

## Swami Chidananda Birth Centenary Celebrations State Level Programmes



### Odisha

Under the auspices of Swami Chidananda Shatavarshiki Samiti, Odisha, the DLS Chhatrapur Branch and the DLS Belaguntha Branch of Ganjam district organised five days Youth Camp, Sadhana Shivar and Spiritual Conference from 22nd to 26th December and from 27th to 31st December 2014 respectively. Pujya Sri Gajapati Dibyasingha Debji Maharaj,

President Swami Chidananda Shatavarshiki Samiti, Odisha graced the programmes at both the places as the Chief Guest and blessed the devotees with his messages.

Sri Swami Sivachidanandaji, Sri Swami Dharmaprakashanandaji, Sri Swami Dharmanishthanandaji, Sri Swami Devabhaktanandaji, Sri Swami Brahmasakshatkarandaji, Sri Swami Sadasivanandaji, Sri Swami Sanatana-nandaji and other scholars and



dignitaries attended the programmes at DLS Chhatrapur Branch and the DLS Belanguntha Branch and addressed the gathering. At both the places, more than 1000 Sadhaks attended the Sadhana Shivir and about 500 students participated in the Youth Camp. Sri Jaya Chandra Nayak, General Secretary, Swami Chidananda Shatavarshiki Samiti, co-ordinated both the programmes successfully.

To commemorate the auspicious occasion of Birth Centenary Celebration of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, the Divine Life Society Bhubaneswar Branch initiated a unique project 'Swami Chidananda Vidyarthi Chetana Shivir' in September 2014. As part of this programme, the Branch organises camps at different schools and colleges of Odisha every month. During January 2015, the Branch organized 'Swami Chidananda Vidyarthi Chetana Shivir' at five schools of Cuttack district namely Khandasahi Jagannath Vidyapith, Asureswar, Asureswar High School, Asureswar, Malipur High



School, Asureswar, Sundargram Boys' High School and Sundargram Girls' High School, Sundargram.

Sri Swami Srinivasanandaji, Sri Pravakar Dash, Sri A.P.Biswal, Prof. Sri Khirodnath Mohapatra, Sri Biranchi Narayan Sahu, Sri Narottam Singh, Sri Pravakar Moharana, Sri Brahmananda Kar, Sri Ramakanta Mishra and Prof. Biswamohan Pattanaik addressed the students. The number of participating students at these five schools was 150, 50, 150, 81 and 60 respectively. Three Oriya booklets 'Sadachara hi Jibanara Pranadhar', 'Satya, Ahimsa, Brahmacharya' and 'Jibanara Saphalata' were distributed to all the students as Jnana Prasad along with Prasad.

The DLS Bhubaneswar Branch also offered its services for Cow- protection at Gorakshani, Asureswar Cuttack. The Sannyasins and devotees of the Branch fed 80 cows and donated money for one day feeding as well.



**Andhra Pradesh**

As a part of Birth Centenary Celebrations of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, an All Andhra Divine Life Society Conference was organised from 24th to 26th January 2015 at Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao Government Music and Dance College, Vijayawada. H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj, General Secretary, DLS Headquarters inaugurated the Conference by hoisting the flag of Divine Life and lighting the lamp on 24th January.

The daily programme of the Conference comprised morning prayer and meditation session, Nagar Sankirtan, Yogasana, chanting of



Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Sri Vishnusahasranama, discourses by the eminent saints and scholars and cultural programmes. The morning meditation session was conducted by





Brahmachari Prakasananda and Yogasana class was conducted by Sri Yogananda Bharati of Ganga Cholla Penta. Sri Chilla Ramakrishna and Sri Srinu Siddhanti led the Nagar Sankirtan and Smt. Geetha Lakshmi of Karawadi led the chanting of Srimad Bhagavad Gita and Sri Vishnusahasranama. The cultural programmes included



with his talks in both the sessions of the Conference. H.H. Sri Swami Vidyaswarupanandaji of Sri Kalahasti, Sri Swami Prasannananda Giri of Gandipalem, Mata Seelananda of Chinmayaranyam Yellaipalli, Mata Jyotirmayananda of Palakollu, Sri Swami Samatananda of Vizianagaram, Sri Swami Satyananda Bharati of Vijayawada, Sri Swami Satyananda and



Annamacharya Keertanas and Kuchipudi dance by the students of Ghantasala Venkateswara Rao Government Music and Dance College, Vijayawada, Sri Sivananda School Karavadi and Arvinda School Kunchanapalli.

H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj blessed the devotees



Brahmachari Prakasananda of Layidam, Sri Swami Satyananda Giri of Tadepalligudem, Mata Tyagamayi Ananda and Sri Prabhala Subramanya of Rajamundry, Sri G. Krishna of Rajole, Sri Jallella Vara Prasad of Karawadi, Sri Padala Haridas Gupta of Parlakimidi, Sri Chadalawada Venkatasessaiah of Guduru, Sri T.V.K. Ayyenger of

Warangal, Sri Ravindra Trivikram of Vijayawada, Sri Hayagreevacharyulu of Nandyala, Sri M.T. Alwar of Tadepalle and Sri Mahendra Patnaik of Narayanapur Odisha attended the Conference and addressed the gathering on various aspects of spiritual life.

The Conference was well organized and attended by about 2000 delegates from Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Odisha and Chhattisgarh.



### Chhattisgarh

To commemorate the sacred occasion of the Birth Centenary of Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, the DLS Ghatpadmur Branch organised various programmes. From 5th to 10th December 2014, Satsangs were organised at different DLS branches of the State, Central Jail, schools and hostels of Bastar district and villages of Dandakaranya forest area.

A Youth Camp was organised from 6th to 8th January 2015 wherein 121 students enthusiastically participated. The activities of the Camp included Yogasana, Pranayama, prayer, meditation, Gita-recitation and discourses on moral education and the life and teachings of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj and Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj. On 9th January, Akhand chanting of Om Namah Sivaya Mantra for 12 hours was conducted.

From 10th to 12th January, Chhattisgarh State Divine Life Society Spiritual Conference was successfully organised. The programme of the Conference comprised early morning prayer and meditation session, Nagar Sankirtan, Yogasana, Pranayama, Bhajan-kirtan and discourses by eminent saints and scholars on the divine personalities and inspiring teachings of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj and Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj and various other spiritual subjects. The Spiritual Conference was well attended by around 1500 devotees.





**Haridwar**


In Haridwar, there is a colony for lepers at Chandighat which has been named after Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, as 'Chidananda Kushtha Ashram'. The DLS Branch BHEL, Haridwar

provides assistance to the inmates of the Ashram from time to time. In response to the request of the DLS Branch BHEL, Haridwar, the Headquarters Ashram provided financial assistance for the construction of the common kitchen and



store in the Chidananda Kushtha Ashram. On 14th February 2015, the inaugural function of the newly constructed kitchen and store was organised. H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj and H.H. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj visited Chidananda Kushtha Ashram to



attend the function. After the ceremonial inauguration and worship, Sri Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj handed over the newly constructed kitchen and store to the inmates of the Kushtha Ashram and also blessed them with his talk. 

### FAITH AND THE LOVE OF GOD

Love and service are two keys to Divine Life. Religion and life are not two but one. Lead the Life Divine always. Study, serve, meditate, worship the Divine in and through man.

The deeper a man's love of God is, the greater is his spiritual knowledge, in due proportion to his capacity and depth of love. The final consummation of the love of God is union with God. Love of God is inborn in man by virtue of his spiritual evolution.

God is the source of all happiness. All beings abide in Him. He is an embodiment of peace, wisdom, and bliss. He is Truth, Love, Beauty and Goodness. All beings abide in Him.

God is one. God and His law are one. God is Love and Law. God is pure spirit. God is the path and the goal. God alone is your real father, mother, friend and Guru.

Faith heals, faith creates, faith works wonders, faith moves mountains. Faith is the searchlight for finding God. Faith makes the weak strong and the timid brave. Faith makes the impossible possible.

Consider that God is always with you, within you and around you. You will derive immense strength, inward peace and happiness. You will be a changed man.

**Swami Sivananda**

## Recitation of Thiruvachakam at the Headquarters Ashram

In the traditional worship in South India, hymns in Sanskrit and Tamil are offered to the presiding deity of the temple. These hymns are known as 'Marai', meaning Southern Vedas. 'Thiruvachakam', a beautiful composition by a great



saint Manikkavachakar is one of these hymns. Sri M. Arunachalam of the DLS Karaikudi, Tamilnadu along with 35 devotees visited the holy abode of Gurudev and recited Thiruvachakam at Sri Vishwanath Mandir on 20th February 2015 as their worshipful offering for the Birth Centenary Celebration of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji



Maharaj. In the night Satsang, H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj in his talk apprised the gathering of the life of saint Manikkavachakar and his great work Thiruvachakam and also honoured the devotees from DLS Karaikudi.

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

