

CHINMAYA JYOTI YATRA AT THE HEADQUARTERS ASHRAM

8th May 2016 marks the sacred occasion of Birth Centenary of H.H. Sri Swami Chinmayanandaji Maharaj, a direct disciple of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj. To commemorate this occasion, Chinmaya Mission has been organizing various programmes. 'Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra'—an All India Tour of 238 days to propagate the teachings of H.H. Sri Swami Chinmayanandaji Maharaj—is one of the programmes of the Centennial Celebration.

Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra Mandali arrived at the Headquarters Ashram at 9



In the afternoon, the Yatra Mandali presented a Mobile Planetarium Show depicting Sri Swamiji Maharaj's message of oneness of God. During the night Satsanga, 'On a Quest'—a film on Sri Swamiji Maharaj's inspiring life was shown. Thereafter, H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj shared some of his reminiscences with Param Pujya Sri Swami Chinmayanandaji Maharaj. On 12th October, Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra Mandali left the Headquarters Ashram for Uttarakashi.

May the blessings of the Lord Almighty and Sadgurudev be upon all.



a.m. on 11th October 2015 and was extended a hearty welcome at the sacred Samadhi Shrine by H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj, H.H. Sri Swami Yogaswarupanandaji Maharaj, H.H. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj and Sannyasins and Brahmacharins of the Ashram. Worshipful Sri Swami Chinmayanandaji Maharaj's Padukas, Vastra and Chinmaya Jyoti were placed reverentially by the side of Sadgurudev's picture for the Darshan of one and all.



THE AKHANDA PARAYANA OF SRI RAMACHARITMANAS AT THE HEADQUARTERS ASHRAM



The Akhanda Parayana of Sri Ramacharitmanas was organized at Sri Divya Nam Mandir on 9th and 10th October 2015 to celebrate the 84th Birthday of H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj. The devotees of the DLS Kanpur Branch, Sannyasins, Brahmacharins and guests of the Ashram recited Sri Ramacharitmanas melodiously with the accompaniment of musical instruments. H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj blessed the programme with his presence at the conclusion of the Parayana which came to a close with Arati and distribution of special Prasad.



SRI SWAMI SIVANANDA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDING CEREMONY AT MALAVIYA NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, JAIPUR

In 2012, the Divine Life Society Headquarters Ashram established an Endowment in Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur in the holy name of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj to award scholarship to four students, one from each year of B. Tech Course.

The Scholarship Awarding Ceremony for the year 2015 was organized on 23rd September 2015 at the newly constructed hall in the campus of MNIT. Dr. Yogesh Grover, member DLS Jaipur Branch attended the function on behalf of the Divine Life Society and apprised the gathering of glorious life and works of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj and the aims and activities of the Divine Life Society as well. Thereafter, the cheques along with certificates were given to the selected students by the Director and Dean of MNIT. The function was well attended by the faculty members and the students of MNIT.



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SPECIAL SATSANGA AT THE HEADQUARTERS ASHRAM

A special Satsanga was organized at holy Samadhi Shrine on 9th October 2015 wherein Pujya Sri Nochur Venkataraman of Tirvanmalai, an ardent devotee of Bhagavan Sri Ramana Maharshi and a great exponent of Vedantic wisdom, enlightened the gathering on the path of devotion and the qualities of a true devotee. Quoting copiously from various scriptures and illustrating from the glorious life of Bhagavan Sri Ramana, Sri Venkataraman said the annihilation of one's identity and all desires is true devotion.



H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj extended heartfelt gratitude towards Pujya Sri Nochur Venkataramanji for his visit and inspiring discourse. The Satsanga concluded with the felicitation of Pujya Sri Nochur Venkataramanji, Arati and distribution of Prasad.

NAVARATRI AND VIJAYADASHAMI CELEBRATIONS AT THE ASHRAM



The auspicious occasion of Navaratri was celebrated with great sacredness and devoutness at the Headquarters Ashram from 13th October to 21st October 2015. The beautifully decorated and illumined Sivananda Satsanga Bhavan housed all the programmes. The Divine Mother in her three aspects—Sri Maha Durga, Sri Maha Lakshmi and Sri Maha Saraswati – was worshipped in grand manner all these days.

Every morning, the programme commenced with Chandi Path in a room of the Atithi Bhavan. In the forenoon, the Matri Satsanga Group of the Ashram offered worship to the Divine Mother daily from 13th October to 20th October at the Sivananda Satsanga Bhavan with the recitation of Lalitahasra Nama, Mahishasurmardini Stotra and Bhajans-kirtans glorifying Mother Para Shakti.



During the night Satsanga, besides regular chants and prayers, the recitation of Sri Durga-Saptashati was done in Sanskrit by H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj. The English and Hindi meaning of Sri Durga-Saptashati was read by H.H. Sri Swami Vimalanandaji Maharaj and Sri Swami Dharmanishthanandaji respectively. It was followed by the



chanting of Tantroktta Devi Suktam by Sri Swami Vaikunthanandaji Maharaj. Navaratri messages of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj were also read by H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj. After that, the floral Archana to the chants of Ashtottarashata-Namavali of Goddess was performed followed by Arati and distribution of special Prasad.

On the ninth day, Sri Saraswati Puja was conducted with all solemnity with Archana and Arati. It was followed by the Kanya-Puja. H.H. Sri Swami Yogaswarupanandaji Maharaj, H.H. Sri Swami Nirliptanandaji Maharaj, Sannyasins, Brahmacharins, devotees and guests of the Ashram worshipped the nine Kanyas representing nine forms of Devi and offered them food, clothes and other gifts. A special Chandi Havan was conducted at the Ashram Yajnasala. During night Satsanga, one audio C.D., one book and three booklets were also released to mark this august occasion.

The sacred day of Vijayadashami was celebrated with great joy on 22nd October 2015. The programme commenced in the forenoon with Bhajans-kirtans followed by special Puja and Archana of Mother Para Shakti. It being a Vidyaarambha Day

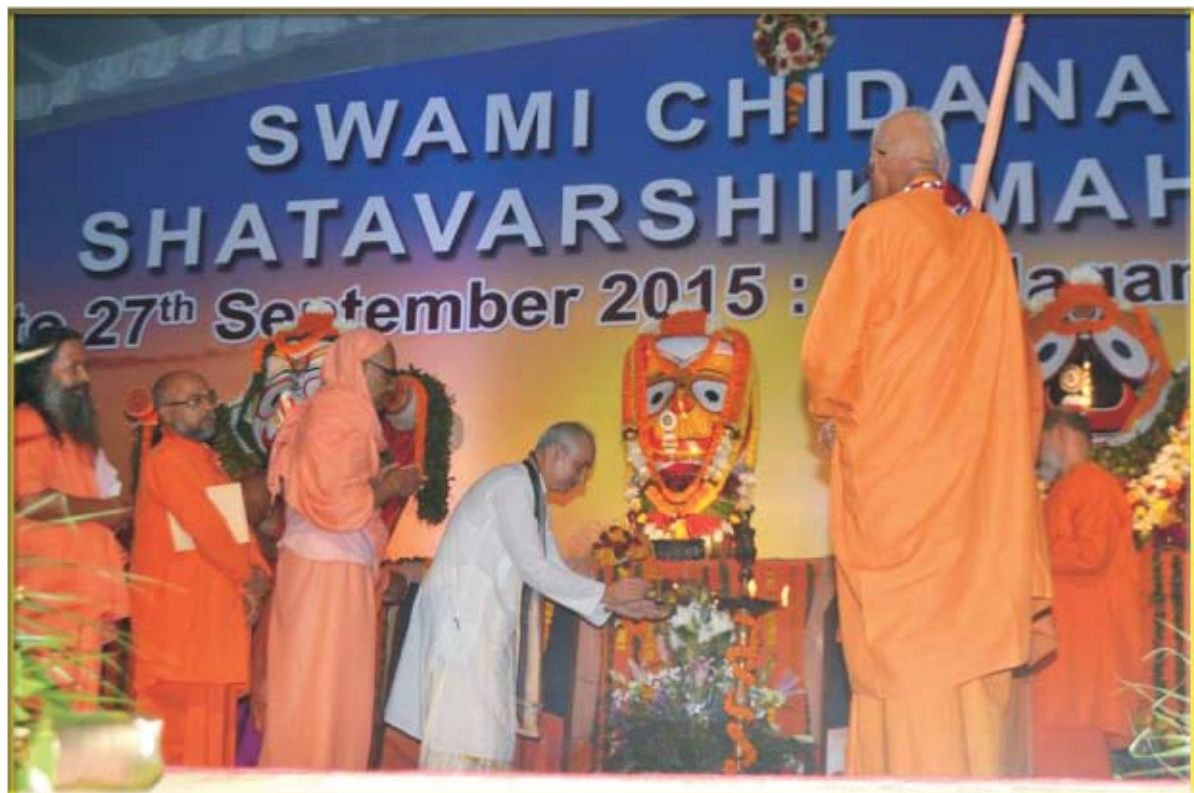


also, the selected portions from the scriptures—Vedas, Upanishads, Brahmasutras, Srimad Bhagavad Gita, Valmiki Ramayana, Mahabharata, Srimad Bhagavata and Sadhana by Holy Master Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj were read by H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj.

In the evening, Mother Ganga was offered special worship at Vishwanatha Ghat. During the night Satsanga, H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj blessed the gathering with his brief message. The highlight of the programme was a beautiful performance of Odissi dance by an eight year child Jashaswini Patra of Berhampur, Odisha. The celebration concluded with Arati and distribution of sacred Prasad.

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SWAMI CHIDANANDA BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS STATE LEVEL PROGRAMMES



ODISHA

Swami Chidananda Shatavarshik Mahotsav at Puri

A State Level celebration 'Swami Chidananda Shatavarshik Mahotsav' commemorating the Birth Centenary of Pujya Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj was successfully organized by Swami Chidananda Janma Shatabarshiki Samiti, Odisha at Sri Jagannatha-dham Puri (Odisha) from 25th to 27th September 2015. More than 15,000 devotees including about 6000 delegates from nearly 200 DLS Branches in Odisha attended the various sessions of the Mahotsav.

On 24th September 2015, as a prelude to the Mahotsav and in order to commemorate the commencement of the Birth Centenary Year of Pujya Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, hundreds of devotees and disciples took part in Sri Guru-paduka Puja and Special Satsanga presided over by Pujya Swami Nirliptananda Saraswatiji Maharaj at Chidananda Hermitage Shanti Ashram in Baliguali (Puri). The following day, just before the formal inauguration of the Mahotsav, thousands of devotees participated in a grand Mahamantra Nama-sankirtan

procession from Sri Jagannatha Temple to Sri Gundicha Temple. The Mahotsav was inaugurated on 25th evening by Govardhan Peethadhishwara Param Pujyapad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Srimad Swami Nischalananda Saraswatiji Maharaj. Pujya Swami Ramdevji (Founder, Patanjali Yogpeeth, Haridwar), Pujya Swami Nirliptanandaji (Vice-President, The Divine Life Society Headquarters), Pujya Swami Advaitanandaji (Chairman, Swami Chidananda Birth Centenary Organising Committee, Sivananda Ashram, Rishikesh) and many revered Saints graced the occasion along with Hon'ble Minister of State (Govt. of India) Sri Dharmendra Pradhan and other dignitaries. Gajapati Maharaja Sri Dibyasingha Deb (President, Shatabarshiki Samiti, Odisha) delivered the address of welcome and gave an overview of the Shatavarshik Mahotsav. A pictorial titled 'Swami Chidananda—A Pictorial Biography' was released on the occasion by Param Pujyapad Srimad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Maharaj. Several other books (mostly translations in Odia of DLS English publications) and a 'Mahotsav Centenary Souvenir' were also released during the various sessions of the Mahotsav. A photo exhibition 'Chidananda Rupam' portraying the glorious life of Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj was also held at the venue during the three days of the event which was well appreciated by the viewers. A blood donation camp, Seva at a local leprosy home, Narayana Seva and free distribution of Ayurvedic, homoeopathic and allopathic medicines and consultations were also organized as a part of the Mahotsav.

In the morning sessions of the Mahotsav on 26th and 27th September, after conclusion of Pratah-prarthana and Dhyana by Pujya Swami Nirliptanandaji,



Yoga-prashikshan was conducted by Pujya Swami Ramdevji in which about 15,000 devotees participated. Pujya Swami Ramdevji fondly recounted the inspiration and blessings he received during his early days of sadhana from Pujya Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj when he was at Gangotri.

The forenoon and afternoon sessions of the Mahotsav on both the above days were presided over by Pujya Swami Advaitanandaji while the evening sessions were presided over by Pujya Swami Nirliptanandaji. The theme for the forenoon session on the 26th was 'God-Realisation - the Goal of Human Life' on which discourses were given by Pujya Swami Sadanandaji (Acharya and Regional Head, Chinmaya Mission, Bhubaneswar), Pujya Baba Ramcharan Dasji (Adhikari, Nebaldas Math, Puri) and Pujya Swami Anandaswaroopanandaji of Kailash Ashram, Rishikesh. Pujya Swami Ramdevji was the Chief Guest in this session. In the afternoon session on 26th, Pujya Baba Bipin Behari Dasji (Kalpataru Seba Sangha, Cuttack), Pujya Baba Sachidananda Dasji (Adhyaksha, Jhanjapita Math, Puri), Pujya Swami Swaroopanandaji (Director, Satyananda Yoga Vidyalaya, Bhubaneswar) and Pujya Swami Sivachidanandaji of DLS, Bhubaneswar



spoke on the topic 'Swami Sivananda and his Mission'.

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Odisha, Sri Naveen Patnaikji was the Chief Guest in the 'Sadbhavana Samavesh' held on 26th evening on the theme 'Universal Brotherhood and Harmony'. Puja Paramahansa Prajnananandaji (Spiritual Head, Kriya Yoga International, Puri), Venerable P. Seewalee Thero (Chief Monk, Maha Bodhi Society of India, Kolkata), Reverend Father Anselm Francis (Spiritual Director, Kristo Jyoti Mohavidyaloyo, Sambalpur), Samani Malayapragyan (Jain Terapanth, Cuttack), Brother Shakeel Ahmed (Chairman, IQRA Research Academy, Cuttack) and Gyani Sukhdev Singhji (Head Granthi, Gurudwara, Cuttack), Sri Pinaki Mishraji, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Puri and Sri Maheswar Mohantyji, Hon'ble MLA, Puri took part in the deliberations as the Guests-of-Honour and lauded the efforts of The Divine Life Society in promoting inter-faith harmony, peace and universal brotherhood, which is the urgent need of the hour.

The forenoon session on 27th September was dedicated to the theme 'Spirituality in daily life' wherein Puja

Swami Asimanandaji (Founder, Sri Rama Nigameswara Mandira, Cuttack), Puja Swami Dharmaprakashanandaji (DLS Bhubaneswar) and Puja Swami Dharmanishthanandaji (DLS Hqrs, Rishikesh) shed light on how the common man can practice spirituality while discharging his duties in the work-a-day world. Sri Prasad Harichandanji (President, Odisha Pradesh Congress Committee) graced the occasion as the Chief Guest.

Puja Baba Chaitanya Charan Dasji (Founder, Bhagabat Ashram, Puri) was the Chief Guest in the afternoon session on 27th and the topic was: 'Swami Chidananda'. Puja Swami Madhavanandaji (Acharya, Chinmaya Mission, Ranchi), Puja Swami Brahmasakshatkarandaji (DLS, Rourkela) and Puja Swami Jagannathanandaji of DLS, Bhubaneswar very fondly recounted the simplicity, humility, Guru-bhakti and above all the saintly glory and godliness of Puja Guru Maharaj Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj and how they were inspired and guided on the spiritual path by the grace of Sri Swamiji Maharaj.

The valedictory session on 27th evening was dedicated to the theme 'Vedic Renaissance for a better world' with Puja Swami Tejomayanandaji (Head, Chinmaya Mission Worldwide, Mumbai) as the Chief Guest. Puja Swami Atmaprabhanandaji (President, Ramakrishna Math, Bhubaneswar), Puja Sri Lokanath Swamiji (Regional Head-Western India, ISKCON, Pandharpur, Maharashtra) and Puja Swami Satyaprajnanandaji, (Founder President, Viswatma Chetana Parishad, Bolangir) exhorted the gathering to earnestly strive for imbibing and promoting the ideals and values of Sanatana Vedic Dharma at the individual, social, national



and inter-national levels for establishing peace and prosperity around the world. President of the Janma Shatabarshiki Samiti, Odisha, Gajapati Maharaja Sri Dibyasingha Deb expressed his deep gratitude to The Divine Life Society Headquarters, the State Government and District Administration, Puri, and all others concerned for their full-fledged support which ensured smooth and successful conduct of the State-level Centenary Celebration. The Mahotsav concluded with prayers for the welfare of humanity and distribution of sacred Mahaprasad of Lord Jagannatha.

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BHUBANESWAR

To commemorate the auspicious occasion of Birth Centenary Celebration of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, the Divine Life Society Bhubaneswar Branch organized 'Swami Chidananda Vidyarthi Chetana Shivir' at six schools and colleges of Ganjam and Khurda districts during September 2015.

The Shivir was organized at Baliasora Government High School and Brahmanidevi High School, Hindala of Kabisuryanagar, Godhapalan Government High School and Hatiota Government High School of Polsara, Ganjam on 10th

September and at Sanatan Harichandan College, Madanpur and Bauribandhu College, Chhatabar Bhubaneswar of Khurda on 12th September.

Sri Swami Srinivasanandaji, Sri Pravakar Dash, Sri A. P. Biswal and Prof. Biswamohan Pattanaik addressed the students. The number of participating students at Ganjam and Khurdha districts was 712 and 350 respectively. Three Odia booklets 'Sadachar hin Jibanara Pranadhar', 'Satya, Ahimsa, Brahmacharya' and 'Jibanara Saphalata' were distributed to all the students as Jnana Prasad along with Prasad.

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ANGUL

Divya Jivan Sangh, Swami Sivananda Sevagrama Charitable Society (managed by all the DLS Branches of Angul) organized Student Welfare Programme at different venues in September 2015 to impart ethical and spiritual education to young generation. On 11th September, the programme was organized at Saradhapur High School wherein 200 students participated. It was organized at Sivananda Institute



of Integral Yoga Centre, Sivananda Sevagram, Gaham on 13th September wherein 100 students

from different schools participated. The Society also distributed one book in Odia language 'Adarsha Balaka' to all the students as Jnana Prasad.

The Society continued its services to the poor and destitute through Chidananda Centenary Charitable Dispensary at Gaham, Angul. During September 2015, about 783 poor patients were examined and provided free medicines. Dr. R. N. Panda, Dr. R.C. Satpathy, Dr. B. Pradhan, Pharmacists Sri Swetambar Pradhan, Sri P.K. Dhar, Sri Hrudananda Behra and Sri



Himanshu Pani offered their services in the Charitable Dispensary.

