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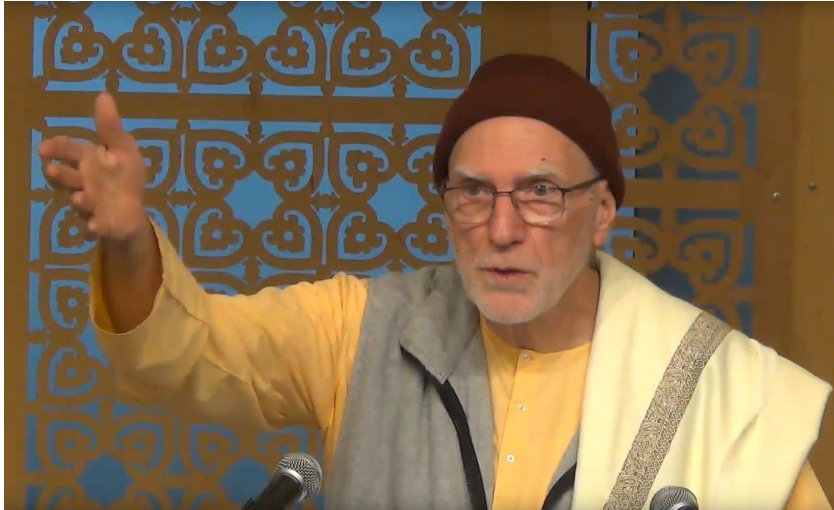


**Swami Atmapriyananda** is presently the Pro Chancellor of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), declared as a Deemed University by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) under University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956. He obtained his MSc and PhD in Theoretical Physics (for his work on elementary particle theory) from the University of Madras. Inspired by Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Ideology he joined the Ramakrishna Order of monks in 1978 and served as the Principal of a premier College of Ramakrishna Mission near Belur Math besides teaching Physics for 27 years. He took charge as Vice Chancellor of RKMVERI in 2005 which position he has been holding since then. He is widely

travelled and participates on invitation in conferences, seminars and symposia in India and abroad on the themes of his interest which are: Yoga-Vedanta, Ramakrishna-Vivekananda philosophy, interface of science and spirituality, consciousness studies as taught in Yoga and Upanishads, education for character-building and inculcation of higher values among the youth, etc.



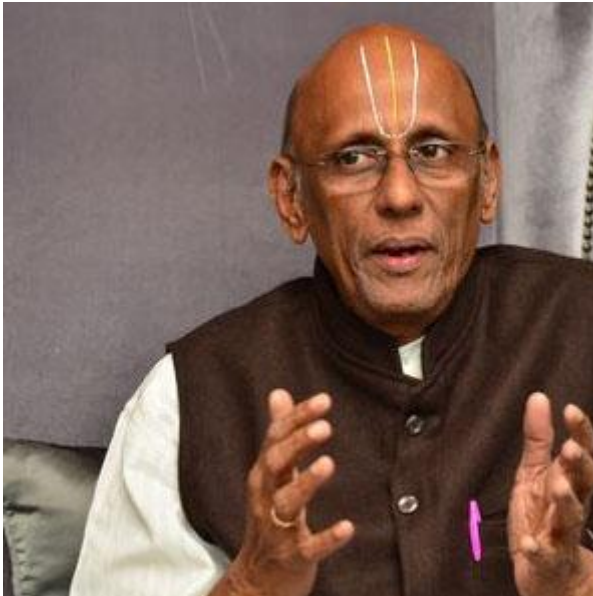
**Swami Sarvapriyananda** is Minister and Spiritual Leader of the Vedanta Society of New York. Swami joined the Ramakrishna Math and Mission in 1994 and received Sannyasa in 2004. Before being posted to the VSSC's Hollywood Temple, Swami served as an acharya (teacher) of the **monastic probationers'** training center at Belur Math. He has served the Ramakrishna Math and Mission in various capacities including being the Vice Principal of the Deoghar Vidyapith Higher Secondary School, Principal of the Shikshana Mandira Teacher Education College at Belur Math, and the first Registrar of the Vivekananda University at Belur Math.



Born in America, **Swami Atmarupananda** discovered the Vedanta tradition of Hinduism as a teenager. An initial fascination led to joining the Ramakrishna Order as a monk in 1969. A disciple of Swami Vireswaranandaji Maharaj, the tenth President of Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission, Swami Atmarupananda lived for fourteen years in India, learning and imbibing the Vedantic tradition in the ambience of Ramakrishna Centres in India. His deep love for the Indian cultural and spiritual heritage led him to learn and engage in the study of the Sanskrit language in which he is proficient. Having grown in the Ramakrishna-Vivekananda tradition for several decades as a Hindu monk, he has learnt Bengali very well, the language in which most of the original literature of the Ramakrishna tradition exists. His insightful talks and writings on Hindu and Vedantic thoughts juxtaposed with the thoughts that he naturally imbibed through his Western training make him a unique preacher and interpreter of Indian thought in the light of Ramakrishna-Vivekananda teachings. He travels to various countries of the world to give retreats, engage in inter-spiritual dialogue, and to participate in conferences dedicated to finding a new, spiritual foundation for economic and social development. He is presently the resident Swami at the Vedanta Society of Greater Houston



**Swami Vireshananda** is the current Editor of Prabuddha Bharata. He joined the Ramakrishna Order in 1992 at Chennai Math and has since then served in Chennai Math, Bangalore, Mysore, Belur Math. He was the Editor of Viveka Prabha from 2008 to May 2014. He has travelled across Karnataka in *Jnananavahini* programme and visited more than 400 villages and towns and spoke to more than 2 lakhs students. He was an Acharya in the Probationers' Training Centre in Belur Math during 2014-2017 and taught Vedantic scriptures and allied subjects to Brahmacharins.



**S. Sridharan** is the Senior most Mentor, Teacher and Consultant Therapist of the Krishnamacharya Yoga Mandiram (KYM). He is presently the Trustee of KYM. He had a successful career as a Merchant Banker in a Public-Sector Bank for 28 years. He became a student of Yogacharya T.K.V. Desikachar in 1980s and learnt the nuances of Yoga in the 'Gurukula' style directly for over 3 decades during which time, he was exposed to all the important texts in Yoga and application of Yoga for illnesses and spirituality. He also learnt Vedic Chanting in the traditional style under his teacher. During this period, he had to divide his time between a banking career and learning and teaching Yoga under the tutelage of Desikachar.

Drawn by the desire to fully devote his time to Yoga, he gave up his position as a Merchant Banker and took to Yoga on full time basis in 1998, when he was 50 years of age. In 2002, he was directed to take the position of Managing Trustee of KYM, which was held by Desikachar for 25 years from the inception. In this position, he had to lead the KYM as the Administrative and Technical Head. He held this position for about 8 years. This brought him to limelight in the world of Yoga.

He represented KYM in all the forums, conferences, seminars, etc. His career as Managing Trustee includes the distinction of getting ISO Certification and in KYM moving to its own building. His teaching career includes Consultations and Classes of Yoga for Therapy, class room teaching of all aspects of Yoga to Indian and International students in India and abroad. He has anchored special programmes combining the ancient Indian rituals in the modern context from the Yoga point of view.

The profile of students who had received therapy lessons and benefitted includes former Chief Ministers, Senior Govt. officials, doctors, Entrepreneurs, Artists, etc. He is a most sought after Therapist Consultant.

On training teachers, he has devised the syllabuses and contents for all the subjects in Teacher Training and Therapy Training Programmes. He has been successfully conducted for the last 6 years, a Fortnight long International Yoga Retreat at Rishikesh which is much sought after. He has travelled abroad extensively to conduct Retreats, Seminars, Workshops on all topics relating to Yoga to countries such as France, Germany, United Kingdom, United States, China, etc. He has been awarded the 'Special Senior Mentor in Yoga' by the Kunming Govt in China.

From 2010 to 2015 he served as a member of the Governing Body, Governing Council of the Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), the apex body for Yoga of the Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India. This gave an opportunity for him to spread the teaching of the tradition of KYM. He represents KYM in the Indian Yoga Association (IYA) as one of the founding members. He is a Lifetime Member of IYA.

He is also on the Board of the Technical Committee of the Yoga Certification Board set up by the Ministry of AYUSH, which is active in bringing certification for Yoga Teachers. He Chairs the sub-committee constituted to draft a syllabus for Yoga Therapy Certification. He was recently awarded the title 'Dronacharya' by the Rotary Club of Madras East.

Widely travelled, he has represented India in the World Yoga Festivals in China and UK. He has authored a book which gives the biographical sketch of T. Krishnamacharya in Tamil, based on his private interactions with Yogacharya T Krishnamacharya. His other interests include Carnatic Music in which he has composed songs.