

Mahabharata Jnana Yagnam

An Inaugural Report



“Contemplating on the Reality while Correcting the Present & thus Constructing the Future ... this is the Art of Living”

- Puja Acharya Sri Prem Siddharthji (from the teachings of “The Mahabharata”)

These words marked the beginning of the much-awaited Mahabharata Jnana Yagnam on the holy occasion of Sri Vasanta Panchami. On this eventful evening, ‘Srimad Mahabharata’ was given a traditional welcome in a procession led by Smt & Sri Bhoopal Reddy, who carried the holy grantha reverentially all the way to the Altar. Smt & Sri Jayaprakash Singh ji offered Purna Kumbha Swagatam to the Holy Scripture and our beloved Acharya along with the other devotees, while chanting Veda mantras.





After placing the Mahabharata at the altar, Smt Jyothsna Siddharthji performed the Saraswati puja on behalf of all the devotees marking the commencement of this Jnana Yagnam.

“Sri Mahabharata is an exemplary guide to understanding the depths of wisdom of the Indian Culture”, declared Pujya Acharya, highlighting the importance of its study as a complete means for Life Management. While explaining of the beauty of its construction, Pujya Acharya said that Indian Culture stands strong upon 16 pillars & Mahabharata contains the invaluable teachings of these. They are -



- Four Goals of Life – Dharma, Artha, Kama and Moksha
- Four Ashramas division based on stages of Life – Brahmacharya, Grihastha, Vanaprastha, Sanyasa
- Four Varnas division based on the Guna & Karma – Brahmana, Kshatriya, Vyasya and Shudra.
- Four Sadhanas – Karma, Yoga, Bhakti and Jnana.

Pujya Acharya also highlighted the need of an in-depth understanding of the teachings of the 3 most important scriptures at different stages of life – Neeti (Values) from Ramayana, Yukti (Transaction & Strategy) from Mahabharata and Bhakti-Mukti from Srimadbhagavata. An appropriate learning of these will lead us towards the goal of life.

Elaborating on the great teachings of Mahabharata, Pujya Acharya said, “*Discrimination (Vivekam) is a very thin line separating Success from Risk and thus, Success in life depends on Discrimination*”.

Mahabharata is a case study of Life that teaches us Discrimination-‘The importance of the right judgment at the right time’ with vivid examples that showcase various personalities and situations that we may face and transact.



While educating us about the glory of Mahabharata, Pujya Swamiji called Mahabharata- ‘a Living Encyclopedia’ containing teachings that guide us towards all the 4 goals of life, thus being reverentially referred to as the ‘Panchama Veda’. Some examples of the celebrated teachings contained in Mahabharata are- Vidura Neeti, Sanatsujateeyam, Vishnusahasranamam, Srimadbhagavadgeeta, Yaksha Prasna etc.

After giving a detailed introduction on the background of Mahabharata to the devotees, Pujya Acharya, on the 3rd day of the Jnana Yagna, commenced the explanation of the Mangalacharana Sloka of this mahagrantha that invokes the blessings of Ishwara for a successful adhyayanam –

*nArAyaNam namaskrutya naranchaiva narOttamam |
dEvlm sarasvatIm vyAsam tatO jayamUdIrayEt ||*

Expounding on this prayer, Pujya Acharya said that Narayana is the goal and means of all living beings and HE is the one who is truly present within all the forms. Before understanding Narayana, we should form a relationship with Him and then take refuge in the Guru (Bhagawan Vyasa) to attain Knowledge (Goddess Saraswati). Only then, it will help us mature into the most virtuous among all (Narottama).



Knowledge obtained in this way will lead to Jaya in one’s life.

Glorious teachings from the Mahabharata will be expounded every evening from 6:15-8:30 till the 27th March 2016 at Sujata High School, Nampally, Hyderabad.

Do not miss this very rare opportunity of the darshanam of the heart of Sri Mahabharata, our great Scriptural Heritage.

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