

Mahashivaratri 2016

On the 7th of March 2016, Shivaratri was celebrated at the venue of the Sri Mahabharata Jnana Yagnam organized by Arsha Vidya Vahini at Sujatha High School, Nampally, Hyderabad.

The events of the day commenced with namasankeerthanam followed by discourse on Sri Mahabharata by Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji. It was a splendid sight to see Sri Krishna Bhagawan and Lord Shiva on either side of the Pujya Gurudeva as He delivered the discourse on Sri Mahabharata.

“Where there is prowess, there should be patience also” – said Pujya Acharya as He analysed the characters of Karna and



Duryodhana and provided the background for their behaviour during the tournament of the princes where Karna arrives uninvited. Explaining this crucial episode, Pujya Acharya stated that the seeds of the future war are sown here; as is evident from

Duryodhana's act of apparent friendship towards Karna and his coronation as the Anga Raja.

Karna crossed the limits of Dharma as he impatiently challenged Arjuna for a duel to death forgetting that this was only a competition and he was allowed to participate, in spite of his ineligibility owing to the kindness of Sri Dronacharya and other elders. While Karna suffered from a deep-rooted inferiority complex and unwarranted jealousy towards Arjuna, Duryodhana wanted to utilize Karna as his pawn against Arjuna who he considered was the only invincible warrior amongst the Pandavas. Thus, the friendship of Karna and Duryodhana was polluted by ulterior motives where Duryodhana enslaved Karna in the name of friendship.



After the discourse, Namasankeerthanam was performed with Pujya Acharya singing Bhajans and the disciples joining in unison.



Abhishekam was offered to Parameshwara as the disciples chanted Vedic hymns like Namakam & Chamakam, Durga Suktam and Sri Suktam. This was followed by Panchopachara Puja offered to the Shivalingam that was placed on the specially decorated altar.

The devotees lost track of time as they participated in the celebrations that came to an end later in the night after offering Aarathi to Sri Krishna and Parameshwara.



In this Jnana Yagna as Pujya Swamiji reveals the true teachings of Sri Mahabharata, many misconceptions are being dispelled and subtle nuances are explained like never before. Each character is elucidated with a thorough study of the background thus helping us understand the archetype that the characters represent and therefore the teaching that we need to imbibe.

It is indeed a great opportunity to participate in this Jnana Yagna to improve our lives from the teachings of this great scripture.

The Sri Mahabharata Jnana Yagna that commenced on the 12th of February will continue till the 27th of March, from 6:15 every evening at Sujatha High School, Chapel Road, Nampally, Hyderabad.

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