



GUJARAT

The Divine Life Society Vadodara Branch organized a Symposium on 'Eternal Message of Swami Chidananda to Mankind' on 24th September 2015 at Vasvik Hall to mark the 100th Birthday of Param Pujya Sri Swamiji Maharaj.

Swami Gyanvatsaladasji Maharaj of BAPS, Vaishnav Acharya Chandragopalji Maharaj, Swami Deveshanandaji of Chinmaya Mission, Swami Svaprakashanandaji Maharaj, Swami Nirakaranandaji Maharaj and Dr. Jayant Dave paying glorious tributes to Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj shared their loving reminiscences of Pujya Sri Swamiji Maharaj and also enlightened the gathering on his inspiring and elevating teachings. The Symposium was well attended by about 300 devotees.



TAMILNADU

The DLS Branch Triplicane, Chennai organized a special programme from 16th to 21st September 2015 at Sivananda Foundation, Chennai. The programme included spiritual discourses, Paduka Puja and Sankirtan Mela. The Sankirtan Mela was inaugurated by Pujya Sri Swami Niranjanananda Giriji Maharaj, Peethadhipati, Sri Jnanananda Giri Peetham, Thennangur, Vandavasi Taluk. The highlight of the programme was the release of a Tamil booklet 'Life and Works of Swami Chidananda' by Pujya Sri Swami Niranjanananda Giriji Maharaj. This booklet has been published for free distribution during Swami Chidananda Birth Centenary Prachar Yatra in Tamilnadu.

HEADQUARTERS ASHRAM



Inauguration of Two School buildings at Gauna, Chamoli District

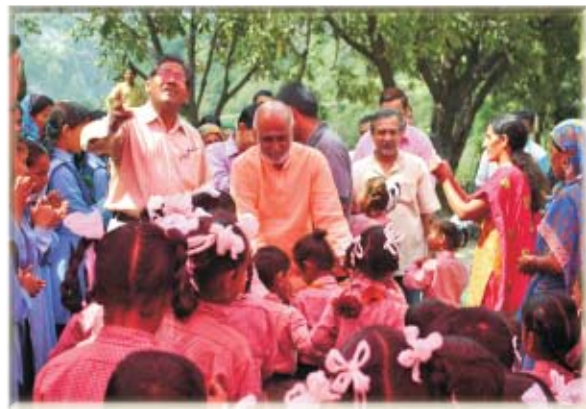
To mark the sacred occasion of the Birth Centenary Celebration of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj, the Headquarters Ashram undertook the noble work of constructing a new school building and





retrofitting the existing building of Government Primary School at a village named Gauna in Chamoli district.

Gauna is a remote village situated in a valley on Birahi river, 25 kilometers away from main Badrinath Road, after crossing Chamoli district. The school had two buildings, one completely damaged and the



other very weak. After the complete survey of the site by H.H. Sri Swami Advaitanandaji Maharaj and the other members of the Ashram, the Headquarters Ashram decided to do the retrofitting and strengthening of the one building and to construct a new building in place of the damaged one. With the technical support of NCPDP (National Centre for People's Action in Disaster Preparedness), the project was completed in the first week of September 2015.

The inauguration of two school buildings and their formal handing over to the Education Department was organized on 26th September 2015. H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj,



undertaking an arduous journey, visited Gauna village to preside over the function accompanied by Br. Gopiji, Swami Sridharanandaji and Br. Mahendranji. They were extended a hearty welcome by the villagers who all had gathered to express their gratitude towards the Divine Life Society for this sacred service. Sri Swamiji Maharaj inaugurated both the buildings by unveiling the marble plaques and



handed over the keys to Sri Rajendra Prasad Dandariyal, the District Education Officer of Chamoli who had extended his full co-operation in the completion of this project. After a beautiful cultural programme by the school children, the function came to a close with the



Prasad distribution by Sri Swamiji Maharaj.





The Dedication Ceremony of a New Classroom at 'My School Satya Surabhi' Kodaikanal, Tamilnadu

Smt. Vani Bai (authoress of Children's Sivananda) and her family have been ardent devotees of Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj and Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj. Smt. Padmini Mani, Vani Mataji's daughter runs a Primary School and an Open School 'My School Satya Surabhi' at Attuvampatti, Kodaikanal, Tamilnadu to provide free education to the children of farm-labourers. With the financial assistance of Headquarters Ashram, a New Classroom was constructed in the school in the sacred memory of Param Pujya Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj.



The Dedication Ceremony of the New Classroom was organized on 8th October 2015. H.H. Sri Swami Padmanabhanandaji Maharaj graced the function as the Chief Guest and dedicated the Classroom to the holy memory of Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj. Sri Swamiji Maharaj also blessed the gathering with his discourse on 'Living in Harmony with Nature'. Quoting from the Vedas, Sri Swamiji inspired the students to keep the environment clean and pure. Yogasana demonstration by the students of My School Satya Surabhi and Kathak performance by the students of Ms. Jigyasa Giri were also the highlights of the function.



COMMENCEMENT OF ALL INDIA SPIRITUAL PRACHAR YATRA



The 'All India Spiritual Prachar Yatra' to disseminate Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj's and Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj's divine teachings on the auspicious occasion of the Birth Centenary of Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj commenced with great devoutness and spiritual éclat from the Holy Samadhi Mandir at 1:00 p. m. on the sacred day of Vijayadasami i.e. 22nd October 2015.

The Prachar Yatra Ratha, delightfully designed with Sadgurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj's and Worshipful Sri Swami Chidanandaji Maharaj's beautiful portraits and their teachings, was graciously donated by Sri A. K. Das of Angul, Odisha. A grand procession was organized to escort the Yatra team up to the Ashram Goshala wherein Senior Swamijis, Sannyasins, Brahmacharins, devotees, guests of the Ashram and the students of different schools enthusiastically participated. Singing the Divine Name fervently and joyously and thereby permeating the paths of Rishikesh with sacred vibrations, all proceeded to the





Ashram Goshala. On the way to the Goshala, devotees of the different



also offered their reverential worship to Pujya Gurudev and Sri Swamiji Maharaj.



Ashrams and the members of different institutions of Rishikesh extended a hearty welcome to the procession and

The Yatra team comprising Sri Swami Sivachidanandaj Maharaj, Sri Swami Dharmanishtanandaji Maharaj, Dr. Jayant B. Dave, Sri Radhamohanji carrying the holy Padukas of Worshipful Gurudev Sri Swami Sivanandaji Maharaj will travel throughout India for 100 days to propagate the sacred gospel of Divine Life.

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

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