

## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

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## Next Satsang

Sunita and Uday Hattangadi cordially invite you all for Satsang on Saturday Oct 13, 2012 at 6 pm to be held at their residence 100 Ascot Crescent, Markham, ON, L3R 3P7. Please RSVP Sunita at 905-477-7053 (sunihat@yahoo.com) and/or Maya at 905-566-7908 (kulkarni77@rogers.com) by Oct 6, 2012. Please note that Prasad Bhojan following Satsang will be prepared by the host.

## Important Dates in Sept, Oct 2012

### September-2012

16 Sep	Sun	Adhika Bhadrapada	Amavasya	Adhika Masa Samapti "Punyatithi at Shirali. H.H. Shrimat Anandashram Swamiji "
18 Sep	Tue	Bhadrapada - Shukla	Tritiya	Swarna Gowri Vrata / Haritalika
19 Sep	Wed	Bhadrapada - Shukla	Chaturthi	Shri Ganesh Chaturthi
20 Sep	Thu	Bhadrapada - Shukla	Panchami	Rshi Panchami.
22 Sep	Sat	Bhadrapada - Shukla	Saptami	"Vardhanti at Bengaluru Math Annamma / Chamunda / Marikamba Sannidhi"
29 Sep	Sat	Bhadrapada - Shukla	Chaturdashi	Shrimadananta Vrata (Anant Chaturdashi)
30 Sep	Sun	Bhadrapada - Shukla	Poomima Pratipada	"Chaturmasa Vrata Samapti, Seemollanghana / Mahalaya Paksha Prarambha" Mahalaya Paksha Prarambha.

### October-2012

11 Oct	Thu	Bhadrapada - Krshna	Ekadashi	"Punyatithi at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Parijnanashram Swamiji II "
15 Oct	Mon	Bhadrapada - Krshna	Amavasya	Mahalaya Amavasya
16 Oct	Tue	Ashvin - Shukla	Pratipada	Navaratri Prarambha, Shri Devi Ghata Sthapana
19 Oct	Fri	Ashvin - Shukla	Panchami	Shri Lalita Panchami.
20 Oct	Sat	Ashvin - Shukla	Shashthi	"Punyatithi at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Shankarashram Swamiji I "
22 Oct	Mon	Ashvin - Shukla	Ashtami	Shri Durgashtami
23 Oct	Tue	Ashvin - Shukla	Navami	Mahanavami, Ayudha Pooja, Sharada Visarjana
24 Oct	Wed	Ashvin - Shukla	Dashami	"Vijaya Dashami, Shri Devi Ghata Visarjana, Shami Pooja, Vahana pooja, Harijagara Prarambha"
29 Oct	Mon	Ashvin - Shukla	Poomima	"Bhoomi poojan, Navanna Bhojana. Kojagari Shri Lakshmi Pooja"

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

## 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.

## 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 Sept to Oct 2012.

### Sept 2012:

Jun 26 to Sep 30 - At Shirali, (Seemollanghana on Sept 30 )

### Oct 2012:

Oct 2 - At Gokarn and Mallapur  
 Oct 3 – At Manglore  
 Oct 5 to Oct 12 - At Bengaluru  
 Oct 13 - At Shirali  
 Oct 15 to Oct 25 - At Karla ( Navratri Utsav)  
 Oct 27 - At Shirali  
 Oct 28 to Nov 3 –At Goa, Mangeshi Samsthan

## H.H. Shankarashram—II Swamiji

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

(Source: IndiaNetZone Indian Religion)

After the Maha-samadhi(death) of his guru Swami [Parijananashram 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 `Anushtan` 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 Hoovinhittal, 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 Parijananashram 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.

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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 PariĀṇashram 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.

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## MINUTES OF MAHASABHA - 2012 HELD AT SHRI CHITRAPUR MATH,SHIRALI ON 7<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2012 AT 10 AM.

(Approved and Adopted by the Standing Committee'2012 at the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Shri Chitrapur Math,Shirali)

Delegates present: 24      Invitees: 2

Shri Vinod G. Yennemadi, President, Standing Committee, was in the chair.

### 1. Prayers

Prayers were offered at the shrines of Lord Bhavanishankar, Devi Bhuvaneshwari, Lord Mahaganapathi, Adi Shankaracharya, Family deities, Samadhi Shrines of Brahmibhuta P.P. Swamijis and the Paduka Sannidhi of P.P.Parijnanashram Swamiji III, for the smooth and fruitful deliberations at the Mahasabha and for the welfare and harmony, peace and prosperity of the Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj. The delegates and invitees thereafter assembled on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor of the Dining Hall, the venue of the Mahasabha.

After the arrival of P.P.Swamiji, greeted by Jai jaikars from all delegates, the President offered Sashtang Pranams and Phalasamarpan with flowers to P.P.Swamiji on his own behalf, on behalf of those present and on behalf of the Chitrapur Saraswat Samaj. He sought permission from His Holiness to start the proceedings of the Mahasabha-2012.

### 2. Inauguration of Mahasabha-2012

The President prayed at the Lotus Feet of P.P.Swamiji to inaugurate the Mahasabha-2012 by lighting the decorated lamp. Deepa Prajwalan by P.P.Swamiji was followed by the Sabha Prarambha Prarthana.

The President informed the members that P.P.Swamiji has approved and given His blessings to the Agenda of this Mahasabha and proceeded with the agenda items.



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## 3. Introductory Remarks and presentation on Projects completed during the last 5 years by the outgoing President

The Chairman offered obeisance to P.P.Swamiji and welcomed the delegates and invitees to the Mahasabha-2012.

Recalling his tenure as President of the Standing Committee, the Chairman stated that he was appointed as President of the Standing Committee-2002 by P.P.Swamiji on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2006 after his predecessor submitted his resignation. At the Mahasabha - 2007 in April'2007, he was nominated again by P.P.Swamiji and asked to continue as President of Standing Committee - 2007. He said, when he took up this assignment with the blessings of P.P.Swamiji, he had set a programme or a mission for himself and his team ie; the Administrative Committee and Standing Committee 2007 in line with the vision of P.P.Swamiji. He made a Power Point presentation about the Mission statement defined at the Mahasabha 2007 and about the performance and progress made under the valuable guidance of His Holiness and the projects completed during the last 5 years and briefed the delegates as follows:

### 3.1. Local Sabhas and election of Delegates to Mahasabha and Members to Standing committee 2012.

3.1.1 - During the 5 years just completed, one new Local sabha viz. South Gujarat Local Sabha was formed and two Local Sabhas merged into one viz. Vakola Local Sabha and Vile Parle Local Sabha merged to form one Local Sabha; Vile Parle - Vakola Local Sabha.

3.1.2 - 313 delegates to Mahasabha 2012 and 71 members to Standing Committee-2012 were elected by 32 Local Sabhas during Nov-Dec'2012. 10 members were nominated to Standing Committee-2012 by the President with the approval of P.P.Swamiji.

### 3.2 - Mission Statement defined at Mahasabha-2007

Mission statement defined at Mahasabha -2007 was as follows:

3.2.1 - To host and launch memorable Tercentenary

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events and projects which are relevant for all times.

3.2.2 – To make the Vantiga collection cross the Rs. 1 crore mark

3.2.3 – To involve the youth more and more in Math activities.

3.2.4 – Close pending legal cases as smoothly as possible.

3.2.5 – To bring into the mainstream, the small group which has strayed away, thus unify the samaj.

## 3.3 – Performance and progress during the last 5 years and projects completed

### 3.3.1 – Hosting and Launching memorable tercentenary events and projects

#### 3.3.1.1 – Tercentenary Events

All the epochal events planned to celebrate and to make the Tercentenary year-2008 a memorable one viz; Guru Jyot Yatra from Karla through Gokarn to Shirali Math, consecration of new shrines at Shri Chitrapur Math at Shirali, Gayatri Anushthana & Sadhana Shrunkhala by the Local Sabhas including Overseas Sabhas, Saraswati, Tristhali and Prabhas Teerth Somanath Yatras, Nagar Chalo event- culminating with the glorious Chitrapur Ranga Ranjani were organized in a grand manner with excellent participation by the devotees. Release of Postal Stamp with picture of Math by P. P. Swamiji in Mumbai on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2011 and release of Special day Cover with picture of Shri Chitrapur Math, Shirali in Hyderabad on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2012 were also done.

#### 3.3.1.2 – Tercentenary Capital Projects

All the tercentenary Capital Projects including (a) Samadhi renovation phase II with Silver cladding of the doors (b) Sarovar beautification (c) Extension of Goshala (d) Shri Parijnanashram Vastu Sangrahalaya (Museum) (e) Renovation of Maths and Construction of Acharya Nivas at Mallapur (Sponsor Shri Mohan Chandavarkar) and at Gokarn (Sponsor – Shri Ashok and Smt Mangala Chandavarkar) (f) Acquisition of premises at Raja Ghat at



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the holy city of Varanasi, which was the cherished desire of our previous three Acharyas. (g) Shri Parijnanashram Sabhagriha – construction of community hall for use by local people (h) New Power Supply System for Math Complex at Shirali with new Centralised Power house with UPS & DG sets were implemented. The valuable contribution made by Lt. Gen. Prakash Gokarn as Chairman of Projects Committee, and as Chief Coordinator of Tercentenary events were lauded.

## 3.3.2 – Performance and progress in other areas

### 3.3.2.1 – Paridharanam Scheme

This Scheme was launched to reach out to the needy patients (esp for those requiring Dialysis) with disbursement of Rs 4,70,000/- in 2011-12, in its third year.

### 3.3.2.2 – Tercentenary scholarships

This Tercentenary Memorial Scheme for Post Graduate studies was instituted in 2009 and Rs 9.88 lakhs were awarded to 31 students in 2011-12 in its third year.

### 3.3.2.3 – Anandashraya

“Anandashraya” started by P. P. Shrimad Parijnananashram Swamiji is for destitute Chitrapur Saraswats. The admissions to Anandashraya were suspended for some time. The building has undergone renovations and refurbishing. Norms are being finalized for this set up under the guidance of Dr Prakash Mavinkurve and Dr Ashish Deshpande to conform to the guidelines for such institutions, details of which would be provided soon.

### 3.3.2.4 – Use of Agricultural Land for Cash Crops

Significant portion of the agricultural land of the Math is now being used for the cultivation of Cash Crops namely cashew etc ( 8 acres at Kembre) for increasing the income.

### 3.3.2.5 – Publications

28 publications were released during the period with net gross sales of Rs 77.90 lakhs.



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## 3.3.2.6 – Goshala

The renovated Goshala has 40 cows with an average birthing of 8 calves/year with an average Milk yield of 40,000 litres/year.

## 3.3.2.7 – Performance of other Trusts functioning under the guidance of our P.P.Swamiji

The Chairman briefed the delegates about the efforts put in and the grand success achieved by the Trusts functioning under the guidance of our P.P.Swamiji to reach out to the community around our math at Shirali in Community Social responsibility through (1) Parijnan Foundation (2) Srivali Trust and (3) Shri Chitrapur Math Charitable Trust

## 3.3.3 Vantiga Collection

Vantiga Collection which was Rs 72 lakhs in 2006-07 crossed the Rs 1 crore mark and it is Rs 1.65 crore in this year just completed ie 2011-12.

The Chairman expressed great satisfaction of the efforts put in by all Sabha-Pratinidhis and Vantiga payers for this achievement and invoked the blessings of the Lord Almighty, Guru and Guru Parampara for all them. He stressed the need for completing the vantiga collection in the first six months of the year and exhorted all Sabhas to accomplish this objective this year and in all the years to come and cross the Rs 2 croremark soon.

The Corpus for our Math was increased to a fairly reasonable figure of Rs 15 crores, thanks to the contributions from devotees and the investments in the Capital Projects, which had helped to provide reasonable amenities in the Math premises for the increased participation of devotees in Math activities.

## 3.3.4 Involve more and more Youth in Math activities

### 3.3.4.1 Prarthana Varga

Prarthana Varga for inculcating the spiritual and cultural values in children has been established in all the Local Sabhas including Overseas Sabhas with the untiring efforts of coordinators and excellent response from children

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and parents. The remarkable progress achieved was evident in the Guru Pujan carried out by children, the skits, paintings etc presented during the recent visit of P.P.Swamiji to Santacruz and Talmakiwadi.

## 3.3.4.2 Yuvadhara

Yuvadhara for the all round development of Yuvas is marching forward with great strides with the commendable efforts of the coordinators and Yuvas.KarSevaShibir at Shirali, Shibirs at Pune, ShramaSeva at Karla during week ends and other activities have become a regular feature.

## 3.3.4.3 Geervana Prathistha

The efforts of Geervana Pratishtha established to propagate the Deva Bhasha Sanskrit in the Chitrapur Saraswat samaj through their regular classes and on the Internet were lauded. The lessons have been copyrighted and it is receiving great appreciation and encouraging feedback from International fora.

## 3.3.5 To close Pending legal cases

Legal cases pending in courts are taking their own time. The case filed against M/S Samyukta Computers has been decided in our favor. The process for mediation to reach settlement has not succeeded due to non cooperation by the other party.

## 3.3.6 To bring into mainstream the small group which has strayed away

The President stated that he had made attempts to talk to the dissident group of devotees who had strayed away, but then certain developments occurred at Karla Math, where three trustees defiantly filed cases in the Charity Commissioner's Court, treated the Sannikarsha activity with hostility and announced projects without the consent of HH Swamiji. The court cases have gone in our favor and the Interim Injunction granted by the CCO was upheld both in the High Court & Supreme Court. Operational control was acquired on 27<sup>th</sup> February'2010 and Sadhakas streamed into the Math with continuing Sannikarsha and Seva Saptaha affording a new avenue for Sadhana. March First



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2010 received a resounding support from the community and several renovation projects have been completed and are on the anvil.

Shri Vinod Yennemadi concluded his opening remarks and presentation by expressing gratitude for unbounded grace of the Guru Parampara, for the inspiration and guidance provided by P.P.Swamiji. He also thanked for the support and cooperation by the team of Vice Presidents and office bearers, the Admin Committee, the Sub Committees, the Standing Committee, the unstinted loyalty and efforts of the administrative and office Staff members of the Math, headed by the efficient and hardworking Shri Bhavanishankar Kailaje mam and the wholehearted support of the Local Sabhas. He offered all the achievements as Seva at the Lotus feet of P. P. Swamiji.

4. **Assumption of office by the incoming President:** The Chairman requested P. P. Swamiji to nominate the President for the Standing Committee 2012. P.P. Swamiji appreciated the good work carried out in the past five years under the able leadership of Vinodmam. He elucidated the characteristics required of a President. Mere competence (Yogyata) would help in the performance of work but would not be sufficient to shoulder the immense responsibility of the Math activities. Unstinted faith(Nishtha) and devotion (Bhakti) towards the Guru was necessary for the same. Knowledge and experience in Financial matters is an asset for this position. Vinodmam being endowed with all these qualities had performed admirably well. P.P.Swamiji recollected Vinodmam's mid term appointment in the past, as President and how he had moulded himself to serve the Math with humility and devotion. Keeping all these in view and the enthusiasm and untiring efforts, P.P.Swamiji announced that He was nominating Shri Vinod Yennemadi as President of Standing Committee'2012 and asked him continue to serve the Math & Guru with the same enthusiasm and devotion. There was a great round of applause by the entire gathering, who heartily welcomed the announcement.

His Holiness expressed satisfaction that more and more accomplished people were volunteering to come forward and do



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Seva for the Math. HH hoped that the standing committee members, who had a major role to play in a two way communication between the math and laity, would perform those roles, efficiently and help spread information about the decisions taken and the activities of the math. He emphasized that the Administrative Committee was the executive body which should meet frequently to discuss matters and He felt assured that the new members, in whom He had confidence, would actively participate in all discussions and function efficiently with greater enthusiasm.

Responding to a query by P. P. Swamiji about anything else to be covered by Him, Shri Dilip Trasi suggested implementation of new hybrid seeds of cash crops whereupon P. P. Swamiji requested him to contact Shri Arun Nadkarni from Ankola. HH further stated that when similar suggestions come, He advised that they come to the Math and familiarize themselves with the various activities especially agricultural and forestry initiatives that were happening in Kembre and Panchavati and also be aware of the difficulties and hardships encountered in a rural setting. He appreciated the efforts of the Bengaluru Parivartini Infotechnology team led by Uday Nagarkatti, which were working in Shirali.

There was a suggestion from Shri Shirali for a Crisis Management team in every Sabha to help Chitrapur Saraswat families in financial and medical distress. Another delegate suggested that there should be a Scheme for a Loan scholarship to needy students. P. P. Swamiji explained that there was a Central Coordination committee in Mumbai to ensure scholarships to needy students. HH also emphasized on the need for increased communication between the local committee members and laity. The Math's prime role was spiritual development and when progress in Sadhana happened, members of the laity would automatically respond to any crisis in the Samaj. HH expressed satisfaction that Swami Iswaranandaji Giriji Maharaj during His recent visit to Chitrapur Math, Shirali had appreciated and commended the progress and development in the Math and Samaj.

Responding to a suggestion on the need for a Placement cell in the Samaj, P.P. Swamiji stated that He was also seized of

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the matter and that certain well placed Chitrapur Saraswats have assisted in such matters and will continue to do so. Dr Mankikarmam requested that Chitrapur Railway Station be upgraded by the railway authorities, from a Halt station to a regular station with the local community taking leadership and the initiative. This would help devotees to access trains from Chitrapur itself. P. P. Swamiji requested the local Sabha, Math Management and Hemmady Mohanmam to look into this matter and get it done as early as possible.

There was a comment that Purohits from outside Maths were not permitted to officiate at Upanayanam / Marriages being conducted in the Maths. P. P. Swamiji stated that routinely priority is given to Math Purohits but assured that He would consider the case. To a query about interviews with HH, P. P. Swamiji stated that in view of the hectic schedule, Anushtana, Mouna periods, interviews are given to Sevaks handling work related to Math activities, HH was always available to meet the laity after Jalabhishek, Teertha Vitarana etc.

## 5. Acceptance Speech by incoming Standing Committee

**President:** Shri Vinod Yennemadi expressed his gratitude to P. P. Swamiji for reposing trust and confidence in him in shouldering this responsibility. He prayed to Lord Bhavanishankar, Srivali Bhuvaneshwari & Devi Durga Parameshwari to give him the strength to carry out the responsibility bestowed on him in the progress of this great institution. He prayed at the Lotus feet of P.P.Swamiji to guide and inspire his thoughts, speech and actions to successfully translate Swamiji's vision and plans in the Math for the Samaj into reality. He mentioned more plans on the drawing board, as given below and assured that he and the Admin Committee would endeavor to implement the same in the shortest possible time.

5.1 Correcting the lopsided Vantiga Collection: He expressed confidence that all the Sabhas would do their best to bring about a change and complete vantiga collections in the first half of the year.

5.2 Improving further the financial base of the Math and increase the corpus to 20-25 crores by the end of the term of this Mahasabha. He then listed some items on which he



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proposed to take early action.

5.3 Developing all the available vacant land and properties into financial assets eg at Kundapur a Commercial complex has been envisaged.

5.4 Maintaining records and projecting correctly that no extra land is available under the Land Ceiling Act. This is likely to be completed in the next 2-3 years.

5.5 Completion of the renovation of Premises in Varanasi before next March since this was a very vibrant site blessed by the holy presence of the three Gurus of our Parampara and P. P. Swamiji's ardent desire to practice sadhana at this hallowed site.

5.6 Completion of a Bio Gas facility as quickly as possible.

5.7 Renovation of Kitchen facility in Math in Shirali to further improve hygiene.

5.8 Conversion of Old Anandashram school into Guest house in view of the accommodation crunch especially during festivities.

5.9 More focused efforts on Prarthana & Yuvadhara activities

5.10 Monthly Newsletter to Non resident Chitrapur Saraswats from April'2012. 450 Introductory letters sent had received an enthusiastic response. It was intended to send monthly letters to NRI brethren and he requested all to send email addresses of their NRI relatives and acquaintances.

5.11 Consolidation of Math Accounts on proper valuation basis with well Integrated computerized system with the help of Uday Nagarkatti & Srikar Baljekar-likely to be completed in 2-3 months. All accounting would be on line to strengthen the accounting system of the Math.

## **6. Announcement of Standing Committee members nominated by President under article 2e(III) and also those elected to the Standing Committee by Local Sabhas under article 3i(v) and 4 c (i) & (ii)**

The Chairman announced the names of the Standing Committee members nominated by the President with the



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approval of P.P.Swamiji, as follows:

- 1) Shri Mohan Hemmadi
- 2) Shri Pravin Kadle
- 3) Shri Anil Bhatkal
- 4) Shri Kuldeep Kalawar
- 5) Dr Chaitanya Gulvady
- 6) Shri Gaursharan Rao
- 7) Shri Arun Nadkarni
- 8) Shri Vivek Katre
- 9) Shri Gurudatt V Bhat
- 10) Shri Vijay Bailur

The names of the 71 elected Standing Committee members from various Sabhas, were prominently displayed on screen. He emphasized on the need for the Standing committee members to participate in the meetings, share thoughts, understand the activities going on and communicate the same to the Local Sabhas and the laity.

## **7. Announcement of Administrative Committee Members nominated by P.P.Swamiji:**

The Chairman announced the names of the members of the Administrative Committee, as follows:

- 1) Shri Vinod Yennemadi - Chairman
- 2) Shri N. Jayvant Rao
- 3) Shri Pravin Kadle
- 4) Shri Anil Bhatkal
- 5) Shri G V Bhat
- 6) Shri KedarUdiavar
- 7) Dr Prakash Mavinkurve
- 8) Ashok Chandavarkar
- 9) Dr Chaitanya Gulvady
- 10) Shri Arun Nadkarni

Invitees to Admin Committee: **1.** Secretary to HH **2.** Manager, Shri Chitrapur Math, Shirali **3.** Vaivatdar, SCM Bangalore.

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The Chairman made an announcement that Shri Suresh Savnalnam has expressed his desire to step down as Vaivatdar, SCM-Bangalore, due to health reasons. Vinodmam commended the stupendous services rendered by Sureshmam and his unstinted efforts in the activities of the Math. He announced that Shri Kishore Kumble is the new Vaivatdar of the Bangalore Math.

The President expressed his sincere appreciation for the stupendous efforts and work put in during the last seven years by Lt Gen Prakash Gokarnmam, Chairman-Tercentenary Projects Committee, who had expressed inability to continue due to domestic commitments.

He eulogized the efforts of Shri Mohan Hemmady who was 75 yrs and instrumental in Chitrapur railway station, his role in getting State level funds for the local dam to increase the water supply to the Math, his perseverance for Specialday cover & having served the three Gurus and the Math over a long period of time – but had expressed his inability to continue as actively as before but would serve the Math and Guru as best as possible. Shri Mohan Hemmady was then felicitated by P.P.Swamiji with a shripal and Shawl.

Parama Puja Shrimad Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji handed over holy Bhavanishankar Rudrakshas from the Rudraksha tree planted by the erstwhile Manager SCM, Shri Rammohan mam Padukone in Kembre, with His blessings to all the delegates.

The Mahasabha concluded with the SabhaSamaptiPrathana.



## Math Website Updates

1. Guru Purnima celebration/Chaturmas Vrata commencement- July 3, 2012  
[http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web\\_casting/Guru\\_purnima\\_shirali\\_03072012.asp](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](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](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](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](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](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](http://chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Shankarjayanti_blore2012.asp)
8. Yuvadhara Kar-Seva Shibir  
[http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web\\_casting/karseva\\_video\\_2012.asp](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](http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Swadhyaya_Shivanand_lahari_Sep2012.asp)

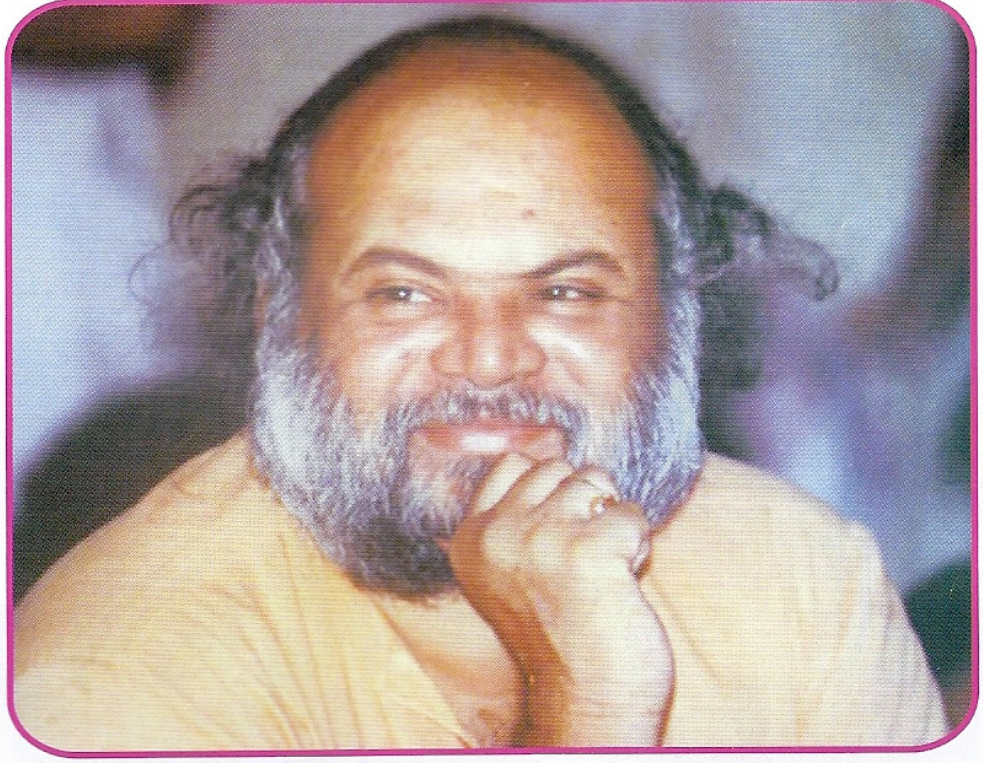
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