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Upcoming Satsang

Next satsang will be held at Vivek and Maya Kulkarni's residence on Sunday June 19, 2011 to celebrate birthday of Shri Parijnanashram Swamiji III . Look for the satsang details in April issue of Sweekar.

Important Dates in March

Mar 1	Shishya Sweekar divas of HH Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji III
Mar 2	Shri Mahashivaratri
Mar 8	Vardhanti at HH Shrimat Krishnashram Swamiji sannidhi
Mar 10	Vardhanti at Shri Durga Parameshwari Devi sannidhi
Mar 15	Vardhanti at HH Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji III sannidhi
Mar 19	Holika, Kamadahanam

Mahashivratri at Karla

Report By : Jyothi Bharat Divgi Source : www.chitrapurmath.net

Vibrant and utterly inspiring – words seem insufficient to describe the environs of the Shivamaya Sthana at Karla that evening of Mahashivaratri. What a divine picture it was to watch Parama Pujya Sadyojat Shanakrashram Swamiji performing the Char Yam Pujan all through the night! The vibrant silence between the Pujans was simply awesome.....

Over eighty sadhakas performed the Pujan inside the Mandiram. Outside, in the extension hall adjoining the dining section - suitable arrangements had been made for a few devout and absolutely determined senior citizens who also performed the char yam Pujan .Hundreds of others, were content, watching on wide screens placed in different areas of the Mandir parisara, our beloved Guru performing the Pujan. Volunteers scurried around, providing all the help they could to the devotees performing Pujan..... whatever do we do without these noble and selfless volunteers?? 'Thank you' seems such a futile word in such times!

Even as the eastern skies turned gold and pink, devotees lined up for the sacred teerth from Parama Pujya Swamiji and yes! Even at that time at dawn, we had enthusiastic devotees singing lively Shiva Bhajans! *Blessed are those who experienced the magic of this Shatktisthal....*

NRI Sanskriti Prachar Shibir 2010

Report By - **Chirag Amembal and Advait Amembal with contributions from Anushree Shiroor and Kartik Kadle** Source : www.chitrapurmath.net

Following the successful NRI shibir in 2009, the second "Sanskriti Prachar Shibir" was held between the 24th and 29th December 2010 at Shirali with Param Pujya Swamiji's blessings. The Shibir saw the gathering of participants from four different continents, including sadhakas from India. The Sanchalaks organised a range of religious, spiritual and socio-cultural activities enabling us to attain total fitness of the mind and body. It was an opportunity to get away from our hectic lives, eat sumptuous 'aamchi' food, meet other bhanaps and more importantly interact with our Guru.

24th December : Guided tour of the Shri Chitrapur Math: On the first day, we were given a guided tour of Shri Chitrapur Math by Udaya Mavinkurve pachchi which was followed by an explanation by Pradhan Archak Nagesh Haldipur maam on the significance of Dhool Bhet, Guruparamapara and the Samadhis.

On the tour of the Bhojanshala, we were all amazed to find that the kitchen is run in an incredibly environmentally friendly way with the use of gohar gas and organically grown produce. Dr. Gaurish Padukone maam then took us on a tour of the Goshala astounding us with interesting facts about the animals.

25th December : Karaseva: The day began bright and early with a trip to the Kembre farms starting off with energising exercises led by Priti Panemangalor pachchi. Of the 4 tolis, two were responsible for raking leaves on an acacia plantation and the other two for threshing rice on wooden sieves. Just a few hours of doing this exhausted us and made us appreciate the work undertaken by the farmers.

Pada Prakshalan presentation: After a delicious breakfast, we attended a presentation led by Chaitanya Gulvady maam on the key points raised in the book "Pâda Prakshâlan to Phalamantrâkshat" by Shri. V. RajagopalBhat, explaining concepts such as Dhool Bhet and Phalamantrâkshat. The session clarified many of the topics and gave us an understanding of how to put them into practice to help us with sadhana.

Konkani fun: Led by Sudhir Balwally maam and Udaya Mavinkurve pachchi, we took part in a session of Konkani 'गम्मत' highlighting some of the idiosyncrasies of our wonderful language! We began with an "Amchi Surname Pictionary Game" where a Konkani surname is described to the audience by drawing a picture to represent a word either in Konkani or English. This was followed by trying to come up with as many words for food items ending in 'O'. Finally we had to list as many "double words" such as पिचपीची, बडबडी and कुरकुरी. The sheer number of double words just shows the richness our language!

Sanskrit Sambhashan: Sujata Haldipur pachchi and Udaya Mavinkurve pachchi held a Sanskrit session. With the use of props and games, the session was made very interesting and for those who had never spoken the language we were able to string together a few sentences at the end!

Game (Bricks): In this game, each of the four tolis had to cross a square with pre-arranged layout of bricks whilst holding hands. All members realised rather painfully that the objective wasn't for a team to finish first, but for every team to cross over successfully. Cooperation between team members was vital to achieve the end goal. There were many latent lessons for us, the most important being that listening is about paying attention and not making assumptions.

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Diacritical marking: The Diacritical Marks are a way of writing Sanskrit in English to ensure correct pronunciation. The unique set of marks for the Chitrapur Math, to be used in all the math documents, was introduced to us by Archana Savnal pachchi. Its inception came after Param Pujya Swamiji raised concerns with the way Sanskrit words were pronounced when written using the Latin alphabet. In this interactive session we gained an overall view of the marking and the nuances that come with it.

26th December : Yuvaadhara presentation : Pune Yuvaadhara including Jaidatt Udiyavar, Dhananjay Basrur, Chinmay Ubhaykar, Tanvi Amladi and Pooja Ubhaykar made presentations on the Srivali Trust (Srivali Clinic), Srivali School, Parijnan Foundation (Samvit Sudha) with guidance from Sharayu Haldipur pachchi. The Yuvas succinctly covered aspects of these initiatives providing the Shibirarthis with a deeper insight thus evoking significant enthusiasm and motivation amongst us.

Flower weaving session: The multi-talented Meera Balsavar pachchi not only enthrals you when she sings her bhajans, but can also delicately weave the most intricate garland. Her session had everybody carefully watching her effortlessly put one together and then trying their hand at it. She was assisted by Sabita Harite pachchi.

Guruparampara quiz: We were set a challenging quiz on our illustrious Guruparampara by Dr. Chaitanya Gulvady maam. Questions asked were based on topics ranging from the history of Chitrapur Saraswats, the Guruparampara to the various rituals and customs practiced by our community. The quiz was immensely informative, helping us to develop a greater sense of belonging and understanding of our traditions and rituals. He was assisted by Alka Lajmipachchi.

Desert Island game: We were set the task of choosing items we would take if isolated on a desert island. Every toli came up with some very interesting answers, but the most memorable would be from Abhiraj Majumder, who decided he wanted to take a pizza with him!

27th December : Srivali Samvit Sudha visit: Srivali Samvit Sudha is a small scale vocational training unit aimed at helping many underprivileged young women to become self-sufficient. Training is offered in tailoring, embroidery and allied skills. We attended the Opening Ceremony of the centre's new building which was graced by Param Pujya Swamiji. Roopali Heblekar pachchi welcomed us and talked about the work carried out by the organisation. The event was concluded with an Ashirvachan by Swamiji who spoke of the selfless work done by Samvit Sudha volunteers followed by a beautiful bhajan.

Swadhyay: Our first interaction with Param Pujya Swamiji came in the form of the Swadhyay session. Swamiji eloquently explained the meaning of the Shloka in the Shri Bhagwat Gita "कर्मण्येवाधिकारस्ते मा फलेषु कदाचन। मा कर्मफलहेतुर्भूमा ते सङ्गोऽस्त्वकर्मणि" and its significance to Sadhakas at various stages of their everyday lives. Param Pujya Swamiji emphasised the importance of not being overly obsessed by the fruits of our actions (फल), but paying more attention to the process in getting to them. The session provided us with invaluable advice and was particularly useful as we live in a cut-throat and competitive world.

Srivali High School visit: We were fortunate enough to be invited to the new school building in Chitrapur and were welcomed by an awe-inspiring and powerful recitation of the 12th chapter from the Bhagwad Gita by the children. This rendition overwhelmed every Shibirarthis and left many with tears in their eyes. This was followed by a tour of the school and an explanation of the different departments. We were impressed by the facilities on offer to the students especially as all of it was totally free. Most striking was the positive and enthusiastic attitude of the pupils. The visit was truly a moving and inspirational experience.

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Parimochan: The Shibirarthis were given a brief talk on Parimochan, a project for the rural upliftment of five villages around Chitrapur. One of the objectives is to create improved and alternative livelihood opportunities for resource poor families through optimum utilisation of locally available resources. We visited a shop run by one of the beneficiaries and nearly tripled her daily profit by buying most of the chocolates and crisps!

28th December : Guided meditation: At the crack of dawn, we all set off for Panchvati Hills with the help of a couple of torch bearers. Before Swamiji's arrival, Vinati Udiyavar pachchi led the group with an invocation. Her mellifluous voice coupled with the serene surroundings created the ideal atmosphere for meditation. Under the guidance of Param Pujya Swamiji, we used a number of techniques internalising and acknowledging the sounds of nature around us. A Paramarsh session enabled the Shibirarthis to ask a number of questions on a variety of topics.

Gayatri Anushtan & Devi Anushtan: Upon returning to the Math, we had the unique chance of performing Gayatri Anushtan and Devi Anushtan. Sudhir Balwally maam led the recitation of the Gayatri Mantra with his dulcet tones whilst the ladies performed Devi Anushtan, wonderfully led by Smita Nagarkatte pachchi.

Museum Visit: We visited the Museum which is adorned with artefacts and statues of various Gods and Goddesses from Param Pujya Parijnanashram Swamiji III's collections. The Rath for the Rathotsava is housed in the Museum. Along the wall are exceptionally lifelike charcoal drawings of Param Pujya Parijnanashram Swamiji III and depictions of the Rathotsava festival.

Jali Beach: In the evening we headed to Jali beach and were given a talk on a Conservation Project carried out to protect the endangered Olive Ridley Turtle. It was fascinating hearing a passionate Dr. Gaurish Padukone maam tell us about the efforts that he and his team have carried out saving thousands of turtles by collecting eggs and creating an awareness program within the local community.

After Swamiji's arrival, members from each toli took part in a relay race on the beach with a twist involving hopping, crawling and running backwards. This brought out comical efforts including a crab-like crawl from Nakul Haridas, a Hawaiian special from Ashwin Pandit and Chirag Amembal hovering with his hands barely touching the ground! The setting sun provided a stunning backdrop for our interaction with Swamiji. There was an informal Q&A session followed by a selection of Sanskrit jokes from Sujata pachchi, Archana pachchi and Vinati pachchi.

29th December: The morning saw another early start as we returned to Kembre farms for some more Kara Seva. The groups that had previously raked leaves now took to threshing rice and vice versa.

Vimarsh: On returning to the math, we took part in a Vimarsha session. This was an open forum for us to examine and share ideas on a particular verse from the Math Emblem II चक्षुर्नो धेहि चक्षुषे चक्षुर्विख्ये तनुभ्यः सज्चेदं वि च पश्येम II Led by Archana Savnal pachchi we were all encouraged to contribute our thoughts on the verse and how it might apply to our lives. The compelling views of the participants enhanced our learning experience.

Treasure Hunt: After some hot कषाय to refresh us, we enthusiastically set off on a treasure hunt in and around the Math premises organised by Priti Panemanglor pachchi & Kalpana Chandavarkar pachchi. Each toli had to decipher a number of ingenious clues and take photographs of each identified location. Some of the clues had us all scratching our heads and all the groups were seen furiously running around!

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To bring the Shibir to an apt ending, a cultural programme was held in Swamiji's presence displaying some of the amazing talent of the Shibirarthis. With Ashwin Pandit guiding us through the programme, Amla Rao pachchi from Sydney gave us the perfect start with her lovely rendering of a Kabir bhajan 'Jhini Chadariya'. The UK Sabha then delivered a presentation on Param Pujya Parijnanashram Swamiji's visit to Europe in 1979. It included anecdotes from members' of His visit interspersed with bhajans and songs. This proved to be a moving experience for all present. Anushree Shiroom, Shruti Gundil and Tanvi Betrabet then entertained the audience with their dancing to 3 film songs with props cleverly adapted from items they had picked up at Kembre farms! This was followed by Ameeta Shiroom pachchi's series of hilarious jokes on Manmohan Singh which had us all in splits.

The shibirarthis of the various sabhas from India then had the entire audience singing along to a medley of golden oldies with some funky guitar playing by Vivek Bijur maam. Finally, all the yuvas performed a skit based on the literal and hidden meanings of some peculiar Konkani 'mhanyos'. They capped this off with two ABBA songs 'Fernando' and 'I have a dream' to express their hope of having more Shibirs in future.

Before we knew it this jam packed Shibir was over and we were left reliving the memorable experience, which none of us will ever forget. We owe a debt of gratitude to Param Pujya Swamiji, the Chief Coordinator of this Shibir Krishnanand Heblekar mam and all the Sanchalaks for their incredible hard work, meticulous planning and boundless enthusiasm. Our thanks to the Manager of the Math B. G. Kailajemam, Koppikar Subhashmam and the math staff for making all the arrangements and the support.

Australia-New Zealand Meet—April 2011

Venue: Quakers Hills Community Hall, Quakers Hill, Sydney

Dates: Friday 22nd and Saturday 23rd April 2011, (Easter long weekend)

Catering: This is a fully catered event where in all participants will be provided with breakfast, lunch, afternoon tea/coffee and dinner for the two days.

Program: Include a variety entertainment program and potentially one outdoor activity, monthly Satsang and AGM during this event.

Accommodation/Hosting: Some Sydney based members have agreed to host guests. All are cordially invited to participate in this Meet. Please RSVP to s_gulwadi@yahoo.com.au.

Math Calendar

As in the past CSCS has sponsored 2011 Math Calendar. Our message will appear on the June month page.

Annual Math Vantiga

Paying the annual Math vantiga is not mandatory. But it is a sacred duty of every bhanap who is gainfully employed. Math depends on the vantigas for sevas performed for daily, viniyogas and maintenance of all sacred samadhis and math facilities. Even though the vantiga can be given at any time during the fiscal year, the members are requested to remit their annual vantiga preferably in the beginning of the year. Those who are not certain whether they have paid their vantigas can call the Sabha Treasurer Vinayak Shanbhag (email: vvshanbhag@yahoo.com or ph: 905-286-4896) at any time. It is hoped that the members will pay their 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 vantigas as soon as possible.

FUTURE

SATSANGS

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

Kathakali at SVBF



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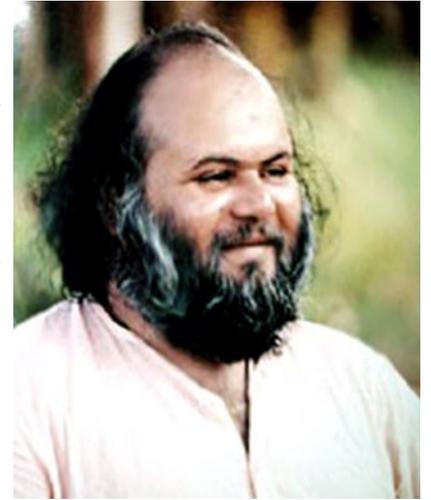
Swami Parijnanashram III was man with a progressive out look towards life

Swami Parijnanashram III, the tenth guru of the Chitrapur Saraswat Brahmin community succeeded the guru Swami Anandashram in 1966. He had a keen thirst for knowledge-be it Vedic or technical and this progressive outlook with compassion of His resulted in large scale development within the community and the Chitrapur Math. His aim to make the Chitrapur village with an underlying spiritual base, a self-sufficient executable township with an agricultural, industrial and commercial life of its own.

Several health-care facilities were developed under his regime. Swami Parijnanashram III owned a first grade radio license, which made Him plausibly the first religious saint to possess such a license in India. A wireless station and an observatory post, under His regime, were established near Shirali. With His keen interest in archaeology he constituted an Archeology museum at Chitrapur. Irrespective of status or wealth, He would visit devotees in hospitals on a regular basis.

Swami Parijnanashram III with His unusual development oriented mindset and progressive outlook, did not go well with certain orthodox members of the society as such kind of person was never expected from a religious figure. Swami Parijnanashram III has also experienced restrains from certain sections of society as He was facing the lack of acceptance.

This eventually resulted in His formal resignation and renunciation of powers from the post of the Head of Chitrapur Math(Mathadhipati) in the year 1979. By 1981, He abandoned the title of the Head of the Community fully. After this incident, He travelled all across India and even went abroad, which is noteworthy in the regard that He was the first guru of the community to do so. After that He settled down in a matha at Karla, constructed under his regime. Even though He was not Mathadhipati of the community, He continued His service for the welfare of the people. And His welfare programs broadend to the down-trodden people irrespective of community, caste, creed or status.



On June 15, 1947, Swami Parijnanashram was born to Shantabai and Shankarnarayan Laxman Shukla (Bhat) at Shirali in Karnataka. At birth, He was named Ravindra Shankarnarayan Shukla(Bhat). He did His primary schooling under the watchful eyes of the functionary Head of the community Swami Anandashram. His mother Shantabai claims to have known about the divinity of her offspring even before He was born. After the Bhat family sifted to Mumbai, in 1953, the next level education of young Ravindra was done at Poddar High School, Santa Cruz in Mumbai. Till the time He was ordained to be the shishya of Anandashram Swami, He studied there. He was an esurient collector of stamps and coins from His childhood. It was a hobby He pursued even after becoming the Head of the Community.

On March 1, 1959, at the tender age of 12, He was ordained by the incumbent guru Swami Anandashram to be His shishya(disciple) and the successor to Him at Shivaji Park, Mumbai. He was named Parijñānashram by His guru at this ceremony. For a long period of 7 years He studied under His guru. This period of tutelage allowed Parijnanashram to accomplish a great command over the Sanskrit scriptures. On September 16, 1966, after the Maha-samadhi of His guru, He took over as the official head of the community of Saraswats. As He used to toured with His guru everywhere and thus could attain hands-on experience in the matters of spirituality as well as administration.

After appointment of Swami Parijnanashram III, He took charge of the finances of the matha and used it for large scale developmental projects. These projects aimed at social as well as technical improvements. His ultimate aim was to make the various institutions under the community self-sufficient. Under the aegis of Swamiji there a number of social development schemes were executed. They are:

- Reviving the Rathotsav: The Rathotsav was revived Under Swamiji`s reign in 1973 as the financial position of the matha became strong.
- Anandashraya: a shelter for the aged built at Shirali close to the Chitrapur Math, as it was a promise that Swamiji had given to his guru in the year 1980. `Anandashraya provided these "orphaned" elders a place to stay and enjoy the last days of their lives with love,dignity and self-respect.`

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- Swami Parijnanashram Educational and Vocational Centre for the Handicapped: a vocational training cum school for children was established in Bolinj, in the suburb of Virar, Mumbai who were physically and mentally challenged. In theorization with the State and Central Government this institute was a revolutionary project and it has been completed on October 31, 1985.
- Development at Karla: In the town of Karla in Maharashtra an ashram by name Jnananand was built up. A temple for goddess Durga also constructed by Him, called the Sri Durga Parameshwari Mata Mandir.
- Shantisukhada: an organization aimed at woman empowerment.
- Swami Parijnanashram : the Kanara Saraswat Association at the Panchavati hills nearby built a housing colony of cottages namely Parijnanashraya.
- Renovation of Panchavati temple: Near Shirali, Panchavati Dhyam Mandir was constructed by Swami Pandurangashram on the Panchavati hills and was renovated under the aeigis of Swami Parijnanashram III.
- Establishment of Deer park at Govardhan Hillock: being an animal lover, Swamiji, monitored the formation of a deer park atop the Govardhan hillock.

Other projects aimed at commercial, industrial and technical progress initiated by Swamiji were:

- Chitrapur Gram Vikas Yojana (Chitrapur Village Development Scheme): a project aimed at making Chitrapur Village a self sufficient viable township. various sub-projects that resulted from this Scheme are: Development of cottage industries, Encouragement of agriculture and Improvement in Dairy farming.
- Archaeology Museum at Shirali: In 1974, this museum was opened. With many rare artifacts and idols that He had collected He personally created a museum of Archaeology.
- Wireless Station and Observatory Post at Panchavati Hills
- Commercial complex in Bangalore: a project was established by Swamiji that would result in the building of a residential and commercial complex.
- Updating Library: The Chitrapur Math library was refurnished and updated.

On December 24th,1989 at Mumbai, the Mahasabha(Grand gathering/meeting) of the Saraswats took place. Swami Parijnanashram III made His position in the sabha, conceiving becoming the mathadhipati very clear to the community. He wanted the community and the divisions to be repaired as one. The Mahasabha later arrived at the determination that the guru parampara would be continued by that person whom Swamiji had accepted as a shishya(disciple).

After Swamiji`s death two miracles have been observed at the temple at Karla. To complete the shrine of Swamiji with the instalation of Shiv Linga, when the slab were removed to the surprise of everyone, the Marigold flowers and the tulsi leaves was still very fresh that had been placed over the body of Swamiji.

Swamiji settled down at the Jnananand after stepping down from the post of Mathadhipati. He continued His pursuits of welfare. Swamiji, all of a sudden left for Bangalore on August 27,1991 to be at the Chitrapur Math, the place where His Guru Swami Anandashram had attained Maha-samadhi(died). On August 29, 1991, 2 days later, at the young age of 44, Swami Parijnanashram III attained Maha-samadhi out of the blue.

He had not accepted a shishya(disciple). As He has faced the discontentment of some people in the community so He felt that any shishya adopted by Him might not be accepted by those same people. The samadhi of Swami Parijnanashram III is located next to the Durga Parameshwari Temple at Karla.



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20 Feb	Sunday	10.00 am	Sankatahara Chaturthi	Abishekam and Puja for Lord Ganesha with chanting of Ganapathi Atharva Seersha
01 Mar	Tuesday	6-8 pm	Pradosham	Abishekam and Puja for Lord Siva and Nandhi with Rudra Japa Parayanam
02 Mar	Wednesday	9.00 pm - Midnight 3.00 am - 5.00 am on 3rd Mar	Maha Sivarathri	4 kala Abishekam for Lord Siva with Ekadasa Rudra Parayanam and Bhajans
05 Mar	Saturday	10.00 am	Special Rudra Abhishekam	This special Abishkam is arranged for those who could not participate the Maha Sivarathri function. Single Rudra Japam will be chanted
10 Mar	Thursday	6-8 pm	Shashti	Thiruppugazh Bhajans
13 Mar	Sunday	10.00 am	Daylight Savings Time begins	
14 Mar	Monday	6.03 pm	Karadayar Nonbu (at home)	Ladies can collect the yellow thread from the priests during the daytime
17 Mar	Thursday	6-8 pm	Pradosham	Abishekam and Puja for Lord Siva and Nandhi with Rudra Japa Parayanam
18 Mar	Friday	6 pm	Full Moon Day	Sathyanarayana Puja
19 Mar	Saturday	9. am 10. am	Panguni Utharam Hanuman Chalisa	Puja for Lord Subramanya and Siva Chanting of Hanuman Chalisa 21 times
22 Mar	Tuesday	6 pm	Sankatahara Chaturthi	Abishekam and Puja for Lord Ganesha with chanting of Ganapathi Atharva Seersham
31 Mar	Thursday	6-8 pm	Pradosham	Abishekam and Puja for Lord Siva and Nandhi with Rudra Japa Parayanam

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