



Sampradaya USA

2024 Activities

BANDHARA AT VARANASI



SWAMIJI AND YATRIS AT AYODHYA



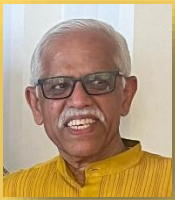
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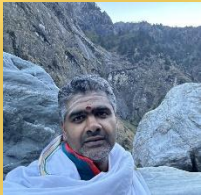


Sampradaya USA – The Organization

Vision and Guru: Swami Santatmananda



Sriram Krishna – Director, Sampradaya USA, retired bank executive. Studying with Swami Santatmananda since 2020. He and his wife, Rukmani, live in Plainsboro NJ, USA.



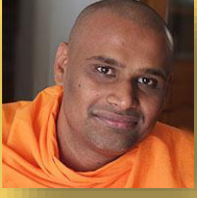
Ram Ramasubbu – Director, Sampradaya USA. Automation Engineer. Student of Swamiji as well as a student of Guru Dutt in Tampa FL, USA. He has learned Vedic Chanting and is teaching Taittiriyaopaniṣad and Shanti Pathas to Sampradaya Community. He is accompanied on his spiritual journey by his wife, Padma, and their two sons, Kashyap and Advait.



Kalyanamathy Rathinasamy – Director, Sampradaya USA. Long Term Course student of Swami Santatmananda for the past three years and ardent devotee of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharishi, hosting regular Satsangs at the replica of Old Hall that she and her husband, Dr. Rathinasamy, have constructed in Tampa, FL USA.



Sampradaya Teachers



Swami Santatmananda – Vedanta teacher, Spiritual leader guiding over three-hundred students in the USA, UK, and India in spiritual development, fostering our understanding of Sanatana Dharma every day with many classes including Moolam, Prakarana Granthas, and Upaniṣad Bāśyam.



Raghupathy V Giridhar – is a student of Swami Santatmananda for more than a decade. He teaches Vedanta to students in California and is also teaching Vedanta sessions to Sampradaya community. His teachings are well received.



Lakshmi Sastry – is attending the Long Term Course of Swami Santatmananda for past three years. She was a teacher in Chinmaya Balavihar. Now she is teaching Bhagavad Gita Chanting to Sampradaya community.



Jayam Krishnaiyer – Long Term Course student of Swami Santatmananda for past three years. She teaches Chair Yoga and Pranayama to Sampradaya community, promoting a traditional focus on health, especially for older students.



Mangalambal Sundaram – Long Term Course student of Swami Santatmananda for the past three years. She teaches Introductory Sanskrit to Sampradaya community. She is also a volunteer for Sampradaya USA.



Sampradaya USA Volunteers and Committee Members



Ram Bannerjee – In addition to supporting the timely uploads of video and audio recordings of Swamiji's lectures, Ram organizes classes to share Swamiji's teaching to a group of Vedanta students in the UK.



Ramachandra Rao – retired IT professional from Boeing Company and is a Vedanta student of Swamiji's in the Long Term Course. He also successfully organized the Yatra led by Swamiji in 2023 and is working diligently to achieve the same success on our Yatra in 2025!



Pratima Rao – has been studying with Swami Santatmananda in the Long Term Course for the past three years. Most recently she coordinated the travel plans of fifteen yatris for a visit to Tirumala, Kanchipuram, and Guruvayur in late January 2025.



Grama Rangamani - has been a student of Swami Santatmananda in the Long Term Course for the past three years. She prepares the Sampradaya USA newsletter, highlighting Sampradaya's charitable, religious and teaching activities.



Bala Mallela – successful senior executive from several MNCs including Coca-Cola, Johnson & Johnson, PepsiCo, and Kimberly Clark. In 2022 and again this year, Bala has volunteered to lead the financial management for the Yatras led by Swami Santatmananda.



Chandru Dulam – before joining as a student in Swami Santatmananda's Long Term Course for the past three years, Chandru was studying with Swamiji in classes given in Fremont, California for many years. He also takes an active role in assisting with the class recordings and provides technical assistance for Sampradaya USA.



Jayashree Kumar – has been a student in the Long Term Course with Swami Santatmananda for the past three years. She provides support for the financial filings required of Sampradaya USA by the US Government.



Student Feedback

You are celebrated for the impact your mentoring has on enhancing people's lives including mine. I appreciate all your efforts to teach us Vedic scriptures in the way that makes us understand! I cannot thank you enough! ...*Nimisha*

Swamiji, I am ever grateful to you for giving me a chance to listen to your lectures and teachings to learn the highest marga and change the lifestyle to achieve better goals in my remaining life ...
Asha

With immense gratitude to our Guru for giving us practical Vedanta and the guidelines for implementing it in our daily life and for impressing upon us the necessity of a religious lifestyle...
Lakshmi

So fortunate to attend the retreat with you Swamiji. All sessions – Vedanta vicara, meditation, parayanam, discussions – all had a smooth flow and you integrated all of them beautifully into our everyday life. Extremely grateful and very blessed to have you as our Guru...*Rangamani*

Thank you for all your efforts to teach us this valuable knowledge. We are very blessed to have such a wonderful teacher with great communication skills. My very grateful thanks to you...*Shruti*

So blessed to learn from you. Understanding the scriptures is not easy. You teach us in a way that is easy to understand and assimilate the texts... *Radha*

Thank you Swamiji for helping us focus on the changeless Me amidst the constant changes all around and within...*Jayam*

Swamiji this morning was amazing class...you explained a tough concept in so many different ways to drive home the message...so “manda buddhi” like me can understand clearly...so grateful Swamiji...*Nilima*

Swamiji's teachings have made a tremendous positive impact in my life. Several unanswered questions related to life,... purpose of this human birth, how to understand Atma/Brahman... have been very clearly answered. My humble Pranaams to Swamiji's crystal clear knowledge and his excellent communication skills ... *Jayashree*



Current Class Schedule

SUBJECT	DAY	TIME (Pacific)
Bhagavad Gītā Moolam	Sunday	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Long Term Course (Taittiriyaopaniṣad)**	Mon, Tue, Wed	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Mahabharatam (in Tamil)	Tuesday	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Pañcadaśi	Wednesday	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Yoga Sutras – Chapter 2	Thursday	9:00 AM to 10:00 AM
Bhagavad Gītā Bāṣyam	Thursday	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Saṅskrit – Intermediate Level	Saturday	4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
Upaniṣad Moolam	Fri, Sat	5:30 PM to 6:30 PM
Māṇḍūkyopaniṣad Kārika	Sunday	7:00 AM to 9:00 AM
Selected Topics in Vedānta	Every other Saturday	11:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Bhagavad Gītā Chanting	Sunday	3:00 PM to 3:45 PM
Vedic Chanting	Thursday	3:30 PM to 4:30 PM
Chair Yoga	Daily on weekdays	6:00 AM to 7:00 AM

TEACHER - STUDENT Statistics

Head Acarya Swami Santatmananda Ji, and 5 adjunct teachers ; classes conducted every day of the week, for a total of 82 hours per month. Currently have 318 student registrations for Sampradaya Classes. Total Student Contact hours for 2024 was 11,428.

SUBJECT	Average Num Students	Max Num Students	Total Student Contact Hours 2024
Bhagavad Gītā Moolam	56	70	1,888
Long Term Course (Bāṣyam)	28	38	4,058
Mahabharatam (in Tamil)	11	14	251
Pañcadaśi	12	16	374
Yoga Sutras – Chapter 2	11	15	233
Saṅskrit – Intermediate Level	8	9	160
Upaniṣad Moolam	22	32	2,037
Taittiriyaopaniṣad Bāṣyam (Fremont)	15	20	347
Māṇḍūkyopaniṣad & Nididhyāsanam	11	13	388
Selected Topics in Vedānta	17	30	187
Bhagavad Gītā Chanting	10	21	115
Vedic Chanting	10	20	70
Chair Yoga	8*	10*	1,320*

*estimate only



PROGRAMS CONDUCTED

Classes in 2024 – Total 596 hours instruction; 5 transliteration documents for students, 868 hours of recording files.

SUBJECT	Hours of Instruction	Number of Recordings
Bhagavad Gītā Moolam	35	70
Long Term Course (Baśyam)	151	339
Mahabharatam (in Tamil)	25	50
Pañcadaśi	31	62
Yoga Sutras – Chapter 2	24	48
Saṅskrit – Intermediate Level	20	40
Upaniṣad Moolam	40	80
Māṇḍūkyopaniṣad & Nididhyāsanam	41	41
Selected Topics in Vedānta	11	22
Bhagavad Gītā Chanting	18	36
Vedic Chanting	7	14
Chair Yoga	165	10
Taittiriyaopaniṣad Baśyam (Fremont)	28	56

Summary Statistics by Teacher

TEACHER	Hours of Instruction	Student Contact Hours	Number of Recordings
Swami Santatmananda Ji	375	9,576	746
Raghupathy Giridhar	11	187	22
Ramanathan Ramasubbu	7	70	14
Lakshmi Sastry	18	115	36
Jayam Krishnaiyer	165	1320	10
Ambal Sundaram	20	160	40

OTHER ACTIVITIES of the ORGANIZATION

- Krishna Jayanti Observance in Santa Clara, CA Priya Living center
- Guru Purnima Observance in Tampa, FL
- 1 Day Retreat in Tampa, FL – 15 participants for 8 hours
- Ramana Maharishi Satsang sponsorship in Tampa, FL
- Daily worship of Periyavā Padukā in Tampa, FL
- Weekly group Vishnu Sahasranāma Parayanam (usual attendance = 6-8 students)
- 28 day Yatra to sites of religious and historical significance in Middle and Northwest India