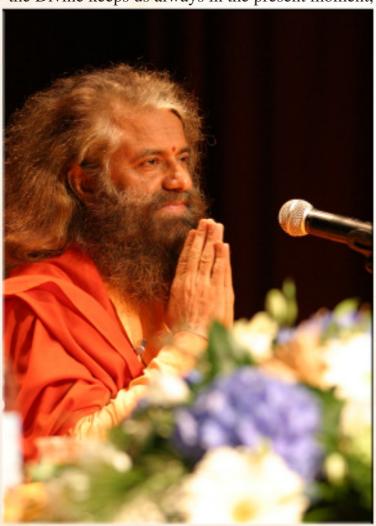


Pujya Swamiji's Travels Within India and Abroad Spreading Peace, Joy & Inspiration

Venice, Italy

From the 29 April - 2 May Pujya Swamiji was in Jesolo, a town near Venice, Italy as a special guest at the Italian Yoga Federation's 35th anniversary. It was a beautiful program, full of classes in yoga, pranayama and meditation and inspiring spiritual talks from Pujya Swamiji and other revered saints from India. The theme of the Conference was "Yoga Between the Past and the Future." Pujya Swamiji gave a beautiful lecture on "Yoga in the Present." (www.parmarth.com/lectures/italy-yoga-in-present.wma to hear the speech - in English with Italian translation). He spoke about the true yoga, the true union with the Divine keeps us always in the present moment, and allows us to see the present as the gift that it is!



Pujya Swamiji gives His lecture



Inauguration of the Function



Pujya Swamiji on the beach in Jesolo

He spoke about the traits of a true yogi, one who truly embraces and lives yoga rather than simply someone whose limbs are flexible. Pujya Swamiji also gave an enlightening "satsang" in which He answered questions from the audience on a wide variety of topics. Antonietta Rozzi, the organizer of the conference, did an outstanding job of translating His precious words into Italian! Sadhvi Bhagawati also gave a lecture and workshop in which she led a deep meditation, and spoke about the importance of ensuring that our yoga practice and our lives also have a spiritual component if we want to attain the true joy and peace which "yoga" can bring.

While in Jesolo, Pujya Swamiji also went to visit Venice, to see the ancient Cathedrals and other areas of historic and religious significance.



Inauguration of the Function



At the canals in Venice



On the boat from Jesolo to Venice



On the boat from Jesolo to Venice





In front of Basilica of St. Anthony



Canals of Venice

Pujya Swamiji also went to nearby Padova, to the Basilica of St. Anthony, one of the holiest saints, and one whose life and also legacy are dedicated to service of the poor and needy. The message of St. Anthony resonated very much with Pujya Swamiji and parallels His own life's aim of service to humanity.



Pujya Swamiji feeds teplas (spicy chapatis) to the pigeons in St. Marco's square



View from the Boat to Venice

Tenerife, Spain

From Venice, we came to Tenerife, Spain where Pujya Swamiji led a huge and beautiful Ganga Aarti on the banks of the Atlantic! ("Ganga flows wherever the heart is pure and devoted" He says). The Aarti was called "Festival of Peace" and the theme was how prayer, devotion and spirituality can bring peace to our lives.

May 3rd was Mother's Day in Europe and hence a perfect day to honor Mother Ganga. Pujya Swamiji gave a beautiful and inspiring talk about the role of the Mother in our lives - our biological Mother, the Divine Mother and also Mother Earth!

In an area with only 500-600 Indian families, there were at least 1500 people present, including the local mayor! It was so beautiful to see the way the local Spanish people joined hands and hearts with the Indians.

Go to the link:

http://www.youtube.com view_play_list?p=7B60C329063CECA4 to watch the videos.

In fact the Mayor was so touched by the program and by Pujya Swamiji that he came over to have lunch with Pujya Swamiji the following day, and spent a long time engaged in a very deep conversation. It was beautiful to see the depth of his questions, and the depth of Pujya Swamiji's answers and understanding.

The following evening, Pujya Swamiji gave an inspiring talk at the Indian Cultural Center. Go to www.parmarth.com/lectures/spain2009.wav to hear the speech.



Performing Aarti with the Mayor







From Spain, Pujya Swamiji traveled to London where He gave a beautiful program titled "Finding Peace in the Chaos - Living in Peace not Pieces." It was a Thursday evening (a working day) and yet the hall was so full we had hundreds without a space, sitting in the aisles, standing in the hallway and around the edges of the walls. There were approximately 1000 people there! It was truly beautiful. Prior to Pujya Swamiji's speech, the Lodhia family led beautiful bhajans and kirtans. Aditya Solanki was our young and very impressive compere, and the program was also graced by the presence and words of Pujya Rambapaji, a very revered saint living and preaching in London.



It was a beautiful evening in which many guests had traveled hundreds (and even thousands) of kilometers to be there. We had many people who came by train or car from throughout UK, and even from Switzerland and Portugal! See http://blip.tv/file/2151496 for the video of Pujya Swamiji's talk, and http://blip.tv/file/2140903 for Sadhvi Bhagawati's talk.





On the 8th May, Pujya Swamiji gave a satsang at the home of Shri Kishore Lulla (head of Eros Entertainment). Kishoreji and his entire family had come to Parmarth in March for his beloved father Arjunji's 75th birthday. During their visit to Parmarth, the family was so touched by Pujya Swamiji's wisdom and insight that they requested Him to give a small satsang at their home. It was a beautiful evening, for as Kishoreji is a deep and sincere spiritual seeker and practitioner, so are his family and friends. Thus, the evening was one of deep questions from those gathered, and deep, profound, uplifting answers from Pujya Swamiji.









Special thanks to the entire seva team of the May 7 function in London: Gopalbhai Popat, Himatbhai Dawada, Kalpeshbhai & Shaileshbhai Solanki, Nishit & Priyesh Kotecha, Dhanush Lodhia (and entire Lodhia family), Bhavit & Hema Mehta and Neeraj Nathwani.

Pittsburgh

From May 9-17 was the official 25th anniversary of the sthapana (deity installation) of the Hindu-Jain temple which Pujya Swamiji founded in Pittsburgh, USA. It was the first Hindu-Jain temple in the world and also the first temple in which the two sects of Jainism (Shwetambar and Digambar) worshipped together. It is truly a testament to Pujya Swamiji's commitment to unity.

From 1981 Pujya Swamiji lived for many years back and forth between Pittsburgh and Rishikesh, overseeing the Rishikesh ashram while bringing the Pittsburgh temple to fruition.

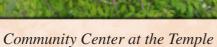




Hindu Jain Temple









Shobha Yatra



The nine-day celebration began with a twoday Jain celebration, followed by the abhishek and worship of each of the deities: Radha-Krishna, Shiva Parivar, Rama Parivar, Lakshmi-Narayan and Maa Devi. Each evening the community gathered together for prayers, puja and an inspiring talk by Pujya Swamiji on the message of each deity.



Shobha Yatra



View from the Boat to Venice

The final weekend included a special "open house" in which the local non-Indian, non-Hindu community came to learn about the culture and tradition. There was a special exhibit on Hinduism as well as talks by Pujya Swamiji and various members of the temple community.

The mayor came as well and expressed his great joy at having the Hindu-Jain temple in their midst. His effusively laudatory speech was particularly poignant due to the great obstacles faced by the temple in the early days. It was only after great difficulty and many years of patience and tenacity that the local borough finally permitted the temple to be constructed. Now it serves as a home and symbol of unity and devotion.

The final weekend was also graced by the presence of Pujya Shri Chitrabhanuji, one of the revered leaders of the Jain community. Pujya Chitrabhanuji had been there also 25 years earlier, with Pujya Acharya Sushil Muniji Maharaj, for the official opening of the temple.

During the anniversary celebrations, Pujya Swamiji inaugurated the newly built library. Under the vision and direction of the current temple board, a library has been constructed to serve all of the youth, students as well as elders who want to learn more about the ancient yet timeless spiritual and cultural traditions.

Pujya Swamiji also was requested to bless the local Chinmaya Mission center, so during his time in Pittsburgh, He went to see the center and expressed His joy at the dedication and commitment of the Chinmaya Mission community, particularly for their great service to the youth.



Pujya Swamiji gives the Mayor a book on the Temple



Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Chitrabhanuji at the main Rajat Jayanti (25th anniversay) function in the temple

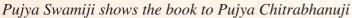


Inaugurating the newly built library



Inaugurating the newly built library







Pujya Swamiji signs books for the temple community

A beautiful coffee-table book on the history of the temple was also prepared and released on the occasion. It details the whole history of how the temple was conceived, the obstacles it faced at that time, the commitment of the temple members and the blessings & grace of Pujya Swamiji in bringing the vision to fruition. It also has many beautiful photographs of Pujya Swamiji's early days at the temple, leading prayers, at the temple summer camp, etc. There are also articles by Pujya Swamiji on various aspects of Hinduism. The book can be downloaded as a full pdf from http://www.parmarth.com/hindu-jain-temple.PDF



Pujya Swamiji performs aarti to Lakshmi-Nayaran



Pujya Swamiji performs aarti in the Jain mandir



The temple imparts divine sanskaras to the youth

On the final day, Sunday the 17th, a maha yagna was performed. First, the temple members, led by the ladies of the community, embarked on a shobha yatra from the main doors of the temple, to the back ground where the havan ceremony was to be performed. Carrying auspicious pots of water on their heads, the ladies led the procession to the sound of sacred chanting and song.

108 yagna kunds were lit, and a glorious ceremony was led by the temple priests. The final yagna aarti was performed by Pujya Swamiji, following which He gave a talk on the history of the temple, appreciating all those who had given their lives to create this divine home of unity. He emphasized how important it is for the current generation to maintain the commitment, dedication and devotion to their culture. "Now everything is much easier," He said. "Now there are Hindu temples everywhere, now India holds a central place in the world community. However, at that time it was very different. These people gave their time, their energy, their money and years of their lives to create a place for you and for your children to imbibe the divine nectar of your spiritual traditions. Use it! Maintain it. Love it. Make it a central place of your life and of your children's lives."



Pujya Swamiji speaks after the maha-yagna to the community, urging them to remember the great sacrifice made by the temple founders and appreciating the current board & executive committee for the great way in which they are not only carrying on the tradition but also improving and expanding the facilities and activities of the temple.







Pujya Swamiji blesses Dr. Sudhakar Reddy (left), Drs. Inder & Deviyani Pandit (middle) and Drs. Jitu & Saryu Desai (right) for the crucial roles they played in the foundation and creation of the Temple

Special Events & Programs at Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh

Ganga Dusshera

On the 2nd June was the auspicious and holy day of Ganga Dusshera, celebrated as the "Birthday" of Mother Ganga. Obviously, the Divine Mother Goddess is eternal and omnipresent; however, Ganga Dusshera is worshipped as the day that she acquiesed to King Bhagirathi's entreaties and flowed from the Heavens onto the Earth, to bring life, purity and liberation to all who bathe in Her waters. The day was filled with prayer and puja, and an especially divine Ganga Aarti in the evening.





Ganga Dusshera Aarti - thousands and thousands....



Pujya Swamiji's birthday

Appropriately, and not coincidentally, Pujya Swamiji's birthday was just follwoing Ganga Dusshera. First the Mother and then Her child.....

Pujya Swamiji never permits any kind of festivity or celebration of His birthday, as He says that it is merely glorifying the body, as that's all that took birth on that day, and the whole journey of life is to go beyond identification with the body. To Him it is a day of personal prayer that He may continue to be a tool in God's hands and that every breath which is given to Him may be used in the service of the Divine...

However, devotees and ashram residents cannot help but mark the day in some special way; hence activities and programs in line with Pujya Swamiji mission and message were organized. The day began with a special puja and prayers to Mother Ganga, thanks to Her for bringing Pujya Swamiji here and offerings of our love, commitment and devotion to protect Her and preserve the sanctity

of Her flowing waters.







We then had a huge clean up of Mother Ganga program, where all of the ashram residents, guests, devotees, pilgrims and all of the rishikumars of Parmarth's gurukul came together to clean the banks of Ganga, and the adjacent marketplace.

Armed with hoses, brooms and hearts full of devotion, in a short time the entire area was clean.

Pujya Swamiji has instituted regular Ganga clean-up programs as part of His "Clean, Green and Serene" projects. On a regular basis, He along with all the rishikumars and ashram residents/devotees perform this divine seva to the Mother Ganga.

Following the Ganga clean up program, there was a special puja for the cows in Parmarth's gaushala (cow home). Pujya Swamiji fed their bellies with delicious food, and fed their hearts with His love and divine touch.

Cows are considered of great importance in India, and Pujya Swamiji is committed to protecting them, and all animals. He is instituting various projects to remove the wandering, stray cows from the roads and to give them a safe, healthy place in which to live.

After the morning pujas, He was visited by so many people coming from all over the world to offer their love and pranams at His holy feet. "It's all God's blessings. It's only God's grace," are His only answers for the praise and worship showered upon Him by devotees.



Cleaning banks of Mother Ganga



Feeding the cows with food and love!

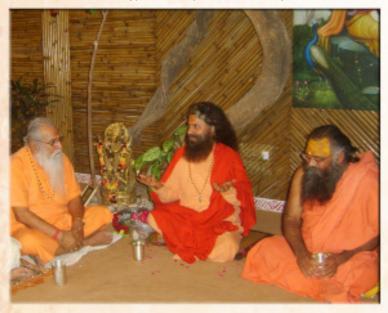




Pujya Swami Gurusharananandji arrives



Pujya Acharya Balkrishanji



Pujya Swami Hansdasji and Pujya Swami Rajendradasji

Not only devotees, but also many revered saints came to give their love to Pujya Swamiji on the special day. Pujya Swami Karshni Gurusharananandji, Pujya Swami Hansdasji, Pujya Acharya Balkrishanji, Pujya Swami Rajendra Dasji, Pujya Acharya Shrikant Vyasji and many others came to be with Pujya Swamiji.

A special, holy yagna was performed for peace on Earth and for Pujya Swamiji's long life and health. The purnahuti of the yagna was performed by Pujya Swami Gurusharananandji and Pujya Acharya Balkrishanji with Pujya Swamiji.

Also, due to Pujya Swamiji's commitment to the protection and preservation of the environment, a tree plantation program was also performed, followed by a large bhandara for all the saints.



Purnahuti of yagna, Pujya Swami Gurusharananandji places bhasma (sacred ash) on Pujya Swamiji



Divine Katha

From the 25th May to the 3rd June, Acharya Shrikant Vyasji of Calcutta led a beautiful Bhagawat Katha at Parmarth. For nine days we were transported to the lands of Gokul and Vrindavan, and everyone became a love-filled, devotion-filled gopi, as the air resounded with the sounds of "He Govinda, He Gopala...."

He also brought a troupe of wonderful dancers, acrobats and musicians to perform Krishna Leela on Parmarth's ghat on the banks of Ganga, following our divine evening Ganga Aarti.





Each year in summertime, Acharya Shrikantji comes to Parmarth and creates a divine confluence of the Yamuna and the Ganga! The Ganga flows literally outside our gate, and the Yamuna flows through our hearts and minds as we listen to the song, the life story and the message of Bhagwan Shri Krishna.







Seva and Sanskaras

Every month innumerable people and families come to Parmarth to perform sacred rites ceremonies, including mundan (first hair cut), sacred thread, weddings and final ash immersion puja. To see the way these events are performed at Parmarth see: www.parmarth.com/sanskaras.html. Further, so many people come to Parmarth with the desire to perform seva (selfless service) for the divine rishikumars of our gurukul, or the wandering sadhus, or the children in our free schools or innumerable other projects. It is impossible to list here all those who come to perform sanskaras (sacred rites) or seva, but following is a sample of those who have come during this time period

Free Medical Camps

In honor of Pujya Swamiji's birthday, many doctors came from across India to offer their seva for the poor and ailing, on behalf of their Guru to whom "Giving is Living."

The camps included the following:

Urology Surgery Camp:

Led by Dr. Anshumaan Kapoor of Chandigarh. Patients with ailments or illnesses of the urinary tract or kidney functions were seen, examined and evaluated, and many crucial urological surgeries were performed for free.



Inauguration of the Medical Camps



Dr. Sunita Agarwal operating



Post Operative Patients

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In addition to the Urology Surgery Camp, the other following camps were also conducted.

Operative Eye Camp: Conducted by Dr. Sunita Agarwal from Bangalore. Using state of the art research on genes, DNA and other avenues, Dr. Sunitaji has discovered a variety of truly pioneering techniques and methods. She conducted approximately 100 free eye surgeries and will be coming back frequently to do more!



Ayurvedic Camp and Training:

Conducted by Drs. Avinash and Bharati Lele of Pune. In addition to treating several hundred patients, they also conducted ayurvedic classes for our rishikumars! Their camps and programs will become regular features at Parmarth Niketan.

Homeopathy Camp:

Conducted by Dr. Rukhsana Parveen, several hundred patients were seen, examined and given medicine to cure their ailments with this very effective, non-invasive, all natural, side-effect-free form of treatment.

Acupressure Camp:

Conducted by Dr. K.C. Goyal and his team, this camp includes not only diagnosis and treatment, but also training so that people can take the wisdom home with them, and learn how easy it is to treat and cure one-self and one's loved ones through this ancient science.

Thanks ever so much to Shri R.S. Goenkaji for generously sponsoring the medical camps.



Post-op patients recovering



Dr. Avinash Lele teaching the rishikumars



Dr. Anshumaan Kapoor's surgery room



Dr. Anshumaan Kapoor's surgery room



Divine Wedding

Sacred Wedding

A beautiful wedding took place between Vishal and Sandeep who had come with their families from Bihar. It was such a divine experience to see the two of them, and both of their full families engage in all of the sacred rites and rituals on the holy banks of Mother Ganga. Traditionally in all pujas, there are 5 things offered -- Earth, water, fire, air and ether. Typically Earth is represented by flowers, air by waving a fan, and ether by incense or camphor.









However, what can be more divine than a puja where Earth is the sacred soil of the Himalayas, water is from the flowing river Ganga, fire is the havan performed on Her banks, the air is wind blowing across Her waters, through the Himalayas, carrying upon it the sounds of divine chanting and prayer, and the ether itself is filled with the sacred vibrations of thousands of years' worth of meditation and prayers performed by saints, sages and rishis in this divine land.

With such an auspicious beginning, the marriage of Vishal and Sandeep will surely be a blessed one.





Interfaith Harmony Programs

Pujya Swamiji is very active in a wide range of interfaith harmony programs and projects. He is frequently the Hindu representative (or one of the main representatives) at international, interfaith summits and parliaments, including the United Nations, the World Economic Forum, the Parliament of World Religions, etc. He has also played a major, leading role in dialogues and summits between Hindus and Muslims, Hindus and Christians, and Hindus and Jews.

Sarva Dharma Sansad

On the 10th June, there was a meeting in Delhi of the Sarva Dharma Sansad (Parliament of Religions) members including Pujya Swamiji, Pujya Swami Agniveshji, Pujya Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji and Pujya Goswami Sushilji. In February, there had been a large SDS conference at Parmarth (www.parmarth.com/updates/janfeb2009.pdf for details). The recent meeting in Delhi was to plan upcoming functions in line with the main tenets of SDS. It was decided that focus now should be on 3 main tenets, namely: 1. Eradication of Oppression & Injustice Against Women and Children including female foeticide/infanticide and child labor. 2. Eradication of Drugs and Alcohol. 3. Eradication of Exploitation of the Environment and Animals. Thus plans were made for a large program in Delhi on the 9th July focused on these issues.





Pujya Swamiji & Pujya Swami Agniveshji

Hindu-Christian Dialogue

Pujya Swamiji was one of the Hindu leaders at a special Hindu-Christian dialogue in Mumbai (Bombay) on the 12-13 June. The vatican sent its main representative on interfaith affairs H.E. Cardinal Jean-Louis Pierre Touran, as well as Cardinal Pedro Lopez Quintana, the Vatican's ambassador in India, Cardinal Oswald Gracias, archbishop of Mumbai, Archibishop Felix Machado of Nashik, Bishop Thomas Dabre of Pune and Bishop Raphy Manjaly of Varanasi. These leaders met in closed door sessions with top Hindu leaders including H.H. Sri Shankaracharyaji Kanchi Kaam Koti, Pujya Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji, Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji of Parmarth Niketan, Dadi Jankiji (head of the Brahmakumaris), and Swami Nikhileshwaranandaji a senior monk of the Ramakrishna Mission.

It was a very fruitful and productive program, organized by Dr. Shantilal Somaiya and Dr. Kala Acharya of the Somaiya Institute in Bombay. The dialogue addressed pressing issues such as violence, conversions, and general misunderstandings between the faiths. The Christian leaders emphasized that neither the Vatican nor the Catholic Diocese advocates any form of forced or coerced conversions, and that the Vatican doesn't even recognize any conversion obtained through force or pressure. Both sides condemned any form of violence and renewed their commitments to ensure that their followers, adherants and congregations follow a path of non-violence in word and in deed.



Pujya Swamiji with Cardinal Touran, the Vatican's representative on Interfaith affairs and Cardinal Gracias



Lighting the official inauguration lamp



Pujya Swamiji w<mark>ith Cardinal Gracias</mark> & Cardinal Quintana

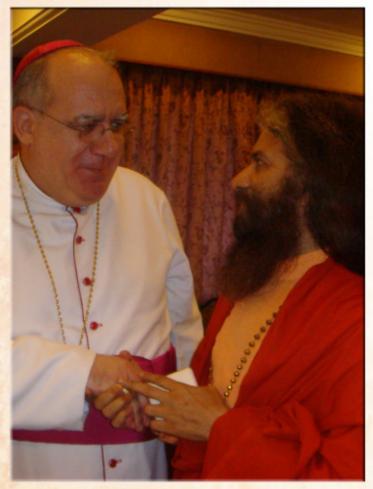
Following the closed door meetings, all of the leaders went together to the Siddhi Vinayak Mandir in Mumbai and then to the Holy Name Catholic Cathedral. There was also a large, public, interfaith gathering in which leaders of other faiths as well (Muslim, Jewish, Sikh, Jain, etc.) also joined, on the following day. The leaders of all religions emphasized the core principles of their faith, which are committed to peace, compassion, non-violence and unity. It was an excellent program and one that bodes very well for future relations between Hindus and Christians.



The religious leaders with H.H. Sri Shankaracharyaji

(see www.parmarth.com/updates/oct_nov_dec2008.pdf for details of the Christian-Hindu dialogue Pujya Swamiji organized between top Hindu political leaders and top Christian leaders in the midst of the violence in Orissa)





Pujya Swamiji with Cardinal Quintana, the Vatican's ambassador to India



Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji



Pujya Swamiji with Dadi Jankiji, head of the Brahmakumaris



Project Updates & New Projects

Parmarth Niketan Ashram (of which Pujya Swamiji is the President and Spiritual Head) and India Heritage Research Foundation (of which He is the Founder/Chairman) are both engaged in a wide range of charitable and humanitarian activities. Providing food to the hungry, housing to the homeless, education to the illiterate, training to the unemployable, medicine to the sick, hope to the downtrodden and light to the darkness is the mission of Pujya Swamiji's life. See www.parmarth.com, www.ihrf.com, www.projecthope-tsunami.com and www.parmarth.com/updates/IHRF2009newsletter.pdf for details of all projects. Below are just some highlights from the last 2 months.

Encyclopedia of Hinduism

This monumental and historic project is nearing completion. Under the guidance and direction of the Executive Editor Dr. Kapil Kapoor (of JNU, Delhi) and his team, all articles are being finalized and readied for publication. Work is moving at a swift pace between Dr. Kapoor's team and Rupa Publishers. Dr. Kapoor regularly brings his team of scholars to Parmarth in Rishikesh where they can work, uninterrupted, for many days at a time, soaking up the blessings of Mother Ganga. The Encyclopedia will be officially released during the Maha Kumbha Mela in Haridwar/Rishikesh, Spring 2010.



Dr. Kapil Kapoorji, overseeing every article personally





His team of scholars, hard at work from early morning until late evening

Uttarkashi Projects WWW.

Several years ago a tragic earthquake struck this Himalayan town. Since then, much of the devastation has remained. Those left homeless and impoverished by the quake are still today -- in many cases -- homeless and impoverished. When Pujya Swamiji traveled on yatra to Gangotri, on the way He stopped in Uttarakashi where He pledged to assist in two important, educational projects. The first is a large Sanskrit school where nearly 300 young impoverished boys study, learn and live. The school was severely damaged in the earthquake and had not been repaired since. IHRF adopted the project, taken over the annual running expenses, repaired much of the damage as well as established a full computer center. Plans are underway to construct full residential, dormitory facilities.



Earthquake damage



Learning Computers!



Students from the school with Mayumi & Rose from Australia

Further, there is a large school in Uttarkashi town, with approximately 1000 young, poor boys and girls coming every day. Pujya Swamiji pledged to establish a free computer center -- complete with equipment, software, supplies and instruction -- for these youth, as it will be a great asset to their future career possibilities and potential.

On April 8-9 Pujya Swamiji, rishikumars and devotees from around the world who had been staying at Parmarth those days traveled to Uttarakashi to see the projects and officially inaugurate both of the new computer centers.

Special thanks to Clive & Eriko Meyhew of Australia for their great generosity in funding these projects and to Chandru Kewalramani for funding the upcoming construction of the dormitory and computer center expansion.



Earthquake damage



Students from the school

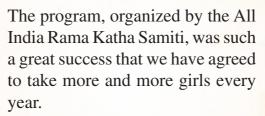


No visit to a holy place is complete without a full trash pick up!

For six months we had forty young, poor girls from tribal regions, here at Parmarth to learn about the ancient and rich cultural traditions of India in a way that they can impart this to others. The tribal areas are in great need of education, literacy and cultural programs. However, these programs function best when the education is given -- not by outsiders -- but rather by people of their own villages. Hence young girls were selected who are full of commitment and dedication, and they came and spent six months learning various aspects of the cultural tradition, values, ethics and sanskaras as well as basic hygiene and sanitation and health care. Further, they learned to recite Rama Katha, the story of the life of Lord Rama, as a message and model of a life of integrity, honesty, duty, dharma and divinity.



They will now return to their villages, carrying with them these crucial messages and teachings for the physical, mental and spiritual health of the tribal areas.





For the final day, Dr. Surya Prakash Sharma, the head of the All India Rama Katha Samiti, came to Parmarth where Pujya Swamiji and he distributed certificates to all the girls. We also gave them all their own copies of the major scriptural works so they can continue reading and enriching their minds and hearts.



On the final day, the girls sang beautiful devotional songs which they had learned. It was so inspiring to see the impact and change that 6 months can have in one's life - from poor, timid tribal girls, they became truly confident, proud and powerful orators of dharma.







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Gurukul/Orphanage: IHRF runs two gurukuls/orphanage where approximately 200 disadvantaged, impoverished and orphaned young boys are taken in, residentially. They receive not only a full academic education, but also a full Vedic education, along with meditation, yoga, karmakand, Sanskrit and the scriptures. It is our Dust to Diamonds program, demonstrating that regardless of how "dust filled" one's life may have been, it only requires the divine touch to unearth the inner diamond!

Children's Schools and Women's Vocational Training: IHRF runs four large free children's schools in the Rishikesh area, where over 1000 local, poor children (girls and boys) receive free education. We also run 10 full vocational training centers where approximately 2000 young, poor girls and women receive free training in such fields as sewing, handicrafts, tailoring and fashion design. Further, we have 3 computer training centers where girls and boys receive free computer education -- practical as well as theory.

Tsunami Relief: IHRF was actively involved in the tsunami relief work (see www.projecthope-tsunami.com for details), both immediate, emergency measures, including provisions of 100 temporary houses, hot meals twice a day to thousands of families for several weeks, distribution of new clothes, shoes, stoves, sheets, food items, etc. for the needy, repair of boats, distribution of brand new nets and more. Further, with the generosity of donors, we were able to organize for 2 whole villages to be reconstructed, totalling over 300 homes in Pondicherry. We also built an orphanage for all the tsunami orphans as well as for hundreds of girls who were orphaned prior to the tsunami. The orphanage includes dormitory facilities, school rooms, a computer center, vocational training center, medical center and huge dining hall and kitchen. It has been built on the same land as a home for 200 widowed and abandoned ladies; hence the computer, vocational training and medical centers as well as the kitchen and dining hall are utilized by all. Our sponsorship for the orphanage school is ongoing, and we're providing teachers, learning aids, supplies, etc.

Ashrams in Mansarovar/Mt. Kailash in Tibet IHRF has constructed 3 ashrams in the holy land of Mansarovar and Mt. Kailash. The first ashram was built on the holy banks of Lake Mansaorvar, the first construction there at all! This was inaugurated in 2003. Then, the second ashram was built in Paryang, Tibet along the way to Mansarovar and inaugurated in 2006. The 3rd ashram is built on the sacred Mt. Kailash parikrama route, at 17,000 feet in Dirapuk, the place where the darshan of Mt. Kailash is the clearest and closest. Dirapuk is the place where all yatris spend the night while performing the sacred trek around the circumferance of Mt. Kailash





Children at Sanskar Vidya mandir



School rooms in tsunami orphanage



Computer Center in tsunami orphanage



Dirapuk Ashram at 17,000 feet on Mt. Kailash

कुछ देश तरह ।मत मुख्यमञा रमश पाखारपात ।मशक।

પ.પૂ. મુનિજીઃ મુંબઈ ખાતે સર્વધર્મ કાઉન્સિલ મળી હતી. તેમાં પ.પ. મ નિજી તથા કાંચીના શંકરાચાર્યજી. બ્રહ્મકુમારીઓના વડા દાદી જાનકી વગેરે ઉપસ્થિત રહ્યા હતા.



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Inter-faith meet held



Message of peace: Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji lights the inaugural lamp with His Excellency Cardinal Jean-Louis Pierre Tauran, president of the Pope's Council for Inter-Faith Dialogue; Cardinal Oswald Gracias, the archbishop of Bombay; Shri Shantilal Somaiya the organizer and sponsor of the event; and Dr Kala Acharya

SEVERAL prominent religious leaders participated in an inter-faith dialogue aimed ad fostering tolerance and mutual respect held in Mumbai earlier this month.

The Hindu-Christian dialogue was attended His Holiness Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji; His Holiness Sri Shankaracharyaji of Kanchi Kaam Koti; Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji; Dadi Jankiji, head of the Brahmakumaris; and Swami Nikhileshwaranandaji and Swami Vigishanandji, both senior monks the from Ramakrishna Mission.

The Christian community was

represented by His Excellency Cardinal Jean-Louis Pierre Tauran, president of the Pope's Council for Inter-Faith Dialogue; Pedro Lopez Quintana, the Vatican's ambassador in India; Cardinal Oswald Gracias, the archbishop of Bombay; Archbishop Felix Machado of Nashik; Bishop Thomas Dabre of Pune; and Bishop Raphy Manjaly of Varanasi.

The two-day programme, organised by Shri Shantilal Somaiya, also saw the religious leaders visit the Siddhi Vinayak Mandir and the Holy Name Catholic Cathedral in the city.



पथ ग्रहेण समारोह उपस्थित पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री बीसी खंडूड़ी, ब

निक जागरण

गई दिल्ली, शनिवार, 20 जून, 2009

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भारकर न्यूज. फं और हमारा घर जरूरत है उस परमार्थ आश्रम हरियाणा के गर शांति से जीना पर भजनों को

जाणरण



बा रामदेव और स्वामी चिंदानंद मुनि महाराज

तीन नामों के अलग-अलग निहिताथ

देहरादन, जागरण ब्यूरो: तय समय से एक दिन पहले आयोजित शपथ ग्रहण समारोह में तीन ही विधायकों को शपथ दिलाने के अलग-अलग निहितार्थ निकाले जा रहे हैं। किसी को इसमें गृटीय असर दिख रहा है तो कोई इसे क्षेत्रीय संतुलन साधने की कवायद बता रहा है। खास बात यह है कि मंत्री पद की शपध को लेकर भाजपाई विधायक अंतिम समय तक असमंजस में रहे।

शपथ ग्रहण समारोह 28 जुन को प्रस्तावित था। उसी के लिहाज से तैयारियां भी चल रही थी। सूत्रों ने बताया कि यह कार्यक्रम भाजपा की एक वरिष्ठ नेत्री की वजह से शनिवार को ही करना पड़ा। ऐसे में तैयारियां भी अधुरी रह गई। तमाम कोशिशों के बाद भी मुख्यमंत्री के साथी मेत्रियो के नामों की फेरहिस्त तैयार नहीं हो सकी। नतीजा यह रहा कि किसी को यह पता ही नहीं था कि किसे मंत्री पद की शपथ लेनी है।

यही कारण रहा कि आज ग्यारह बजे तक किसी भी विधायक को आमंत्रण नहीं मिल सका। इस पर यही माना गया कि डा.निशंक अकेले ही शपथ लेने वाले हैं। सूत्रों की मानें तो दुपहर बारह बजे के बाद ही यह हो सका कि तीन मंत्रियों को शपथ दिलाई जाए। यह बात कार्यक्रम में डा.निशंक के शपथ लेने के बाद मुख्य सचिव ने अचानक तीन नामों का मंत्री पद की शपध के लिए एलान किया तो पंडाल में सगब

• शपथ को लेकर अंतिम समय तक असमेसज में रहे भाजपाई विद्यायक

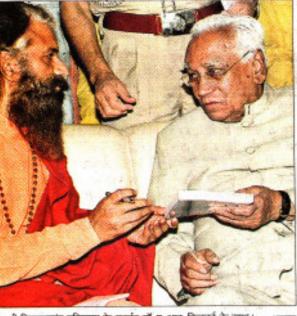
 क्षेत्रीय और सामाजिक संतुलन के मुद्दे रहे चर्चा में

आखिर इन्हीं तीन नामों के चयन का क्या आधार बना गया। यह चर्चा भी तेज हो गई कि इससे वह भी साफ । गया कि खंडूड़ी मंत्रिमंडल के सभी चेहरे निशंक के सा नहीं रहने वाले। कुछ को बाहर करने के साथ ही नए ली को मौका दिवा जाएगा। तीन ही नामों को लेकर अलग अलग निहितार्थ निकाले जाते रहे। कोई इसका आध जातीय और क्षेत्रीय संतुलन बता रहा था तो किसी को इस गुटीय खेल दिख रहा था। यानि प्रदेशभर से आ कार्यकर्ता ही नहीं, सूबे की अफसरशाही भी इसव आंकलन अपने नजरिए से कर रही थी। अब लोगों व निगाहें मंत्रिमंडल विस्तार पर टिकी है। कहा जा रहा है रि विस्तार से एकदम साफ हो जाएगा कि वास्तव में इन ती नामों के चवन का आधार क्या रहा होगा। अब इसके लि कम के कम सात जुलाई तक का इंतजार करना होग क्योंकि तीन से छह जुलाई तक राष्ट्रपति प्रतिभा देवी सिं पाटिल सुबे के प्रवास पर हैं और उससे पहले राजभवन ब

मेरठ, 30 मई, 2009

सहारनपुर

में रहकर नहीं मिलती शांति...



वामी विद्मयानंद हरियाणा के गवर्नर डॉ. ए. आर. किदवई के साथ। 🕒 -भास्कर

कुता. हिमालय में जाकर भी कई बार लोग अशांत लौट आते हैं। जहां हम हैं, वही जगह हिमालय जैसी अनभृति दे सकती है। हमें शांति दे सकती है। मंत्र को जानने की, जो हमें हर हाल में शांत रखे। यह बात ऋषिकेश स्थित के रुवामी चिदमयानंद ने सेक्टर-6 में अपने प्रवचनों में कही। कार्यक्रम में ार्नर डॉ. ए.आर. किदवई भी शामिल हुए। चिद्मयानंद ने कहा कि जीवन को चाहिए। हमें किसी क्षण का पता नहीं होता है कि कब क्या हो जाए। इस मौके भी लोगों ने आनंद उठाया। अध्यात्म पर आयोजित इस कार्यक्रम का आयोजन

रेमें दे रेगेंद्र रेस

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देश को सच्चे पत्रकार की जरूरत: किदवई

• लाजन रीलीकार सन्मान से नवाजे गए कुलदीय तैयर

हिंदी को उधित सम्मान न मिलने से दुखी हैं नेदर

बहाराष्ट्रा, जागाल कार्यालय हरिकाण के राज्यान का एका किएको ने बड़ा कि आप देव को देवे प्रकारों की process it is for first also be मही बात और नहीं मध्यपत पुरूष 🛠

स्त्री का का राजने गई। इंटिक्टा के एक्काल डा.एका किराई गुरुवा को बीचे नेह स्थित होटल के स्थापन में रीतीकार प्रधानन स्थापन स्थापन स्थापन स्थापन

ৰা নাৰত হৈ কাৰ বা সুক্ৰা নাৰ পালে বুনিৰ কাৰ বা বাংলা। ৰাজি হাজৰা কুলাৰীৰ পৰা প কৰাইয় লাগে দিলা কুলাৰা কাৰ বাংলা হাজৰাই ৰাজৰ বুলা কৰা কি চলাৰী আৰক্ষীৰা ইচ কা প্ৰবাহনী কি চিন্দু খী।

उन्होंने इस बात पा दुख व्यक्त किया कि 62 वर्षी की अवस्थी के बाद भी हिंदी की इस उसका वह सम्बन्ध नहीं दे सके थी इसकी मिलना चाहिए का। उन्होंने कहा कि चीर फिर्क में राजी शेकीय शामाओं को

कि ची हिंदी में सभी सेवेच पामानी की एर्फिल हैं जो उन्हें भी बातने मूमने का अवदार देना होगा। भागादेश की आनंबाहर करते हुए पामानी किया की उपना की में पामानीयों की पेका की, यह मान और का में बाँच कर्यों करा का भी दूबरों की मार्ट में में मार्ट मिका पान है । और की मार्ट में में मार्ट मिका पान है । और भी मार्ट में में मार्ट मिका पान है । और ल हो जाते हैं। उन्होंने लोगों में आद्वार



करेती तमार्थेत में वरिष्य प्रथमत कुलारिय नेपार को संस्थितत प्रभावन के स्थापने क्रीसामा के तामपाल एकार कियाई। जान

गुमनाम कोठियां ही धर्मस्थल

मुम्माम कोठियां ही धर्मस्थल जारुवार : हरिक्य के प्रमास एकर विवयं में बता कि पुरूष को सामग्रे और उसी मार्च विवयं के प्रमास एकर विवयं में बता कि पुरूष को सामग्रे के एकर कार्या के पिछले पुरुष प्रमास का मार्च किया प्रशास कार्य कर किये में में एकर कार्या के प्रमास प्रमास कार्य कर किया में है जार्य कर किये कार्य के प्रमास के प्रमास के मार्च के मार्च के में प्रमास कर किये की किये कार्य के प्रमास के प्रमास कार्य कार्य कार्य कार्य के प्रमास के प्रमास कार्य कार्य के प्रमास कार्य कर किया के प्रमास कार्य कर किया कार्य कार्य के प्रमास कार्य कार्य कार्य कार्य कार्य कार्य कार्य कार्य के प्रमास कार्य क्वमें, हनुसंत भाग्राम, ईशा पुतार्थ आहे मीवृद यो ।

मजबूरी के जान खड़ा की। नरतकाड़ा जनत डा. अंचे करा ने कहा कि करोंच

साराची में । आज की पुत्रा पीड़ी एककर वी का स्मितियां अलाव पर्दे । विशिष्ट अतिथि कर्मात शामीर मिंद्र में कार कि प्रभावना की अलाव के दिकारों में और उनका साहित्य कि को प्रोहर हैं। कार्यक्रम का सुमानित दीन प्रभावतान कीए प्रभावता में कि मिन्न का मुक्तिकी के हुआ। प्रभावता में के मून अधिकतिक प्रभावता में प्रभी अविधियों का জ্ঞান কিয়া, বৰ্জি পাঁপু গংহাজাই, বুৱাৰী নিয়া, কুমা হাজান, আমা একখন মা কুমাজা প্ৰচালন দী আন্দাননি কিয়া। বিশ্বী কাহিনৰ প্ৰকাশনী তিলা দি ভাতন हा, चोनीह नाथ राज्यं, असन्त, विशेष चीचती, पता प्रधायन, प्रोबंध नार्न, प्राचेत प्रधायन ने अतिरोधकों को स्मृति विद्यान चेट

विश्व ।
आर्थक्रम संबोधक हार्ग प्रवासन व प्रेमालक का व्यक्ति आरका में आरका जाताना एक मौके का पूर्व मंत्री पृथ्वी तित विश्वासित, पूर्व विभागक विशेष समुद्रा प्राथक क्रिके कार्त, विश्व पुर्वाच मेंद्र, मार्थक क्रेक्ट मेंद्र, प्रकृतिका, क्रीसार्थक कार्य, गर्थक क्रिक्ट मेंद्र, नाम मित्र, कार्यक्रम कार्य, गर्थक विश्व मेंद्र, नाम मित्र, कार्यक्रम कार्यक्रम मार्थक्रम बिरत केंग्, डा. गेलांक्च किसी बीक्ट जें



Pujya Swamiji's Itinerary July - September 2009

July Rishikesh

1-31

August
1-28 Rishikesh

September

1-16 Tibet 17-20 Rishikesh 24-28 UK

Pujya Swamiji's itinerary is always subject to change. For any itinerary questions please email to bhagawati@parmarth.com