

## SWAMI CHIDANANDA BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS STATE LEVEL PROGRAMMES

### Odisha

Divya Jivan Sangh, Sivananda Sevagram Charitable Society (managed by the Divine Life Society Branches of Angul district) has been successfully rendering services to the poor and destitute through Chidananda Centenary Charitable Dispensary at Gaham, Angul. During December 2014, about 558 poor patients were examined and provided free medicines. Dr. R. N. Panda, Dr. B. Pradhan, Pharmacists Sri Swetambar Pradhan, Sri P.K. Dhar and Sri Himanshu Pani offered their services to the needy through the Charitable Dispensary.



Under the auspices of the Birth Centenary of Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, Divya Jivan Sangh, Sivananda Sevagram Charitable Society also organised a Free Eye Operation Camp. The Camp was inaugurated by the Sub-collector of Talcher and B.D.O. of Kaniha. 590 poor patients were examined and out of them 147 patients were successfully operated at Kalinga Eye Hospital Dhenkanal.





To impart moral and spiritual education to the young generation, the Society organised Youth Personality Development Camp from 27<sup>th</sup> December 2014 to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015. About 200 students from different colleges participated in the five day youth camp. The activities of the camp comprised of early morning prayer, Asana, Pranayama, discourses by eminent scholars and evening Satsanga. Sri Swami Sivachidanandaji Maharaj, Brahmachari Biswambarji, Sri Biswamohan Pattnayakji, Sri Rajat Kumar Pradhanji, Sri K. Sridhar Dasji and Sri Madanmohan Pandaji addressed the students on the subjects – Twenty Spiritual Instructions, Universal Prayer, Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Theory and Practice of Divine Life and Importance of Mantra and Sloka Chanting. On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015, New Year programme included Mantra initiation and cultural events.



## Gujarat

To commemorate the sacred occasion of the Birth Centenary of Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, the DLS Surendranagar Branch has been organising various programmes. The Branch commenced Centenary Celebrations with a Sankirtan Yatra of 108 villages in and



around Surendranagar under the guidance of Sri Swami Gopalanandaji Maharaj. This unique Sankirtan Yatra commenced on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 and concluded on 24<sup>th</sup> December 2014 with Sankirtan at Bharad village. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj, Sri Swami Aksharanandaji Maharaj from the Headquarters Ashram and Sri Swami Radhamohandasji from Vrindavan attended the Sankirtan at Bharad village and also addressed the gathering. After the programme about 2700 devotees partook the

sacred Prasad. Cows, birds, ants and dogs were also fed. The Branch also provided some financial assistance to renovate the dilapidated temples at 23 villages during the Sankirtan Yatra.

With the divine grace of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj and Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj and the sincere efforts of the members of the DLS Surendranagar Branch, a new DLS Branch was started at Ganjela village on 24th December 2014. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj inaugurated the new DLS Branch at Ganjela and also blessed the devotees with his inspiring words. Sri Swami



Gopalanandaji Maharaj presented spiritual books for Sivananda Library of the new DLS Branch. The Inaugural function of the DLS Ganjela Branch was well attended by more than 500 people.

On 25th December 2014, the DLS Surendranagar Branch organised a programme to present a kit of 24 spiritual books to 180 school libraries of Surendranagar district. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj presented these kits to the Principals or representatives of 180 schools. The Branch also donated two sewing machines to the two needy women to enable them to earn their livelihood.



From 26th December 2014 to 1st January 2015, the Branch organised a Yogasana Camp at Sardar Patel Vidyalaya. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj inaugurated the Camp with the lighting of the Camp. 1000 students along with their 45 teachers from different schools participated enthusiastically in the Camp successfully conducted by Sri Swami Dharmanishthanandaji Maharaj.

The Branch also arranged Ram Katha from 26th December 2014 to 3rd January 2015 by Sri Swami Radhamohandasji Maharaj, a scholarly saint from Vrindavan. The Katha was well attended by about 1500 devotees. Five books for free distribution (Four in Gujarati and one in English) were also released by Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj during these programmes.

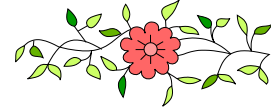


## Uttar Pradesh

Under the auspices of the Birth Centenary of Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, the DLS Kanpur Branch conducted Akhand Sri Ramacharitamans Path on 3rd and 4th January 2015 at the Headquarters Ashram. Sri A. P. Srivastava along with ten devotees of DLS Kanpur recited Sri Ramacharitamans melodiously with the accompaniment of musical instruments at Sri Divya Nam Mandir. H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj blessed



the programme with his presence at the commencement and the conclusion of the Path.



**Serve one another, cooperate with one another, understand one another, have good will each other, change the angle of vision from self-interest to common interest, from materialism to spirituality realising the presence of God in all. Feel that you are one with the whole universe. Broaden your out-look. Purify your lower nature. This is divine life.**

*Swami Sivananda*



**Tamilnadu**

The Birth Centenary Celebration of Most Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj in Tamilnadu commenced on 13th January 2015 with the release of Special Postal Cover of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, My Stamp and Musical Album with Pujya Sri Swamiji Maharaj’s voice in a programme organised at Chinmaya Heritage Centre, Chetpet, Chennai. The programme was organised by Sri K. Kandaswamy, member of Swami Chidananda Birth Centenary

Celebration Organising Committee from DLS Rasipuram Branch.

The programme commenced with the welcome address by Sri K. Kandaswamy. Thereafter, Sri T. Murthy, IPS, Chief Post Master General, Tamilnadu Circle, in the august presence of Pujya Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj, General Secretary, DLS Headquarters, Pujya Sri Swami Sivananda Sundaranandaji Maharaj, Chairman, DLS Chennai and Pujya Sri Swami Mitranandaji Maharaj, Acharya, Chinmaya Mission Chennai,



released the Special Postal Cover of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, My Stamp and Musical Album with Pujya Sri Swamiji Maharaj's voice. Sri T. Murthyji handed the first Postal Cover and Musical Album to Pujya Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj.

Pujya Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj, Pujya Sri Swami Sivananda Sundaranandaji Maharaj, Pujya Sri Swami Mitranandaji Maharaj and Sri T. Murthyji paid their reverential homage to Most Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj through their brief talks on his inspiring



life and teachings. Dr. Venkata Subramanyam conducted the programme as the Master of ceremonies. The programme concluded with Mangala Arati and distribution of Prasad.



**The sun brings the message that the Lord is self-luminous. The ocean reveals that the Brahman is Infinite, the ether speaks that the Atman is All-pervading. The flower brings the message that the Lord is beauty of the beauties. The Himalayas whisper in your ears about the grandeur of the soul. The thunder brings the message that God is Omnipotent. The seed says that God is the source of everything. The Ganga murmurs that the Lord is ever pure.**

*Swami Sivananda*



### Andhra Pradesh

To mark the commencement of Birth Centenary Celebration of Most Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj at Andhra Pradesh, Sri Sai Babu, member, Board of Management DLS Headquarters and director of Sri Swami Sivananda School, Karavadi and Dr. Gita Sai Babu organised a special Satsang on 17th January 2015 at the Guru Kutir open air auditorium of the school. At their request, H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj visited Karavadi village to attend the Satsang. Sri Swamiji Maharaj was accorded traditional welcome with the Nadaswara and percussion. Sri

Swamiji blessed the devotees with his inspiring message. The local devotees enthusiastically participated in the Satsang.

Under the aegis of Swami Chidananda Birth Centenary Celebration, the DLS Kakinada Branch and few other Branches of





East Godavari district organised a grand Satsang on 19th January 2015 at Sivananda Kshetram, Kakinada. H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj and the saints from different Ashrams graced the Satsang with their holy presence. H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj also

blessed the devotees with his talk on 'Divine Life'. The Satsang was well attended by around 300 devotees.

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



### MOULD YOUR DESTINY

You are the author of your own fate. You yourself have created your world. You yourself are entirely responsible for your destiny. You are the architect of your joys and sorrows. Just as the spider or the silkworm creates a web or cocoon for its own destruction, so also you have created this cage of flesh by your own actions, attractions, repulsions, and false egoism. You become the slave of the flesh, slave of your body and mind, slave of countless desires. You are sunk in the quagmire of deepest ignorance.

Weep not, my child! Sorrow not! A glorious brilliant future is awaiting you! Strive to come out of this false cage of illusion right now this very second. If your attempt is true and sincere, if you endeavour with all your might to achieve this end, by the ready grace of the Lord you shall drive away these dark clouds of ignorance and shine in your true divine colours, in your native, pristine glory!

**Swami Sivananda**