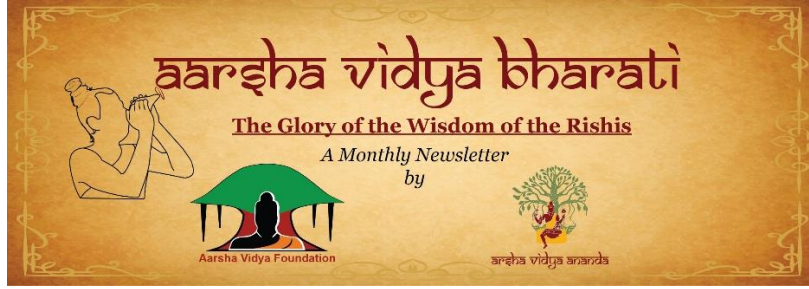

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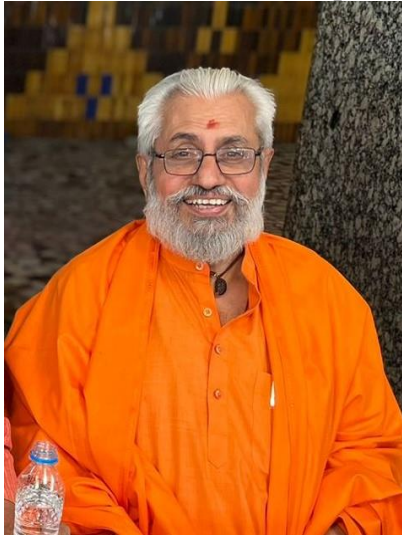


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Swami Brahmavidananda ji's 70th Birthday Celebrations in Rishikesh

By Sunitha Suresh, Mumbai

At the last Rishikesh camp while walking along the banks of the Ganges watching Ganga Ma flow, Swamini Brahma prajnananda's words came to my mind... 'Jñāna Gangā'. I pictured how Pujya Swamiji, our Swamiji, Swamini.... would have stood right here and watched Ganga Ma just like I was watching Ganga Ma. I could not help but marvel at this chain of continuity, this *sampradāya* and how blessed I was to have found Swami Brahmavidanandaji and through him this knowledge. I was overwhelmed with love and deep gratitude and wanted to express it.



So what do you give someone who knows that he is complete and fullness himself!

Bursting with gratitude, I walked to the temple and prayed fervently for Swami Brahmavidananda's long and healthy life and when I went to Pujya Swamiji's *Adhiṣṭhānam*, the answer was obvious!

The blessings of his Guru – Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswatiji, the Guru of gurus!

Swami Brahmavidanandaji's *nakṣatram* was round the corner and it felt appropriate to thank the Lord and his Guru at the very place where he studied with Pujya Swamiji. I decided to get an archana done for all the various deities as an offering in Swamiji's name.

At the ashram temple, every day pujas and archanas are offered and students, visitors can request for it to be done in a specific person's name at a nominal charge, not just at the temple, at Pujya Swamiji's *Adhiṣṭhāna* and also the Ganga puja. I was fortunate



that, another student from Mumbai, Yash Bansdawala was attending the camps at Rishikesh and was available to do it personally (as the *yajamāna*) on all our behalf. (Thank you Yash)



With deep reverence and gratitude, I quote Pujya Swami Dayananda Saraswatiji “The guru’s grace will help you cross the distance between understanding and having the words. It is called *lakṣya*; that *lakṣya* is accomplished by the guru’s grace. May all enjoy guru’s grace, *Īśvara*’s grace, *śāstra*’s grace, and one’s own grace.”

And take this opportunity to wish Swami Brahmavidanandaji a very happy birthday, once again.