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Next Satsang

Manisha and Mahesh Nileshwar cordially invite you all for Satsang on Sunday June 24, 2012 at 11.30 am to be held at their residence 18 Bridley Drive, Scarborough. Please RSVP Manisha at 416-299-9885 (mnileshw@gmail.com) and/or Maya at 905-566-7908 (kulkarni77@rogers.com) by June 17, 2012. Please note that Prasad Bhojan following Satsang will be prepared by the host.

Annual General Meeting—Update

The Annual General meeting was held on Sunday April 15, 2012 at Gautam and Aruna Ullal's residence in Hamilton.

Ganesh Shenoy and Kishore Nadkarni relinquished their portfolios of Secretary and Vice President respectively. We sincerely thank them for their contributions to Canada Sabha activities and administrative work for the past two years. In addition, Ganesh had been actively involved in the administration of CSCS since its inception. He was instrumental in developing the CSCS constitution and by-laws.

The following were elected to the new executive committee for two year (2012-2014) term.

President-Vivek Kulkarni;
Vice President-Kishore Kulkarni;
Secretary-Pramod Udiaver;
Treasurer-Vinayak Shanbhag;
Members- Chetan Kumta, Aparna Kumta and Maya Kulkarni.

It was unanimously approved to send \$3,000.00 to Shri Chitrapur Math as Capital Vantiga on behalf of the Canada Sabha of Chitrapur Saraswats.

The monthly Sweekar publications started since 2006 will be discontinued but instead it will be published bimonthly starting with this issue. The Sweekar editorial team will remain same.

Annual Math Vantiga

Total contributions from CSCS members for the fiscal year April 2011– March 2012 were remitted to Shri Chitrapur Math.

Our regular Vantiga payers, please consider to mail your contributions for 2012-2013 by the end of January 2013 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 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 2013 (fiscal end period for Shri Chitrapur Math for 2012-2013) 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 at 905-566-7908 (email: kulkarni77@rogers.com)

Published Articles

Following are list of articles that were published in Sweekar volume 5, Issues 1-12 April 2011 to Mar 2012

August 2011-H.H. Parijananashram Swamiji
 September 2011-H.H. Parijananashram Swamiji-Amendment
 October 2011- H.H. Pandurangashram Swamiji
 December 2011-H.H. Shankarashram II Swamiji
 January 2012-H.H. Adi Shankarachrya
 February 2012-Shri Ramana Maharshi
 March 2012-Shri Ramakrishna Paramhansa

Swamiji's Itinerary

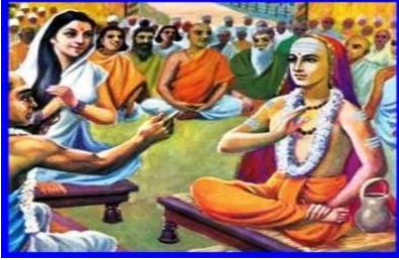
Following is the itinerary of H.H. Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji's for May 2012.

May 2013

May 2- Shirali
 May 3 – Departure to Goa
 May 4 - At Goa (Function at Shri Mahalakshmi Temple)
 Mar 5 - May 12 - On Tour
 Mar 22—Mar 25 On Tour
 May 13 onwards at Shirali (Karseva Shibir—May 13th to May 20th)

Adi Shankaracharya Jyanti

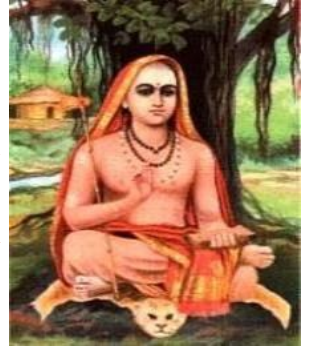
(Article Source : News Bharati)



April 26th (Vaishakh suddh 5 – Indian Calender i.e. Panchangam) is **Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti** – birth anniversary of Adi Shankaracharya. Born in a very poor family in the year 788 A.D. in a village named Kaladi, six miles to the east of Alwaye, Kerala, Adi Shankaracharya revived the ancient Vedic culture throughout the country. He also established Mutts (Monasteries) across the width & length of India, culturally unifying politically & socially divided India. One of his Mutts is situated in Kashmir valley, near Shrinagar.

As a tribute to the Adi Sankaracharya, we remember his Digvijaya (Triumphant Journey).

Sankara's philosophical conquests are unique in the world. He had his triumphant tour all over India. He met the leaders of different schools of thought. He convinced them by arguments and established the supremacy and truth of the religion that he expounded in his commentaries. He went to all the celebrated seats of learning. He challenged the learned men to discussion, argued with them and converted them to his opinions and views. He defeated Bhatta Bhaskara and condemned his Bhashya (commentary) on the Vedanta Sutras. He then met Dandi and Mayura and taught them his philosophy. He then defeated in argument Harsha, author of Khandana Khanda Kadya, Abhinavagupta, Murari Misra, Udayanacharya, Dharmagupta, Kumarila and Prabhakara.



Sankara then proceeded to Mahishmati. Mandana Misra was the chief Pundit of the court of Mahishmati. Mandana was brought up in the Karma Mimamsa faith and so he had intense hatred for the Sannyasins. He was performing a Sraaddha ceremony when Sankara somehow dropped down there. Immediately Mandana Misra became very furious. An ugly conversation was started when the Brahmins, who were present there for dinner, interposed and pacified Mandana Misra. Then Sankara challenged Mandana to a religious controversy. Mandana agreed. Bharati who was the wife of Mandana Misra and who possessed scholarly erudition was appointed as the umpire. It was agreed beforehand that Sankara, if defeated, would become a householder and marry; and that Mandana, if defeated, would become a Sannyasin and receive the robe of a Sannyasin from the hands of his own wife. The controversy began in right earnest and continued for days without any interruption. Bharati did not sit and listen to their controversy. She threw two garlands, one each over the shoulders of each of the disputants, and said: "He whose garland begins to fade first should consider himself defeated". She left the place and began attending to her household duties. The controversy went on for seventeen days. The garland of Mandana Misra began to fade first. Mandana Misra accepted his defeat and offered to become a Sannyasin and follow Sankara.

Bharati was an Avatara of Sarasvati, the Goddess of Learning. Once the sage Durvasa chanted the Vedas before Brahma and his wife in a big assembly. Durvasa committed a small mistake. Sarasvati laughed at it. Durvasa became enraged and gave a curse that she would take birth in the world. Hence Sarasvati had to take birth as Bharati.

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Adi Shankaracharya Jyanti

(Article Source : News Bharati)



Adi Shankaracharya
Painting by : Raja Ravi Varma

Bharati now interposed and said to Sankara: "I am the other half of Mandana. You have defeated only one half of Mandana. Let us have a controversy". Sankara objected to have controversy with a woman. Bharati quoted instances wherein there had been controversies with Women. Sankara then agreed and this controversy also went on uninterruptedly for seventeen days. Bharati passed from one Shastra to another. At last she found out that she could not defeat Sankara. She decided to defeat him by means of the science of Kama Shastra.

Sankara asked Bharati to give him an interval of one month for his preparation to hold controversy with her in the science of Kama Shastra. She agreed. Sankara went to Kashi. He separated his astral body from his physical body by means of his Yogic powers and left his physical body in the hole of a big tree and asked his disciples to take care of that physical body. He then entered into the dead body of Raja Amaruka which was about to be cremated. The Raja rose up and all the people rejoiced at the astounding incident.

The ministers and queens soon found out that the revived Raja was a different person, with different qualities and thought. They realised that the soul of a great Mahatma had entered the body of their Raja. Therefore, messengers were sent out to search for a human body hidden somewhere in lonely forests and caves and to burn it when found. They thought that if

they did so, the new Raja might remain with them for a long time.

Sankara was acquiring all the experience of love with his queens. Maya is very powerful. In the midst, of those queens, Sankara entirely forgot all about his promises to his disciples about his going back to them. The disciples began to search for him. They heard about the miraculous resurrection of Raja Amaruka. They immediately proceeded to the city and had an interview with the Raja. They sang a few philosophical songs which at once revived the memory of Sankara. The disciples immediately repaired to the place where the physical body of Sankara was kept hidden. By that time the messengers of the queen had found out the physical body and had just begun to set fire to it. The soul of Sankara just then entered his own body. Sankara prayed to Lord Hari to help him. There was a shower of rain immediately and that extinguished the flames.



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Then Sankara returned to the residence of Mandana Misra. He resumed the old controversy and answered all the questions raised by Bharati satisfactorily. Mandana Misra gave all his property as a gift Sri Sankara and Mandana was made to distribute it to the poor and the deserving. He then became a disciple of Sankara. Sankara initiated him into the holy order of Sannyasa and gave him the name of 'Sureswara Acharya'. Sureswara Acharya was the first Sannyasin who took charge of the Sringeri Mutt. Bharati also accompanied Sankara to Sringeri and there she is worshipped even today.

Sankara ascended the seat of omniscience after inviting Vedic scholars from all parts of India and answering their numerous questions. Sankara, by vanquishing all the religious opponents of his day-and they belonged to no less than seventy-two different schools-and establishing the superiority of the

Vedic Dharma, had become the Jagadguru of all.

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Adi Shankaracharya Jyanti

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Sankara's success over the other religious sects was so complete that none of them have since been able to raise their head in the land. Most of them have disappeared altogether. After Sankara's time, although a few Acharyas have appeared, none of them have been able to vanquish those who differed from them as Sankara did and establish unquestioned supremacy.

Referenced by Nagesh Kaikini of Mysore

Math Calendar

We have received 2012-2013 math calendars and will be distributed at the next Satsang or other appropriate meet.

Important Dates in May, June, July 2012

May-2012				
15 May	Tue	Vaishakha - Krshna	Dashami	"Vardhanti at Gokarn H.H. Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji - I Sannidhi "
22 May	Tue	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Dwitiya	"Punyatithi at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Pandurangashram Swamiji "
27 May	Sun	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Shashti	"Vardhanti at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Anandashram Swamiji Sannidhi"
28 May	Mon	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Saptami	"Vardhanti at Mangalore H.H. Shrimat Vamanashram Swamiji Sannidhi"
30 May	Wed	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Navami	"Vardhanti at Mallapur H.H. Shrimat Shankarashram Swamiji II Sannidhi"
June- 2012				
04 Jun	Mon	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Poomima	Vata Savitri Vrata
15 Jun	Fri			Birthday of H. H. Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji III
20 Jun	Wed	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Pratipada	Dakshinayana Prarambha
30 Jun	Sat	Ashadha - Shukla	Ekadashi	Shayani Ekadashi
July-2012				
03 Jul	Tue	Ashadha - Shukla	Poomima	"Vyasa Pooja / Guru Poomima Chaturmas Vrata Prarambha"
20 Jul	Fri	Shravana - Shukla	Pratipada	Shravana Masa Prarambha
23 Jul	Mon	Shravana - Shukla	Panchami	Naga Panchami
27 Jul	Fri	Shravana - Shukla	Chaturdashi	"Shri Varamahalakshmi Vrata" (on 2nd Friday of Shravana Shukla)

Stamp and First Day Covers

Commemorative stamp and first day cover envelopes are available for sale as mementos for \$5 each. Contact Vinayak Shanbhag (vvshanbhag@yahoo.com) or Vivek Kulkarni (kulkarni77@rogers.com)

Ashirvachan Webcast

1. Ashirvachan delivered at Shri Mahalaxmi Saunsthan, Bandiwade, Goa—May 4, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/goa_Mahalakshmi_040512.asp
2. Ashirvachan delivered during Dharma Sabha at Shri Chitrapur Math , Bangalore —Apr 29, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Dharmasabha_blore_290412.asp
3. Ashirvachan delivered during Shankara Jayanti , Bangalore —Apr 26, 2012
http://chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Shankarjayanti_blore2012.asp

Photo

A rare photograph of four Swamijis taken during Saraswat Sammelan 1999



P.P. Sudheendra Tirtha of Kashi Mutt , P.P. Vidhyadhiraj Tirtha of Gokarn Mutt, P.P. Sachidananda Saraswati of Kavale Mutt, P.P. Sadyojat Shankarashrama of Chitrapur Mutt

Samsthan	Location	Tradition	Presiding Deity	Established
Kavale Math	Kavale, Goa	Smarta	Bhavanishankar	740 AD
Gokarn Math	Partagali, Goa	Vaishnava	Ramdev VeerVithal	1476 AD
Kashi Math	Varanasi, U.P.	Vaishnava	Vyasa Raghupati	1542 AD
Chitrapur Math	Shirali, Karnataka	Smarta	Bhavanishankar	1708 AD

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