PROSTRATIONS AND SALUTATIONS TO THE GREAT SAGE AND WORLD-PRECEPTOR SRI SWAMI SIVANANDA WHOSE COMPASSION IS BOUNDLESS AND WHO IS THE VERY EMBODIMENT OF THE DIVINITY ITSELF.

The auspicious day of the 127th Birth Anniversary of Most Worshipful Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj was celebrated with great sacredness and rejoicing at the Headquarters Ashram on 8th September 2014. The day’s programme commenced at 4.30 a.m. with prayer and meditation followed by inspiring messages by H.H. Sri Swami Yogaswarupanandaji Maharaj and H.H. Sri Swami Atmaswarupanandaji Maharaj. Soon after that a Prabhat-pani was organised wherein a large number of devotees went to Sadgurudev’s Tapasya Kutir singing joyously the Divine Name. A special Havan was also performed at the Ashram Yajnashala for the peace and welfare of the world.
In the forenoon session, ceremonial worship was offered to the sacred Sivalinga installed upon Sadgurudev’s Samadhi by the senior Swamijis of the Ashram. A special Satsanga was organised at the Sivananda Satsanga Bhavan wherein grand Puja was offered to the holy Padukas of Beloved Gurudev. The Abhisheka of the Padukas was performed with chant of Purusha Sukta and Narayana Sukta. After the offering of fragrant Chandan, Kumkum and beautiful rose garlands, commenced the Archana followed by Arati. Thereafter, Bhajan and Kirtan extolling the ineffable glory of Guru filled the hearts of one and all with the loving gratitude for the Divine Master. Thirteen books and special Birthday Issues of ‘The Divine Life’ and ‘Divya Jeevan’ were also released on this sacred occasion. The programme concluded with the blessing message of H. H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj.

In the evening, a special Puja and Arti were offered to Mother Ganga in the sacred memory of Sadgurudev at the Vishwanath Ghat. During the night Satsanga, H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj, H.H. Sri Swami Adwaitanandaji Maharaj and H.H. Sri Swami Hariharanandaji Maharaj paid worshipful tributes to Sadgurudev by their brief talks on His inspiring life and elevating teachings. The celebration concluded with Arati and distribution of special Prasad.

May abundant blessings of the Lord Almighty and our most adorable Sadgurudev be upon all.

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SWAMI CHIDANANDA BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATION
ORGANISING COMMITTEE AND DLS BRANCH MEET

To celebrate the sacred occasion of Birth Centenary of Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj in a befitting manner, Swami Chidananda Birth Centenary Celebration Organising Committee has been constituted at the Headquarters Ashram. A two days’ meeting of the Organising Committee members and the DLS Branch representatives was convened on 6th and 7th September 2014 at the Headquarters Ashram to provide an opportunity to the Committee members and the Branch representatives as well to offer their valuable suggestions and proposals regarding Birth Centenary Celebration of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj.

The meeting comprising two sessions each day, commenced in the morning session of 6th September with the Jaya Ganesh prayer and welcome address by H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj. Thereafter, Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj, Chairman, Organising Committee briefed all the Committee members and the Branch representatives about the programmes so far conducted in various States and at the Headquarters Ashram. Sri Swami Akhilanandaji
Maharaj, the Master of the Ceremonies, then invited the Committee members and Branch representatives one by one to the dais to put forward their proposals.

During these four sessions, the Committee members and the Branch representatives presented a brief report of the programmes so far conducted in their respective areas together with an outline of future programmes. They also gave their suggestions regarding the programmes and projects to be undertaken by the Headquarters Ashram. Most of the delegates opined that the DLS members should intensify their personal Sadhana to be shining exemplars of Divine Life and suitable Seva projects should be undertaken by the Branches and Headquarters Ashram in the sacred memory of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj. Their enthusiastic participation in the meeting reflected their deep commitment towards the sacred duty of celebrating Worshipful Sri Swamiji Maharaj’s Birth Centenary of in a befitting manner.

In the concluding session, H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj, H.H. Sri Swami Yogaswarupanandaji Maharaj, H.H. Sri Swami Nirliptanandaji Maharaj and H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj blessed the gathering with their brief messages. H.H. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj in his blessing message expressed his immense gratitude towards all the Committee members and Branch representatives for their valuable suggestions. The meeting was well attended by over 500 delegates coming from different parts of India. The booklets published under the auspices of Birth Centenary Celebration of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj were given to all as Jnana Prasad.

On 8th September, all the delegates participated in the joyous celebration of 127th Birth Anniversary of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj and felt themselves blessed.

May the abundant benedictions of the Lord Almighty, Worshipful Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj and Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj be upon all.

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