



The Jamaica Visit - A Report

Arsha VidyaVahini announces the successful start to the second phase of Pujya Gurudev's journey from the 5th May 2013. The first of the programs that were organized in Jamaica was a Jnana Yagna at Savanna La Mar on the eve of the Sri Sankara Jayanthi from the 7-15th of May 2013.



Pujya Swamiji delivered lectures based on the text, Sri Vishnu Shatpadi Stotram, a composition by Sri Adi Sankara. This stotram is an example of the genius of the Great Teacher who has been successful in restoring the Hindu religion single handedly from the times of duress.

Sri Vishnu Shatpadi stotram is a brilliant devotional hymn and is a beautiful reminder of the glories of the Lord. Pujya Swamiji in these talks explains to us how this stotra shows the way for Moksha while intensifying the devotion in our hearts. Pujya Gurudev, while explaining the clever word play employed in the shatpadi to us, says that the this prayer foremost

teaches a Sadhaka how and what to pray to the Lord in order to reach his goal.



On the morning of 15th May – the Sankara Jayanthi, the devotees in the presence of Pujya Acharya, performed puja and offered their heartfelt prayers at the feet of the Jagadguru. After the Puja the devotees were offered Anna Prasadam.

In the evening the Jnana Yagna that was laced with the nectar of Bhakti and instructions on sadhana, was concluded with Purnahuti.



On the 11th of May, the 1st Hindu Marriage in Savanna La Mar was solemnized in the holy presence of Pujya Gurudev. The Officer of the Hindu Marriages in Jamaica, Sri Nathan Sharma supervised the happy occasion of the marriage of a Guyanese Hindu girl with a Telugu boy. The Bride & Groom, their parents and many others who were present on the occasion felt immensely happy for Pujya Gurudev's presence and blessings. Pujya Acharya, besides chanting some Veda Suktams invoking the Blessings of Devatas on the couple, has also explained a few tenets of the Hindu marriage system.



On the 18th & 19th May, Pujya Gurudev visited Kingston, the capital city of Jamaica.

Upon the invitation of the Indian High Commissioner to Jamaica, Sri Pratap Singh, Sri Acharya visited his official residence on 18th evening and blessed Smt & Sri Pratap Singh.

Sri Singh is also a published Writer & Poet. He authored ' Shanti Manjusha' a collection of poems in Hindi and ' A

View From The Margins' a novel in English. Pujya Acharya gave a small upadesha to the people present there on the importance of the 'Ishwara Smaranam' in ones spiritual growth.

The following day, Pujya Acharya visited the Sanatana Dharma Mandir, Kingston and delivered a discourse on 'Lord Sri Rama'.



The devotees were joyful to be present during this visit and were filled with devotion for The Lord Sri Ramachandra when Pujya Acharya, in his astute style, spoke on the glory of the Lord and the values that we ought to imbibe from this great ideal of Hindu Religion.



Pujya Acharya presented a portrait of Sri Adi Sankaracharya to the temple authorities and explained the glory of Sri Adi Sankara in restoring the Vaidika Dharma & Jnana in India.

Also, He blessed Smt & Sri Johnson with a shawl and lauded the efforts of Sri Johnson and other devotees whose sincere efforts kept the Sanathana Dharma Mandir active in the sphere of Hindu Dharmic activities. Sri Johnson's commitment in conducting the Sunday satsang in the temple is unparalleled and encouraged many towards the temple visit.



The disciples of Jamaica expressed so much joy and gratitude to Pujya Acharya for His benevolent visit to the Land of Sun, Sea & Sand. Thus, the 1st Part of this phase of Pujya Acharya's journey has come to a successful end.

The 2nd Talk of 'Sri Rudram Introduction' is now available on our Youtube Channel

www.youtube.com/sravanam1

Pujya Acharya will commence His journey to the United States and will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico from the 24th -26th of May and will be delivering discourses in these 3 days.

Please find all the details in the invitation attached to the email.

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