Our new center for Vedanta Studies*** was inaugurated on the auspicious evening of Guru Purnima by Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji amidst the Vedic hymns chanted by the disciples.

Vyakhya is the study centre for our Vedanta Adhyayana Mandali students who commit themselves to a regular

study of Vedantic texts under the tutelage of Pujya Acharya. Weekly classes are conducted for the registered students on various subjects like Upanishads, Prakaranams etc. The study centre enables the deeper and critical study of these texts that are not possible in any other public venues.



After welcoming Pujya Acharya to the new place of study with the Purna Kumbha which symbolizes the prayer of prosperity and peace, the disciples performed Guru Puja as per Vedic injunctions and paid their respects to the holy Guru Padukas that symbolize the entire Acharya Parampara that we are fortunate to be blessed with.

Commemorating this holy occasion, Pujya Acharya blessed us with a 3 day lecture series titled – “**Upanishad Parichayam**” for the benefit of both the regular students as well as the new entrants to the Upanishad classes. These lectures introduce to us, the five most important aspects whose knowledge is deemed essential to commence Upanishadic study –



- Student – His qualifications and qualities
- Teacher – His Qualifications
- Vishayam – The Subject matter of the texts
- Teaching Methodology
- Prayojanam – the benefit from this study

Pujya Acharya elaborated on each of the aspects in depth by quoting Upanishad mantras. *“When a person observes the world through the eyes of discrimination,*



*dispassion arises naturally”* said Pujya Swamiji in the course of His discourse. A qualified student is one who understands that the Peace and Happiness he seeks are not to be obtained from the usual humdrum of life – Academics, Work, Marriage and Progeny and so on which become the conditioned mindset for all. Once the mind understands and discerns this truth, it is essential for the qualified student to seek the refuge of a qualified Acharya and not use innate logic to deduce the teachings of the Upanishads. He also quotes how Sri Adi Shankara emphatically dismisses the independent study of Shastra without the guidance of a Teacher.



The events of the day were concluded by offering Harathi and Mahaprasadam.

## Release of Eka Sloki Vedanta CD and the description of its contents



In commemoration of Guru Purnima, Pujya Acharya released the CD of telugu discourses titled ***"Eka Sloki Vedanta"***.

Delivered on the occasion of Bhagavan Bhashyakara's Jayanthi 2015, these discourses by Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji bring to light the Jnana aspect of Sri Adi Shankara's Life. In the first two discourses, he introduces us to the glorious tradition of Vedanta and the following 6 talks explain the hidden teachings of EKA SLOKI VEDANTA, a one-verse treatise by Sri Jagadguru.

In these 8 classes, Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji discusses in depth the following topics:

*# Is Adi Shankara a philosopher? # The Teaching Tradition # The state of society at the time of Adi Shankara's birth # The Upanishadic guidance*

*# The proper use of our Intellect # The division of 4 purusharthas # What is Moksha? # The nature of Knowledge # Who is a Pramata for Vedanta? # Gist of 'Swayamjyothi Brahmana' of Brihadaranyaka Upanishad # Antarmukhatvam - Introvertedness # A critical enquiry into the Eka Sloki...*

*Highly recommended for the seekers of Upanishads and Vedanta.*

## His Holiness Pujya Swami Tattvavidananda Saraswati ji's visit and Purnahuti

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His Holiness Pujya Swami Tattvavidananda ji graced VYAKHA on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of August 2015. The disciples were grateful to Him for accepting our invitation and blessing us.



Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji delivered concluding lecture of the series titled "Upanishad Parichayam" explained the methodology of teaching in the Upanishads and the benefit of Upanishad study.

Pujya Tattvavidananda Swamiji discoursed on the importance of Sravanam in Vedanta Adhyayanam wherein, he explained that any religion consists of three components – ritual, mythology and philosophy. Nowadays, while the mythological and ritualistic aspects are being highlighted, there are very few traditional Acharyas who expound on the Tattva – He firmly gave his opinion that Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji is one such teacher of Vedanta.

Explaining the importance of Sravanam, Pujya Tattvavidananda Swamiji said that during Sravanam, one attains a state of thoughtlessness. The personality and identity of the person are temporarily dismissed during Sravanam and the teaching that is imbibed into the mind, reflects as true experience. He thus stressed on Sravanam to be the basic and the most important part of learning.

**Information:**

Vyakhya, also now hosts our publications wing, ***Shastra for You***, that facilitates the sale of Audio Cds and books of Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji. All the discourses of Pujya Acharya will be available at the centre for sale and can be obtained by those interested with **prior appointment only**.

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