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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Satsang
- Important
 Dates

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THE CSCS Executive Committee wishes YOU ALL A (Belated) Very Happy Deepavali!!

Satsang

There are no Satsangs on schedule for November and December as yet.

Important Dates in Dec 2013 & Jan 2014

DECEMBER 2013				
04-Dec-13	Wed	Margashira - Shukla	Dwitiya	"Dhwajarohana at Shrimat Ananteshwar Temple, Vittal., Ayanotsava starts'
07-Dec-13	Sat	Margashira - Shukla	Panchami	"Mrgabete Utsava at Shrimat Ananteshwar Temple, Vittal."
08-Dec-13	Sun	Margashira - Shukla	Shashthi	"Champa / Subramanya Shashthi, Rathotsava at Shrimat Ananteshwar Temple (Vittal), Shri Kashi Vishweshwar Temple (Bankikodla), and Subramanya Temple, Nilekani (Sirsi)."
13-Dec-13	Fri	Margashira - Shukla	Ekadashi	Gita Jayanti.
16-Dec-13	Mon	Margashira - Shukla	Chaturdashi	Shri Datta Jayanti.
21-Dec-13	Sat	Margashira - Krshna	Chaturthi	Uttarayana Prarambha
25-Dec-13	Wed	Margashira - Krshna	Ashtami	"Punyatithi at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Krishnashram Swamiji "
26-Dec-13	Thu	Margashira - Krshna	Ashtami / Navami	"Punyatithi at Shirali H.H. Shrimat Keshavashram Swamiji "

JANUARY 2014				
6-Jan-14	Mon	Pushya - Shukla	Shashthi	Dhanur-Vyatipatha
14-Jan-14	Tue	Pushya - Krshna	Trtiya	Makara Sankramana / Tilgula

Seemollanghan Ceremony

On the banks of the Credit River, Mississauga and on a rainy day Saturday September 21, 2013, dedicated 18 members of the Canada Sabha gathered to celebrate and observe the Seemollanghan ceremony. The programme started with Sabha Prarthana, Deepanamaskar, Parijnanashram Trayodashi, Aarti, Sabha Samapti Prarthana and Prasad.. The ceremony lasted for 25 minutes. It was in September 1979 P.P.Parijnanashram Swamiji III performed the Seemollanghan ceremony at the Credit River during their visit to Canada. Miraculously the burning agarbatti was not affected by the rain while the Swamiji's photo and other surrounding objects were wet. Please check photos section of the newsletter for moments captured during the ceremony. **FUTURE**

SATSANGS

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.

Swamiji's Itinerary

Following is the itinerary of H.H. Sadyojat Shankarashram Swamiji's for Oct 2013.

Dec 2013:

Dec 1 to 3—At Shirali Dec 6 to 8—At Vittal (Vittal Shashti Mahostav) Dec 12 to 17—At Mumbai (Grant Road Sabha) Dec 18 to 25—At Mumbai (Santacruz Sabha) Dec 26 to 31—At Mumbai (Andheri Sabha) Jan 1 to 3—At Karla Jan 4 to 7—At Belgaum

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

SWEEKAR

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TEACHINGS OF SWAMI PARIJNANASHRAM

(Summary of the Åshirvachan delivered by His Holiness at the Dadar Sabha on 28-12-1975)

Today is the last day of our visit to any big Sabha on our official tour and an Upadesh by us has been programmed. We, too, have felt like speaking on something different from what we have spoken elsewhere. As you all know, wherever we have gone, we have been speaking on the Path of Devotion (Bhakti Mârg). Today, we want to share our innermost thoughts with you. The Mathadhipati or Dharma Guru is there for the welfare of the devotee and betterment of the people, to teach them how to walk on the Path of Dharma. Each one has his own Dharma, according to the time and clime and the aspirant's own preparedness.

Our scriptures are not like any ordinary reports. Our Vedas and Smritis tell us that whatever each and everyone adopts as a way of life, as a conduct for himself, according to the time and the clime and his own individual needs, itself constitutes Dharma for him. The scriptures tell us to observe Dharma. They tell us that Dharma is for the betterment of the people. Just as a mother or father strives for the betterment of their children, by telling the children what is good for them and what is not, so also our Vedas and Smritis tell us how to shape our lives. Having attained this human birth, we have to attain Eternal Happiness, that is realise our Self. This is the primary objective before the Vedas and Smritis and we must bear this in mind always.

Why are people asked to pursue the path of Dharma? The scriptures tell us through beautiful Shlokas how we

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can put our lives to the best possible use for both social and spiritual purposes. Our ancients have explained beautifully that we should, firstly, have faith in Vedas and Smritis, that we should worship 'sajjan' people or persons who are spiritually-inclined. These are the great souls who have realised, for themselves, the true purpose of life, who have realised that we all are one, irrespective of our caste, creed, community, race and country. Such people see all alike and their goal in life is to strive for the betterment of humanity by seeing God in all as all.

You must have heard of 'Guru Parampara Charitra' by Umabai Arur which recites the glories of our Sadgurus. This is a truly inspired work which she was prompted to do by the Lord. It tells us what each of our Gurus did for the community, starting from Adi Parijnanashram Swamiji. Swami Parijnanashram-I used to strive for the welfare and wellbeing of the community, telling people what to do and what not to do. This Charitra should be read with due reverance. It tells us also of the suffering to which each of our Gurus was subjected. In the case of Srimad Shankarashram-I, even though our community then was small, many of our people did not even know that He was our Guru and He had to introduce Himself that He was their Guru! Shri Shankarashram attained Samadhi without any formal adoption of a Shishya but our community elders remembered that there was a disciple ordained by Him at Kollur and they went and begged him to take over, because the Nagar rulers were again harassing the Saraswats for not having a Guru. Thus, Srimad Parijnanashram II was brought from Kallur and installed on the Peetha as our Guru.

The Guru Paramparâ Charitra teaches us that when we adopt someone as our Guru, he takes over our affairs and looks after us to His last breath. When Srimad Shankarashram II became our Guru, there was miracle at Mallapur. Swamiji was fond of conjee and once, on the 'Samârâdhanā' day of His Guru, the people forgot to serve Him conjee. Then, they found that the fire would simply not radiate any heat and the 'vode' could not be fried. When

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they brought this matter to the attention of Shankarashram Swamiji, the latter is said to have observed : "How can that fire burn when the fire in our stomach is not quenched". This parable has a lesson for us. When you have accepted someone as your Guru, He becomes your preceptor and protector all your life. How can you ignore such a Guru in carrying out ritualistic worship? In Swami Vamanshram's time, the community elders became bold enough to accuse the Guru of 'maladministration' and demanded that He turn over the keys to the Shishya Swami (Krishnashram Swamiji). Vamanashram Swamiji flung the keys away and prayed to the Goddess to relieve Him of this life. This incident also teaches us that once you have accepted a Guru, you must trust Him to do the best thing for you. He knows what is good for you and what is not. The Guru also knows what is the best thing necessary for the Math. You must allow Him to carry out His will and should not try to interfere by telling the Guru what He should do and how.

We all have taken human birth in order to attain Truth. We should first of all realise that we are here on this earth because of God's will and that we have to go somewhere from here. The Guru is there to work for the welfare of the society but, at the same time, it is not for society to dictate to the Guru, telling Him what He should do and how. We remember at Shirali, a man came to Anandashram Swamiji and sought His permission and His blessing for marriage within the same Gotra (sa-gotra). Swamiji gave the permission saying that the restriction on sa-gotra marriages might have been laid down by our ancients at ta time when our community was very small and not to have inter-mingling of the same blood.

We do not seek any good for ourselves, we want only the good of the community. The people should realise this fact. You are known as *Saraswats* or real *Saraswati-putrâs* and endowed with high intelligene. Yet because you cling to delusions, your learning is clouded. You must develop this latent power of reasoning to its full grandeur. If we occasionally throw a 'bombshell' here or there, in our

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Addresses to you, it is only intended to awaken this latent intelligence. Do not think that we have become 'modern' or have 'abandoned Dharma', simply because we started the Abhinava Sammelan. This, too, was aimed at awakening our people to a new consciousness of their purpose in life. We want our people to come up in life, to learn to think for themselves and to elevate themselves spiritually.

Therefore, we have been preaching 'Dharma, Satya nd Prema' wherever we have gone. But, merely listening to it or reading about it is not enough. You must carry it out, you must translate it into speech and translate speech into action. Only then can it be said that it has been worthwhile your having a Guru and the Guru having a Shishya Varga to look after. Therefore, resolve now itself to vindicate your human birth.



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Photos (Seemmollanghan)

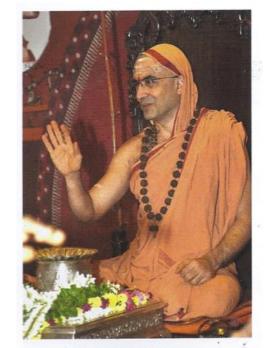
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A gesture of blessings. Photo by Shri Jaikishan Kandlur.



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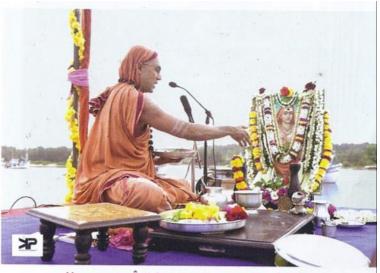
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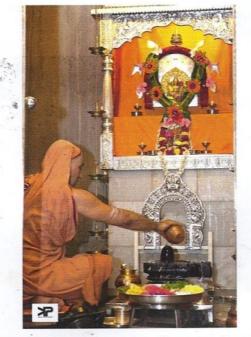
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P. P. Swamiji approaching the Gangâ Pujan site at Sultân Batteri, Mangalore. Photo by Shri Kishan Kallianpur.



Homage to Âdi Shankarâ during Guru Pujan. Photo by Shri Kishan Kallianpur.

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Abhishek on the occasion of consecration of the new Rajata Dwâr (Silver Door) at Shri Vâmanâshram Sannidhi, Mangalore.

Math Website Updates

- 1. Guru Purnima celebration/Chaturmas Vrata commencement- July 3, 2012 http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Guru_purnima_shirali_03072012.asp
- Video Clip of Swadhyaya on Shivananda Lahari <u>http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Swadhyaya_Shivanand_lahiri_july12.asp</u>
 Updated Programme schedule of Chaturmas 2012
- 4. Announcement of Girvanapratishtha shibir at Shirali in Mid Aug 2012
- http://www.chitrapurmath.net/pdf/announcements/Girvanapratishtha_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-Swadhayaya conducted by Parama Pujya Swamiji http://www.chitrapurmath.net/web_casting/Swadhyaya_Shivanand_lahari_Sep2012.asp

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