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## Upcoming Satsang

The next Satsang, First of 2012 will be held on Sunday January 15th at Chetan and Aparna Kumta's residence 1309 Cartmer Way, Milton, ON, L9T 6J9. Please contact Maya Kulkarni at 905-566-7908 (email:kulkarni77@rogerss.com) or Aparna Kumta at 905-876-2641 to participate in the Satsang please RSVP by January 10, 2011.

## Important Dates in November and December

|        |  |
|--------|--|
| Dec 10 | Shri Datta Jayanti   |
| Dec 18 | Punyatithi at Shirali H.H.Krishnashram Swamiji               |
| Dec 19 | Punyatithi at Shirali H.H.Keshavashram Swamiji               |
| Jan 14 | Makara Sankramana/Tilgula                                    |
| Jan 25 | Punyatithi at Mallapur-H.H. Shrimat Shankarashram Swamiji II |

## Stamp and First Day Covers

The commemorative stamp and first day cover has been issued by Philatelic Bureau of India. We have requested a small number stamps and first day cover.

To View the recently release stamp please visit the following website  
<http://www.indiapost.gov.in/Netscape/Stamps2011.html#2>

## Annual Math Vantiga

Our regular Vantiga payers, please consider to mail your contributions for 2011-2012 by the end of January 2012 to Sabha Treasurer Shri Vinayak Shanbhag at 5372 Floral Hill Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5V 1V3. (Tel. 905-286-1896 e-mail: vvshanbhag@yahoo.com). You can make cheque payable to CSCS in C\$ or if you are paying in Rupees with bank account in India, please make cheque payable to Shri Chitrapur Math. However if you are sending your vantiga contributions directly (in Rupees or C\$) to Shri Chitrapur Math, we would appreciate if you would let us know the amount you have sent. This is because we can total up all contributions from Canada Sabha members/math devotees by the end of March 2012 (fiscal end period for Shri Chitrapur Math for 2011-2012) and we can track the progress of Vantiga contributions on year to year basis.

### FUTURE

#### SATSANGS

Those who wish to sponsor future satsangs are requested to contact Maya Kulkarni.

## Published Articles

Following are list of articles that were published in Sweekar volume 4, Issues 1-12 April 2010 to Mar 2011

**May 2010 :** 2009 Tercentenary Scholarships Award presentation

**August 2010:** Age of Saraswat Community by Dr, Kanak Raval; Guru Purnima in Karla by Vanita Kumta

**September 2010:** H.H. Anandashram Swamiji

**October 2010 :** H.H. Parijnanashram Swamiji II; H.H. Shankarashram Swamiji I; Chaturmas 2010 "A beautiful description of Seemollangan" by Vanita Kumta

**December 2010 :** H.H. Keshavashram Swamiji; H.H. Krishnashram Swamiji; H.H. Vamanashram Swamiji

**March 2011 :** H.H. Parijnanashram Swamiji III; NRI Sanskriti Prachar Shibir 2010 report by Chirag Amemba, Advait Amemba et al;

## Swamiji's Itinerary

Following is the itinerary of H.H. Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji's itinerary till Jan 15, 2012.

### December 2011

Dec.3-12 Talmakiwadi, Mumbai-Dattajayanti

Dec.13-15 Karla

Dec.20-26 Shirali

### January 2012

Dec.28-Jan.8 Pune

Jan.9-15 Hyderabad

# Shrimath Anantheshwar Temple - Shashti Invitation

SHRIMATH ANANTHESHWAR TEMPLE  
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THE ANNUAL SHASTI FESTIVAL  
will be celebrated from 26<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

You are cordially invited to attend and participate in the celebrations with your family and friends and partake of the munificent grace and blessings of the benign Lord Anantheshwar.

H.H. Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji has kindly consented to grace the occasion.

## PROGRAMME

|            |           |  |
|------------|-----------|--|
| 26.11.2011 | Saturday  | Mritika Harana from Adisthala (Early Morning)<br>Morning - 9:00 a.m. onwards Samuhika Prathana,<br>Koshagara Pooja, Dhawajarohana, Mahapooja<br>Mangalarati and Utsav 8:00 p.m.onwards |
| 27.11.2011 | Sunday    | Mahapooja, Mangalarati and Utsav   |
| 28.11.2011 | Monday    | Mahapooja, Mangalarati and Utsav   |
| 29.11.2011 | Tuesday   | Mahapooja, Mangalarati<br>Night – 9:00 p.m.onwards <b>Mrigabete Utsav</b>  |
| 30.11.2011 | Wednesday | <b>Maha Rathotsav at 12:00 noon</b>  |
| 01.12.2011 | Thursday  | Avabhrathotsava (8:00 a.m.)<br>Dhwajavarohana, Mahapooja,<br>Mangalarati, Samuhika Prarthana,<br><b>Ankur Prasad Vitarana</b><br>Naga Tambila at Nagakatte at 5:30 p.m.                |

- Note:** 1) At noon – Mahabhisheka, Pooja, Nitya Bali and Santarpana on all days  
2) In the evening – 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. – Bhajans, Deepanamaskar  
8:00 p.m. onwards – Rangapooja and Utsav on all Days.  
3) Devotees' Meeting will be held on 29.11.2011 at 4:00 p.m.  
4) Naga Tambila Seva will be performed on 24<sup>th</sup> Nov, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec & 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2011.

**DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS** for the Shasti Mahotsav celebrations may kindly be remitted to the Manager of the Temple by M.O. / Cheque / D.D., drawn in favour of 'Shrimath Anantheshwar Temple, Vittal' giving full address & telephone number for speedy dispatch of receipt and Prasadam.

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## The Chitrapur Saraswat Education and Relief - Appeal

The Chitrapur Saraswat Education and Relief Society, Santacruz (CSERS) was constituted in the year 1946 with a primary objective of helping needy and deserving students and giving a helping hand to the aged, sick, invalid people in the areas of medical treatment or distress relief.

CSERS is registered with Bombay Public Trusts and managed by a Managing Committee of eight members all working on an honorary basis.

CSERS is one of six similar institutions in the city of Mumbai. A Coordination Committee formed by these six independent Institutions jointly scrutinizes the applications received from recipients and ensures that there is a uniform distribution of Aid thereby discouraging the tendency of same recipient trying to get the aid from more than one institution simultaneously. Contributions from CSERS during the last 5 years are in excess of 50% of Aid given by all the institutions together.

Disbursements since the year 2006/2007 from CSERS are as follows (figs in Lacs):

| <b>Fin. Year</b> | <b>Education</b> | <b>Distress</b> | <b>Medical</b>  | <b>Total</b>     |
|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 2006-07          | Rs. 3.57         | Rs. 2.40        | Rs. 1.19        | Rs. 7.16         |
| <b>2007-08</b>   | <b>Rs. 2.97</b>  | <b>Rs. 3.20</b> | <b>Rs. 1.78</b> | <b>Rs. 7.95</b>  |
| <b>2008-09</b>   | <b>Rs. 5.01</b>  | <b>Rs. 3.71</b> | <b>Rs. 2.18</b> | <b>Rs. 10.90</b> |
| <b>2009-10</b>   | <b>Rs. 4.02</b>  | <b>Rs. 3.80</b> | <b>Rs. 2.55</b> | <b>Rs. 10.37</b> |
| <b>2010-11</b>   | <b>Rs. 5.85</b>  | <b>Rs. 4.03</b> | <b>Rs. 2.20</b> | <b>Rs. 12.08</b> |

This aid can be availed of by any member of Chitrapur Saraswat community.

CSERS depends on Donations / Endowments received from members of Chitrapur Saraswat community as well as fresh membership of the Institution under various categories, which helps in building the corpus. This helps CSERS in generating additional interest income in order to reach more and more needy persons.

CSERS appeals to the members of Chitrapur Saraswat Community to donate towards the corpus and also become members of CSERS and help CSERS to assist deserving poor students and other deserving members of the community.

CSERS is also authorized to receive foreign contributions (in foreign currencies).

To donate towards the corpus or become a member or for additional information, you may please contact CSERS at:

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**Santacruz (West),**  
**Mumbai 400054, India.**  
**Email id: [csers\\_educaid@yahoo.com](mailto:csers_educaid@yahoo.com)**

## H H Shankarashram- II Swamiji, Indian Saint

The Yogi and a great scholar, Shankarashram II Swamiji was the fourth Guru of the Chitrapur Saraswat Brahmin community.

After the Maha-samadhi(death) of his guru Swami Parijnanashram II, Swami Shankarashram was crowned as the head guru or Mathadhipati, head of the Chitrapur Math of the Saraswats. Swamiji was suffering from high fever due to Malaria during the 'Anushthan' or the ceremony of crowning. But with his awe-inspiring yogic powers, he transferred his fever onto the danda(Stick) that he carried. He transferred the sickness back after the ceremony onto him being the true Yogi.

When devotees asked him why he would not keep the illness in the danda permanently he replied "Even a Jnani(All-knowing one) has to go through the ups and downs of life. Even the Lord ordains that and this is a fact of life". Swamiji was always engrossed in spiritual pursuits. Endlessly He was seeking more knowledge so that he would ignore his health.

His Holiness Swami Shankarashram II was the fourth Guru or Mathadhipati of the Chitrapur Saraswat Brahmin community. From 1770 until his death He was the seated at the post of Mathdhipati. A great scholar with extraordinary yogic powers was well versed with the Vedas and the Upanishads. He was also considered and idolized as an avatar(incarnation) of Lord Dattatreya. He has also performed several miracles. His devotees have experienced that in case of difficulty, if they prayed earnestly for his help, his help never fails to come.

A new matha 'Monastery' was established under Swami Shankarashram II, in the village of Kumta near Mallapur. Enriched with lots of greenery, this place is a small valley. It was named as the Shri Gurumath. After the construction was over, Swamiji started residing there. Swamiji everyday in the mornings go for a walk to Hoovinhattal, which is a place near the Chandavar village. For his darshan and blessings, devotees would wait on the road-side. Swamiji would randomly point to a devotee, who would then offer Swamiji bhiksha. Simple porridge and some payasa(sweet rice pudding) Swamiji preferred to have as meal. In the premises of the Guru Matha the samadhi(shrine) of Swami Shankarashram II is located. At the Chitrapur Math, Swamiji would constantly hold satsangs which means "gatherings for discussions of the scriptures. Swamiji would ameliorate all the people about the essence of the Indian scriptures.

As day passes the devotees became anxious with fear because of the frail health of Swamiji. They requested Swamiji to pick out a shishya(disciple) who would continue thereafter the Guru Parampara. The search for a suitable disciple started. A young man from the Kandlur family eventually chosen to be the successor of Swamiji. In 1781, in the month of Maagha, Swamiji ordained the new shishya and administered him as 'Keshavashram' at the Shri Ganapati Temple at Mallapur.

Like other Gurus Swami Shankarashram has been attributed to many miracles. Two of the most popular ones are:  
His shishya(disciple) Keshavashram during the Punyatithi(death anniversary) of his guru, Swami Parijñānashram II, asked the cooks not to prepare porridge. But Swamiji preferred to have only porridge as his meals. The shishya forgot to aware Swamiji about this. The cooks were preparing Vada. But however, the Vadas would stick to the bottom of the frying pan. It just would not get fried. When Swamiji got to know of it, he said "As the fire within is burning intensely, perhaps the Vadas are not getting fried". Keshavashram Swami suddenly understood his foolish behavior, asked the cooks to prepare the porridge immediately and serve Swamiji. The Vadas were frying crisp and hot, once Swamiji was served with the porridge. At the Shri Guru Matha at Mallapur, this incident(miracle) has also resulted in the Ksheeranna Seva(A special Seva or service). Ksheeranna means rice gruel(porridge) in Kannada.

It is believed that even after his death, the shrine of Swamiji was supposed to be powerful. With deep agony people go to visit the shrine and return with a sense of calmness. A priest lived, in the village of Narsobawadi. The priest along with his son, were grievously affected especially by a strange disease that could not be cured by any medication. One night, the priest dreamt of a holy saint asking him to go to Mallapur with his son and pray with full veneration at the shrine of Swamiji. Both father and son were cured of their illness with the divine grace of the guru.

The shrine or samadhi of the community of Swami Shankarashram II was renovated under Swami Pandurangashram, the eighth Head of the math. The stone slab covering the samadhi was removed during the renovation work. Everyone was zapped to find the age old leaves of Tulsi and Bael that were still fresh. When it was uncovered, the fragrance of tulsi spread all across the shrine. The leaves had withstood age and were conserved intact.

Swamiji went to Gokarn in 1785, to pray at the shrine of Adi Parijñānashram disrespecting his very poor health. The residents of Mallapur asked Swamiji to stay on the way back to Chitrapur, at the Guru Matha at Mallapur for a few days to bless the people. Swamiji's health took a turn for the worse very rapidly during this stay. On the Shudh Tritiya holy 3rd day of the month of Maagha in 1785, Swami Shankarashram II attained Maha-Samadhi(passed away) with his shishya Keshavashram by his side. His samadhi(Shrine) is located at Mallapur.

There is a notion which supports the believe that Swami Shankarashram was a true avatar of Lord Dattatreya. By the name Swami Samarth Maharaj, there lived a very renowned avatar of Lord Dattatreya in Akkalkot in Maharashtra. In 1878, he had assumed Sahaj Samadhi(passed away). In 1983, a devotee of his by name Sahasrabudhe Maharaj got a vision in Pune that Swami Samarth Maharaj apprized him to visit a sacred samadhi of a Datt avatar in Mallapur.

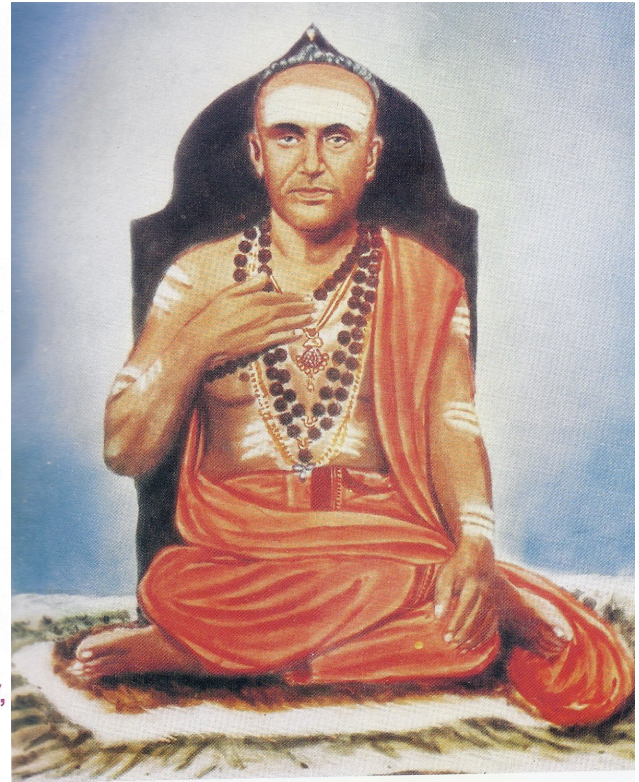
Swami Samarth Maharaj in the vision, showed him the shrine of the Datt Avatar at Mallapur and told him to urgently repair the shrine. But Sahasrabudhe Maharaj never heard of this place. The vision was so strong and demanding that could not be ignored. So he endlessly strive to figure out where this place was. After he reached Mallapur, he found the samadhi just as it was shown in his vision. Sahasrabudhe Maharaj became a devotee of Swamiji after offering his services to the shrine. This story however proved that Swami Shankarashram was a true avatar of Lord Dattatreya.



## Photo



SHREE SATCHIDANANDA DATTATREYA DEV,  
KUNDAPURA



H.H. Shrimat Pandurangashrama Swamiji

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