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Satsang

Vivek and Shefali Benegal cordially invite you all for Satsang on Saturday Jun 15, 2013 at 11:30 am to be held at their residence at 37 Craberry Crescent, Ajax, ON. Jun 15th is also the birthdate of H.H.Parijanashram Swamiji III.

Please RSVP Shefali at 416-497-5251 (vivekbenegal@gmail.com) and/or Maya at 905-566-7908 (kulkarni77@rogers.com).

Satsang on Jun 15, 2013 will be followed by **Annual General Meeting** at Vivek Benegal's residence.

Important Dates in May, Jun 2013

MAY 2013				
1-May-13	Wed	Chaitra - Krshna	Saptami	"Vardhanti at Shirali H.H.Shrimat Pandurangashram Swamiji Sannidhi "
2-May-13	Thu	Chaitra - Krshna	Ashtami	Vardhanti at Karla - Nagalaya
04-May-13	Sat	Chaitra - Krshna	Dashami	Vardhanti at Shirali - Nagalaya
08-May-13	Wed	Chaitra - Krshna	Chaturdashi	"Punyatithi at Gokarn H.H. Shrimat Parijanashram Swamiji I "
13-May-13	Mon	Vaishakha - Shukla	Trtiya	Akshaya Trtiya Rathotsava at Shri Gopalkrishna temple, Honnavar
15-May-13	Wed	Vaishakha - Shukla	Panchami	Shri Shankar Jayanti.
JUNE 2013				
03-Jun-13	Mon	Vaishakha - Krshna	Dashami	"Vardhanti at Gokarn H.H. Shrimat Parijanashram Swamiji - I Sannidhi "
10-Jun-13	Mon	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Dwitiya	"Punyatithi at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Pandurangashram Swamiji "
15-Jun-13	Sat	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Shashti	"Vardhanti at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Anandashram Swamiji Sannidhi"
15-Jun-13	Sat			"Guru Janmadin - Birthday of P. P. Shrimat Parijanashram III Swamiji"
16-Jun-13	Sun	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Saptami	"Vardhanti at Mangalore H.H. Shrimat Vamanashram Swamiji Sannidhi"
18-Jun-13	Tue	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Navami	"Vardhanti at Mallapur H.H. Shrimat Shankarashram Swamiji II Sannidhi"
21-Jun-13	Fri	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Trayodashi	Dakshinayana Prarambha
23-Jun-13	Sun	Jyeshtha - Shukla	Purnima	Vata Savitri Vrata

Annual Math Vantiga

Our regular Vantiga payers, please consider to mail your contributions for 2013-2014 by the end of January 2014 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 2014 (fiscal end period for Shri Chitrapur Math for 2013-2014) and we can track the progress of Vantiga contributions on a year to year basis.

We thank those who have already paid Vantiga dues.

Published Articles

Following are list of articles that were published in Sweekar volume 6, Issues 1-6 April 2012 to Mar 2013

May 2012: Adi Shankaracharya Jayanti

July 2012: What Makes Shri Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji, the 11th spiritual head of the Shri Chitrapur Math.

September 2012: H.H.Shankarashram Swamiji II

November 2012: Teachings of Swami Parijnanashram "Where Lies our Real Happiness"

Real Greatness: "A Tribute P.P. Swami Parijnanashram III
by Prof. Adya Rangacharya

January 2013: Teachings of Iswaranda Girji Maharaj "The Wheel & the Web"

March 2013: H.H. Swami Parijnanashram III - A Personal experience by Nandukumar Hattiangadi

Swamiji's Itinerary

Following is the itinerary of H.H. Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji's for May—Jun 2013.

May/June 2013:

May 8 to May 18—On Tour
May 19 to May 22—At Delhi (Delhi Sabha)
May 26 to May 27— At Shirali
May 28—Departure to Bengaluru
May 29 to May 31—At Bengaluru
Jun 1—Departure to Shirali
Jun 2 onwards—At Shirali

FUTURE

SATSANGS

Those who wish to sponsor future satsangs are requested to contact Maya Kulkarni at 905-566-7908 (email: kulkarni77@rogers.com)

Hastinapur, City of Wisdom in Argentina

Latinamericanffairs blog 2011- Courtesy of Dr.Som Naimpally

Hastinapur has a total area of twelve acres. Its population consists of a dozen Indian gods and an equal number of Argentine human beings. Some of the Indian gods reside in authentic temples filled with the scent of Indian agarbatties while others stay outdoor enjoying the fragrance of the flowers from the garden. Some are sitting or standing on the pedestals and others hang on the sides of walls and pillars. The gods who have their own temples include Ganesh, Krishna, Surya, Narayana and Siva. Since it is Hastinapur there is a temple for Pandavas too. Hastinapur is clearly a place fit for the gods ...who should be pleased with the cleanliness of the place, the serene surroundings and the green garden with Rosewood trees. The only noise comes from the hundreds of birds nesting in the trees. Then there is the soft music of the devotees who sing Bhajans. It is indeed a divine place which inspires sacred thoughts and holy spirit.

Ganesh is standing out in white against the greenery of the garden in the picture below.



The dozen Argentines who live there look after the gods and the place. During weekend, the human population increases to over one hundred. The Argentines do not go there seeking favours as many Indians do in Tirupathi. They go there for wisdom. This is why Hastinapur is called as the City of Wisdom (ciudad de la sabiduria). Saraswati, the Goddess of Learning blesses the students through the sculptures all around the compound. The Argentines learn philosophy, read in the library, practise yoga and meditation and sing Bhajans.

On the other side of the fence, there are cows grazing and occasionally staring at the Indian gods. The cows are relaxed and free from fear because they know that they will not become food at the dining table in Hastinapur, which is a vegetarian place. The inmates cook vegetarian food and share it with the children from poor families in the neighbourhood.

Hastinapur does not have any godmen seeking fame and fortune and flaunting wealthy followers. It is an institution to pursue pure wisdom, peace and divinity. Neither in the city nor in the website names of those who run the place are given. The founders and directors of the Hastinapura Foundation do not seek publicity. They are humble but devoted people. They have their professions as company managers, engineers or professors. They volunteer their time and talents for the foundation.

Nor is Hastinapur the work of some overenthusiastic drum-beating Hare Krishna types or faith-lead Saibaba followers. Hastinapur respects all the religions and beliefs. Their ten temples include one for Buddha, one for Virgin Mary, one for the Greek god Demeter and another one called as the the Temple of All Faiths. Their library has books of all religions and schools of thought. Hastinapur seeks true wisdom, going beyond the boundaries of established religions. The City of Wisdom is not the ultimate destination. It does not prescribe wisdom doses. It simply helps people to seek, find and pursue their own path to wisdom. They give classes in yoga, meditation, philosophy, devotional singing and sacred drama. They organise workshops, seminars and retreats. They also provide community service. They celebrate festivals such as Ganesh Chaturthi and Baishaki. Their next project is to broadcast through radio.

Hastinapur temples do not have priests or other middlemen between the gods and worshippers. There is no money collection, like in Tirupathi. Worshippers pray, recite mantras and sing devotional songs individually or in groups.

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Meditation Hall



Hastinapur has a post graduate course in yoga which takes three years to complete. The classes are held in the weekends only. There are 2500 students studying yoga and philosophy in the Hastinapur centres. The students are being taught by 100 teachers on philosophy and 120 teachers on yoga.

Many Argentines go to Hastinapur as a retreat from the hectic city of Buenos Aires which is just fifty kilometres away. They practise meditation in the quiet natural environment. They do yoga, read books from the library, discuss philosophy and join the singing of bhajans. Hastinapur is an authentic Ashram.

Hastinapur Foundation has published a number of books on Indian philosophy and translated Bhagwat Gita, Bhakti Sutras, Upanishads, Srimad Bhagwatam and Yoga Sutras. Their latest publication is Mahabharatha in Spanish. They have so far published three volumes and plan to do a total of twelve volumes in the coming years. Each volume is over 500 pages. The founder Alda Albrecht and other members of the Foundation have also written a number of books.

main entrance to the Hastinapur city



Hastinapura Foundation was established by Ada Albrecht in 1981. She introduced Indian philosophy and became a Guru for the Argentines seeking wisdom. She wrote a number of books such as "The Saints and teachings of India" and "The teachings of the monks from Himalayas".

Gustavo Canzobre was one of her students, who is now the Director of the Hastinapur college of professors. He was seventeen

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years old when he became interested in Indian wisdom. During the Third Festival of India organised by the embassy in Buenos Aires in November 2010, he gave a talk on the temple architecture of South India. He has agreed to give a talk on Indian philosophy in the forthcoming Fourth Festival of India in December 2011. He is a manager in a local company for living and dedicates rest of his time to Hastinapura Foundation. He is knowledgeable about Indian vedas and upanishads and is going to India on his second visit in August this year.

Gustavo Canzobre in the picture below:



The architectural and sculpting work of the Hastinapur complex has been done entirely by Argentines. The architects and sculptors have studied Indian temples and have done their work professionally and aesthetically. Even now they are constructing some more buildings with Indian sculptures and statues.

Pillars of the entrance to Ganesh temple below:



The pond in front of the temple has fresh water and fish:

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A small outdoor Ganesh temple in the garden

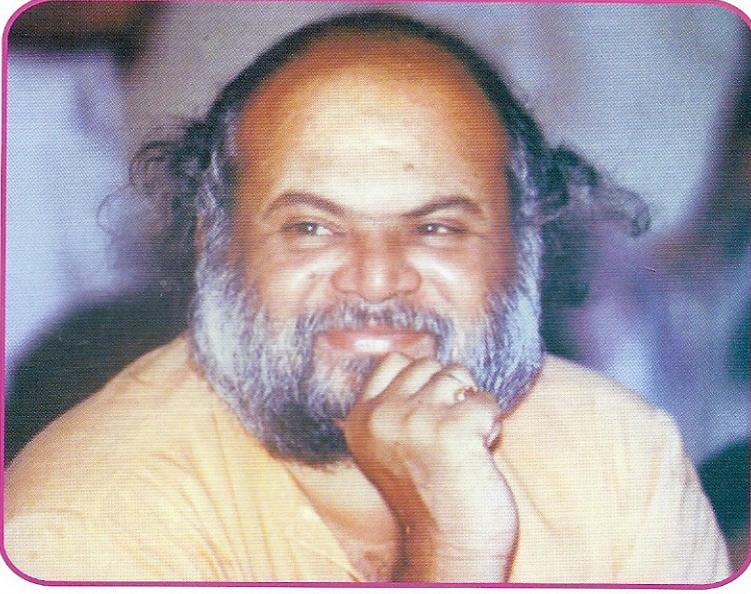
Hastinapura Foundation has sixteen centres in Buenos Aires and three more in the rest of Argentina. They have also established centres in Uruguay, Bolivia and Colombia. Information on the Foundation and its activities can be seen at their website

Lord Siva is sitting majestically in the large garden guarded by Ganesh on the four sides:



Latin Americans are, of course, known for fun and fiesta. At the same time, there are thousands of Latin Americans who take Mahabharatha and Meditation more seriously than many Indians....

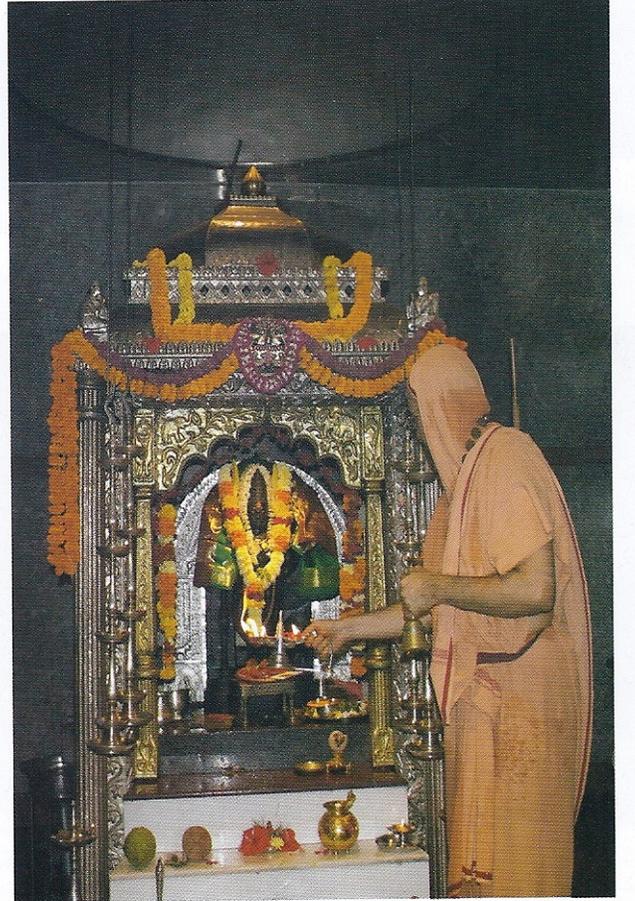
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आनन्दाश्रमिणं वन्दे परिज्ञानाश्रमं गुरुम् ॥

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P. P. SWAMIJI AT MAHĀLAKSHMI TEMPLE IN GOA

Photos



Silver-clad Pâdukâs of P. P. Swami Parijnanashram - III now placed in the Bengaluru Math along with the Pâdukâs of P. P. Swami Anandashram (shown below).

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Math Website Updates

1. Guru Purnima celebration/Chaturmas Vrata commencement- July 3, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Guru_purnima_shirali_03072012.asp
2. Video Clip of Swadhyaya on Shivananda Lahari
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Swadhyaya_Shivanand_lahiri_july12.asp
3. Updated Programme schedule of Chaturmas 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/upcoming_events/chaturmas_prog_2012.asp
4. Announcement of Girvanapratishta shibir at Shirali in Mid Aug 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/pdf/announcements/Girvanapratishta_08-2012.pdf
5. Ashirvachan delivered at Shri Mahalaxmi Saunsthan, Bandiwade, Goa—May 4, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/goa_Mahalakshmi_040512.asp
6. Ashirvachan delivered during Dharma Sabha at Shri Chitrapur Math , Bangalore —Apr 29, 2012
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Dharmasabha_blore_290412.asp
7. Ashirvachan delivered during Shankara Jayanti , Bangalore —Apr 26, 2012
http://chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Shankarjayanti_blore2012.asp
8. Yuvadhara Kar-Seva Shibir
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/karseva_video_2012.asp
9. Shivananda Lahari-Swadhyaya conducted by Parama Pujya Swamiji
http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Swadhyaya_Shivanand_lahari_Sep2012.asp

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