

A report on His Holiness Sri Ramswarupananda Swamiji's visit

His Holiness Sri Ramswarupananda Saraswati Swamiji graced the disciples in Hyderabad by His visit on the 17th of March, the festive day of Holi. A Satsang was organized in commemoration of His visit in the evening.



The events of the evening began with chanting of Vedic hymns that was followed by melodious bhajans by Sri Sankeerthan Srinivas. H.H. Ramswarupananda Swamiji enjoyed the Sankeerthan and joined the disciples along with Pujya Acharya in the Namasankeertana. After the bhajans, Pujya Acharya Sri Prem Siddharth ji explained the importance of Chitta Shuddhi as the essential qualification of a Spiritual Seeker and the significant role that Guru Upasadanam (proximity to the Acharya) plays in blessing the disciple with Chitta Shuddhi. A disciple learns by observing the life of his Preceptor who is the embodiment of the teachings of the Shastra.



Pujya Acharya's brief discourse was followed by Pada Puja performed to the Holy Lotus Feet of H.H. Sri Ramswarupananda Swamiji and through Him; the entire Guru Parampara was invoked by the Vedic Hymns chanted by the devotees.

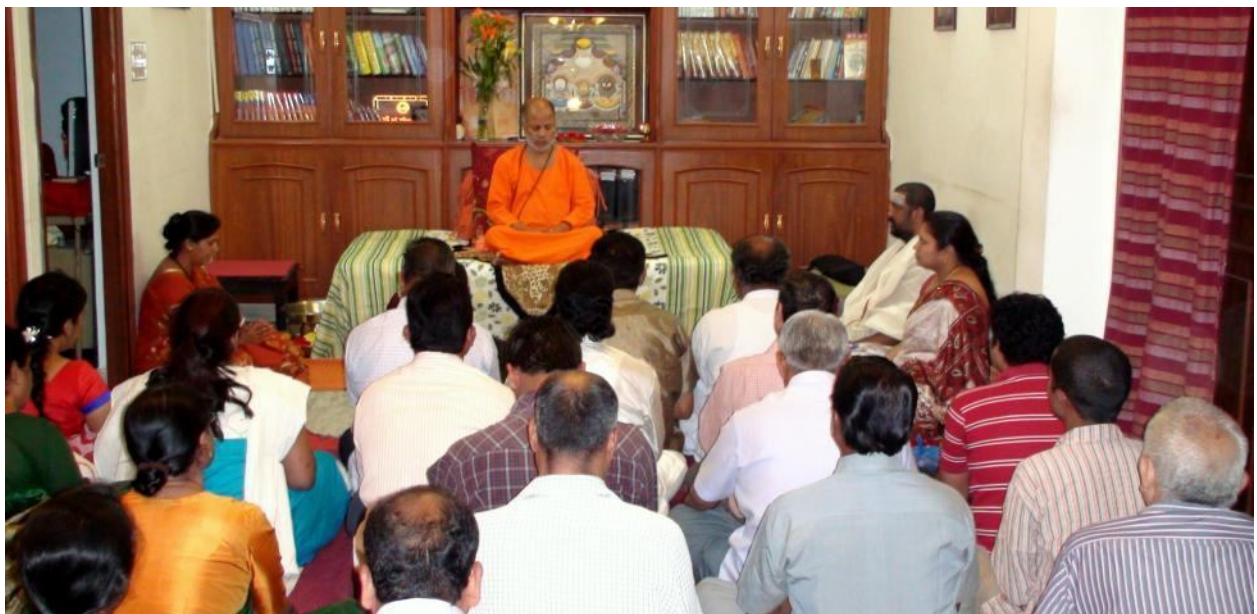


After the disciples were blessed by the wonderful and rare sight of their Acharya worshipping the Lotus Feet of His Gurudeva, Swami Ramswarupanandaji recounted some anecdotes from the lives of His Guruji H.H. Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj and His Guru's Acharya, H.H. Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj in relation to Guru Puja.

In these anecdotes, He highlighted the necessity to keep

One's ego under check by a vigilant attitude towards life. Upon the request of the disciples and Pujya Acharya, H.H. Swami Ramswarupanandaji explained the importance of Pariprasna.

Using a simple example from an everyday situation of our lives, Sri Gurumaharaj differentiated the quality of Pariprasna from a casual Prasna. Any question that arises from the inherent quest for knowledge, which in turn is driven by the conviction that this knowledge alone can alleviate my condition becomes a Pariprasna. Thus when we are in the presence of a Mahatma, we should be careful in knowing what to ask and how to ask.



After Sri Gurumaharaj shared these nuggets of invaluable wisdom, we rejoiced in singing more Bhajans followed by Shantipatham and Mahaprasadam that concluded the ceremony. This was indeed a feast for the eyes of the disciples who witnessed the splendor of the Guru Parampara in the proximity of their Acharya and His Gurudeva.

The proceedings of this eventful evening can be viewed on our Youtube channel

<http://www.youtube.com/sravanam1>

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