

Report on Guru Purnima Celebration

Guru Purnima is celebrated on the full moon day in the month of *Ashadh* (July) of the Hindu calendar to pay our homage to the lineage of spiritual masters. It coincides with the holy birthday of Shri Veda Vyasa, the compiler of the four *Vedas* and eighteen *Puranas*. This year, the sacred day fell on 31st July 2015 as per the English calendar.

Kriyavans from all over India and USA, Europe, Emirates and Australia came in big numbers to have the *darshan* of the Shri Guruji on this auspicious occasion and participate in the celebrations at Hariharananda Gurukulam. The celebrations of Guru Purnima were held from 29 to 31st July. On all the three days, the day began with *Prabhat Sankirtan* starting from Adi Kutir to Shri Guru Mandir through Deva Mandir and culminating at Adi Kutir. The morning, noon and evening guided meditation classes were held in Odiya, English, Hindi & Telugu language by yogacharyas and monks.

There were initiations into First Kriya on July 29. About 79 people got initiated into Kriya Yoga. There were technique classes and follow up guided meditation classes for the new initiates. The program also included discourses by Shri Guruji on July 29, 30, and 31. A question and answer session was scheduled on July 30 to answer the



questions of the *Kriyavans*. Shri Guruji during the discourses on July 29 and 30 elaborated on the qualities and nature of a *sadhaka*. There were discourses by Yogacharyas also during the program. In the evening there was chanting of Shiva Mahimna Stotra arati at Deva Mandir.

A wheel chair of Gurudev donated by Kriya Yoga Institute, USA, nicely decorated with Sri Gurudev's photograph placed on it, was taken in a procession led by Sri Guruji from Adi Kutir to Sri Guru Mandir.

On the sacred day of Guru Purnima, Guru Paduka Puja and fire ceremony were performed in Shri Guru Mandir. More than 500 people congregated during the worship. Guru Purnima is also an occasion to look forward for new publications. The books that were released





during this occasion were: (i) The Mahabharata: The Entrance to the Temple of the Gita, by Paramahansa Prajnananandaji (ii) Svecha: Nirbhaya Sthiti (Translation of Freedom From Fear into Telugu), by Paramahansa Prajnananandaji (iii) Yoga Sutra of Patanjali (DVD), by Paramahansa Prajnananandaji. There were also eleven Odia books and one Hindi book released on the occasion.

After completion of Puja and the Book release, Sri Guruji gave a brief talk and guided a short meditation.

People then went and bow down at the Samadhi of Sri Gurudev and the feet of Sri Guruji as a mark of their reverence to Guru on the auspicious occasion of Guru Poornima.



Near about twelve hundred people partook Prasad on the day of Guru Poornima. In the afternoon Shri Guruji gave his blessings quoting a verse from Shri Guru Gita and asked everybody to renounce bad company, maintain purity in body and mind and abandon sinful acts.

Centre Leaders from India were invited to Hariharananda Gurukulam, Balighai, Puri to hold a meeting on 30th July 2015 during Guru Poornima celebration. The meeting was held in two sessions. In the morning session the discussion was confined to formation of Prajnana Mission Centres while the afternoon session was devoted to organizing Kriya Initiation Programme. Thirty six centre leaders and five monks attended the meeting and took part in the discussion. Poojya Swami Samarpananandaji in presence of Swami Achalanandaji coordinated the proceedings of the meetings.

