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# Sweekar

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## Future Satsang

First of the 2012 Chitrapur Satsang was held at Chetan and Aparna Kumta's residence. If your family wishes to hold a satsang in February or March, please contact Maya Kulkarni (ph: 905- 566-7908 or email: [kulkarni77@rogers.com](mailto:kulkarni77@rogers.com))

## Important Dates in February and March

Feb 1	Vardhanti of Shri Bhuvaneshwari Devi Sannidhi, Mahaganapati Sannidhi, Shri Shankaracharya Sannidhi and HH Shrimat Parijnanshram Swamiji III Paduka Sannidhi at Shirali
Feb 10	Vardhanti of Shri Venugopal Sannidhi at Mangalore
Feb 20	Shri Maha Shivaratri
Mar 1	Shishya Sweekar divas of H.H. Shrimat Parijnanshram Swamiji III
Mar 3	Vardhanti at Karla-H.H. Shrimat Parijnashram Swamji III Sannidhi
Mar 10	Vardhanti at Mangalore-Shri Umamaheshwar Sannidhi
Mar 22	Khara-Nama Samvatsara Samapti
Mar 23	Ugadi-Nama Samvatsara Prarambha

## Stamp and First Day Covers

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

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 February 2012 to Sabha Treasurer Shri Vinayak Shanbhag at 5372 Floral Hill Crescent, Mississauga, ON L5V 1V3. (Tel. 905-286-4896 e-mail: vvshanbhag@yahoo.com). You can make cheque payable to CSCS in C\$ or if you are paying in Rupees through a 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 a year to year basis.

We thank those who have already paid Vantiga dues.

### 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 till Mar 26, 2012.

### February 2012

Feb 5—Feb 7 Mt. Abu

Feb 10— Feb 13 Bengaluru

Feb 15—Feb 21 Hubli

Feb 23—Feb 26 Nasik

Feb 26—Mar 3 Karla

### March 2012

Mar 5-Mar 6 Shirali

Mar 8— Mar 10 Manglore

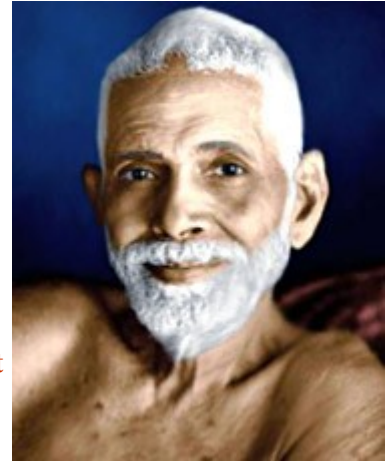
Mar 12— Mar 21 Shirali

Mar 22—Mar 25 On Tour

## Sri Ramana Maharshi, Indian Spiritual Leader

(Article Source : [Indianetzone.com](http://Indianetzone.com))

Sri Ramana Maharshi was an Indian spiritual leader of 19th century. At the age of sixteen he left home for Arunachala. In spite of being a Brahmin he declared himself an "Atiasrami", a Sastraic state of non-attachment to anything in life. Sri Ramana was born in Tiruchuli, **Madurai district** in **Tamil Nadu**, on Arudra Darshanam day, into an orthodox Hindu Tamil family to Sundaram Iyer and Azhagammal. He was the second of four children of his parents. He was named Venkataraman at birth. His siblings were Nagaswamy (1877-1900), Nagasundaram (1886-1953) and sister Alamelu (1891/92-1953).



### Spiritual Realisation of Sri Ramana Maharshi

From the age of eleven Venkataraman was brought up by his uncle. Venkataraman had a life changing experience, soon after, in mid-July 1896, at the age of sixteen. For him at the early age ego mattered a lot. It was the only real thing about his being. After he realised what **Moksha** was young Venkataraman found himself on the acme of spirituality. In the flood of Self-awareness the ego was lost. Happening unexpectedly the boy that used to be called Venkataraman had bloomed into a sage and saint. Utter indifference had grown up into him to his surroundings. Humility, humbleness, non-resistance and other qualities became his ornamentation. The new vision was perpetually with him and He began to live the spiritualized life.

### Devout life of Sri Ramana Maharshi

Venkataraman decided to leave his home and go to Arunachala. After wandering for a considerable span, on the morning of the 1st of September (now observed as Advent Day), 1896, he boarded the train and travelled the remaining distance to reach **Tiruvannamalai district**. After getting down from the train at Tiruvannamalai he went straight to the temple of Arunachaleshwara.

Ramana shifted his residence a little less than six months after his arrival at Tiruvannamalai to a shrine called Gurumurtam. After about a year's stay at Gurumurtam, the Swami moved to an adjacent mango orchard.

In February of 1899, Sri Ramana moved further up Arunachala. In 1916 his mother Alagammal and younger brother Nagasundaram joined Sri Ramana at Tiruvannamalai and they both took 'sannyasin'. Nagasundaram assumed the name Niranjanananda became known as Chinna Swami. Sri Ramana composed 'The Five Hymns to Arunachala' during this period, his work of art in devotional lyric poetry. Of them the first is 'Akshara Mana Malai'.

On 14th April 1950, Sri Ramana passed away.

### Teachings of Sri Ramana Maharshi

Sri Ramana taught about self-enquiry. It is the practice with which he is most widely associated with. These teachings, among the Indian schools of thought, have been classified as the Path of Knowledge (**Jnana marga**). Though his teaching is coherent with and broadly tied in with **Hinduism**, the **Upanishads** and **Advaita Vedanta**, there are some differences with the traditional Advaitic School. Sri Ramana gave his consent to a variety of these paths and practices from various religions. His soonest teachings are substantiated in the w (Who am I), originally written in Tamil.

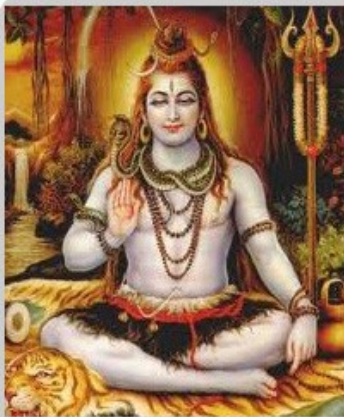
Sri Ramana has also counselled against considering self enquiry as an intellectual exercise. He was also known to have advised the practice of Bhakti and self surrender. The traditional Advaitic schools of thought pioneered by Sri Sankaracharya and teachings of Sri Ramana have many things in common.

## Math Calendar

As in the past this year also CSCS has sponsored the month of June in Math Calendar. CSCS has requested copies of the Math calendar for year 2012-2013. Calendars are expected in Month of April.

## SVBF Maha Shivaratri program

### Sunday February 19, 2012 Maha Sivarathri



Maha Shivaratri is celebrated with great devotion and religious fervor by Hindus, in honor of Lord Shiva, one of the Hindu Gods forming the Trinity. On the festival of Maha Shivaratri, devotees observe day and night fast and worship Shiva Lingam, to appease Lord Shiva.

Following is the schedule at SVBF

7.00 AM	Guru Vandanam & Mahanyasam
8.00 AM	Ekadasha Rudrabhishekam (11 times Rudra chanting)
Devotees who wish to take part in Rudra chanting are requested to be present on time wearing Dhoti (Veshti or Kache Panche + Shalya (no shirt please)	
At this occasion a group of devotees will be presenting a silver Dhara Patram for Siva Abhishekam	
11.30 am	Maha Pooja/ Prasadam
6.00 PM	1st Yama Pooja with Rudrabhishekam
7.30 – 10 PM	Bhajans/Singing/ Meditation
10.00 PM	2nd Yama Pooja with Rudrabhishekam
2.00 AM	3rd Yama Pooja with Rudrabhishekam
6.00 AM	4th Yama Pooja with Rudrabhishekam

**Sponsorship:** each Rudrabhishekam can be sponsored for a donation of \$21/

Devotees are requested to come in large numbers and take part in this special event throughout the day and night. Community center hall is available to take rest in between Poojas if you wish ( Monday is a Family day holiday). Please come and witness the tremendous growth of our temple and the vibrant spiritual place it has become

## Executive Committee Nominations

Two year term of the current executive committee expires on March 31, 2012. The slate for nominations for new executive committee members is now open. Please send your nominations to Vivek Kulkarni (email: [kulkarni77@rogers.com](mailto:kulkarni77@rogers.com)) and/or to Ganesh Shenoy (email: [gnshenoy@yahoo.com](mailto:gnshenoy@yahoo.com)). At the next Annual General Meeting which will be held probably between April-June 2012 (date and place to be advised), the new executive committee will be formed.



# Annual Mahashivaratri Utsav, Hubli

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## Invitation

Dear Devotees, Saprem Namaskaar,

Ceremony of the

**PUNARPRATHISTHA OF THE SHIVALINGA,  
SHRI GANAPATI VIGRAHA and SHRI SHARADAMBA VIGRAHA**  
is being held on Wednesday The 15th February 2012

AND

## SHRI MAHASHIVARATRI UTSAV

on Monday The 20th February 2012

will be observed in the divine presence of

**SHRIMATH SADYOJAT SHANKARASHRAM SWAMIJI**

Mathadhipati, Shri Chitrapur Math, Shirali

At

**SHRI SHIVAKRISHNA MANDIR**

**From 14-02-2012 to 22-02-2012**

It is with overwhelming joy,  
We invite you to participate in this festival.

Yours in the Service of  
Lord Shivakrishna, Math and Guruparampara.

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President

**SHRI SANJAY MALLAPUR**

Organising Secretary

**SHRI NAGESH MALLAPUR**

Treasurer

# Annual Mahashivaratri Utsav, Hubli (Cont'd)

## PROGRAMME

**14th Feb. 2012** : Arrival of P.P. Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji at Shri Shivakrishna Mandir. Receive P.P. Swamiji with "POORNA KUMBHA".  
**Tuesday**

**15th Feb. 2012** : PUNARPRATHISTHA OF THE SHIVALINGA, SHRI GANAPATI VIGRAHA and SHRI SHARADAMBA VIGRAHA  
**Wednesday**

**20th Feb. 2012** : "MAHASHIVARATRI ANUSHTHANA POOJA" by P.P. Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji and Dwadasha Jyotirlinga Smaran, Bhasmabhimantran, Amogha Shiva Kavacha and its Dharana and Sankalpa. (Note : Overnight pooja is performed in 4 'Yaamas' followed by Teerth Vitaran)  
**Monday**  
**9.30 p.m. to 6.00 a.m.**

(1st Yaama-10.00 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.; 2nd Yaama-00.00 Midnight to 01.30 a.m.)  
(3rd Yaama - 02.00 a.m. to 03.30 a.m.; 4th Yaama : 04.00 a.m. to 05.30 a.m.)

**21st Feb. 2012** : "DHARMA SABHA" Ashirvachan by P.P. Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji, Deepanamaskar, Phal Mantrakshat to Devotees. 'PALKI UTSAV' led by P.P. Shrimat Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji, Nitya Pooja, Ashtavadhan Seva followed by Prasad Bhojan.  
**6.00 p.m. onwards**

**NOTE : THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMMES WILL BE HELD ON 15th, 16th, 19th and 20th FEBRUARY 2012 ONLY.**

**6.00 a.m.** : Bhavanishankar Suprabhat

**12.00 Noon onwards** : Pooja, Paduka Pooja, Teerth Vitaran, Dhool Bhet followed by Prasad Bhojan.

**6.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.** : Cultural Programmes

**7.00 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.** : Deepanamaskar, Pooja followed by Ashtavidhan Seva, Prasad Bhojan.

## LIST OF SEVAS

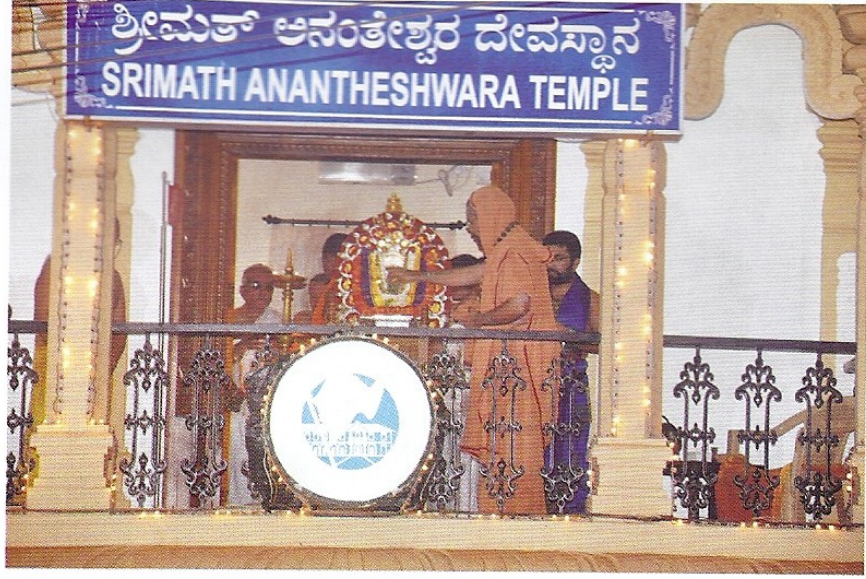
Paduka Pooja	:	Rs.	50-00
Shree Bhiksha	:	Rs.	350-00
Mahashivaratri Seva Pooja	:	Rs.	250-00
Santarpan Seva	:	Rs.	3,500-00
Sevakarta	:	Rs.	6,500-00
Yajaman Seva	:	Rs.	12,500-00
Poshak Seva	:	Rs.	30,000-00

*Appeal*

Donations / Sevas towards **PUNARPRATISHTA** can be sent preferably by way of Crossed Cheque or D.D. favouring **"SHRI SHIVAKRISHNA MANDIR"** and donations towards **"MAHASHIVARATI UTSAV"** in favour of **"SHRI MAHASHIVARATRI UTSAV COMMITTEE, HUBLI"** at the temple address.



## Photo (courtesy of Shri Jaikishan Kandlur and Sunbeam December 2011 issue)



मालिगे पूजे (Pooja upstairs) before the start  
of Mrigabete Utsav at Vittal.

Photo by Shri Jaikishan Kandlur



P. P. Swamiji getting down from the Ratha at Vittal.

Photo by Shri Jaikishan Kandlur

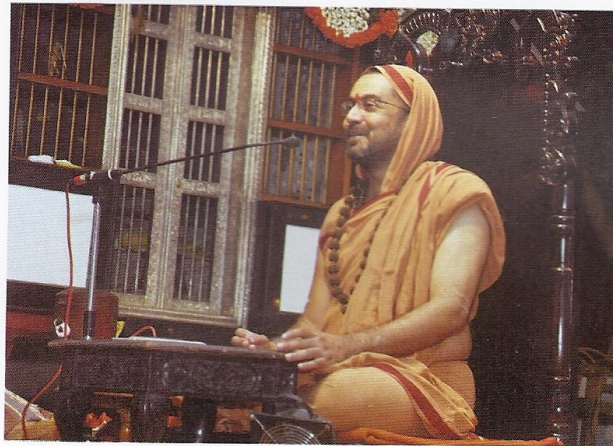


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P. P. Swamiji being received upon arrival at Vittal.

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Ashirvachan at Vittal.

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