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## **The First Feeding of Solid Food to an Infant**

On 1<sup>st</sup> October the Naming of and First Feeding of Solid Food to the son of Shrii Saraju Prasad Garai of Chitmu village was celebrated as per Ananda Marga Caryacarya. More than 100 persons were present.



## **Sadhana Sivr for Whole time workers**

From 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> October a Sadhana Sivr was held at Baba Memorial Hall. Nearly 130 Whole Timers participated.



### **The First Feeding of Solid Food to an Infant and kiirtana programme**

The naming and First Feed of solid food to the son of Shrii Avinash Soren as per Ananda Marga Caryacarya was held at Damrughutu village on 10<sup>th</sup> October. On this occasion 3 hours Akahanda kiirtana was also held.



### **Ananda Proceta Memorial Football tournament for girls**

One day football tournament was held on 11<sup>th</sup> October in the field of Spiritualists, Sports and Adventurers Club (SSAC) of Anandanagar. 16 teams from Bokaro and Purulia Districts have participated. This has been organized by Girls Volunteers of Anandanagar.



### Overseas margiis visited Anandanagar

From 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October overseas margiis from Argentina, Brazil, Malaysia, USA and Taiwan visited Anandanagar. They have visited Tantra piithas, different Archeological places and different Service projects of both Dadas and Didis. The margiis from Argentina have distributed full set of clothes, carpets, and educational equipments and sweets to about 100 boys and girls of all the homes running at Anandanagar. They have also distributed winter clothes, garments and sweets to sponsored 66 poor and village students. This is also mention here that out of total 66 sponsored village students, the margiis of Argentina have sponsored for 25 students and Sadvipra Association from Italy have sponsored 14 students.





Margiis from Malaysia visiting Ananda Nagar

Margiis of Malaysia distributed drawing kits to all the Home boys.

### **Narayan Seva at Uma Nivas**

There was a Narayan Seva at Uma Nivas on 18<sup>th</sup> October. More than 100 persons were fed.



### **Mobile Medical camp**

Two mobile medical camps were organized Ava Seva Sadan on 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October at Beradih and Araju villages respectively. 101 patients were treated at Beradih village and 55 patients were treated at Araju village.



Medical camp at Beradih village



Medical camp at Arajū village

### Mahaprayan Divas observed

Three hours Akhanda kiirtana from 1-30 PM to 3-30 PM and collective meditation was held at Baba's Memorial of Anandanagar.



### Construction work



Roof casting of Uma Nivas Guest House.

## How Land for Anandanagar was obtained

(continued from September issue)

In the middle of March in the same year, Father went to Ranchi. In the course of his return journey to Jamalpur, the train stopped at Muri Junction. He told several *Āchāryas* of the *Saṁgha*. "In the wide expanse of Rarha, and especially in the areas near the Kansabati, Subarnarekha and Damodar rivers, there is a cultural and spiritual foundation. From long past, Rarha has been the centre of *Śhivatantra*, ,

*Jaenatantra* and *Baoddhatantra*. We will establish the central office of the Ánandamárga Pracáraka Saṅgha somewhere near Muri Junction. Please look for land.”

After long search and enquiries, under his instructions, Ácárya Pranay Kumar Chattopadhyay, Ácárya Amulyaratan Sárangi and Ácárya Kedarnath Sharma went to see Rajah Raghunandan Singhdeo of Garjaipur. The Rajah had a very simple and pious nature. At the time, he was in straitened circumstances. Ácárya Amulyaratan Sárangi writes about this visit in his book “Se Smrti Ájo Amolin:”

“After spending the night at Ranchi, we started for Garjaipur by bus early in the morning. Garjaipur is on the Ranchi-Puruliya Road, about fifty miles to the east of Ranchi. We reached Garjaipur palace a little before midday. The palace consists of a few brick-built rooms. But even by looking from outside, one could find that all the rooms were dilapidated due to lack of repair. Rajah Raghunadan Singhdeo was at home. He wore a coarse *dhoti* and a *fatuá* (a kind of loose cotton overcoat – tr.), that had not been recently washed. A long white mane of hair come down to his neck and his white beard concealed his visage. At first sight, he might be taken for an Indian ascetic sans the *kamaiṅdalu* (water-pot carried by ascetics---tr.) After we introduced ourselves and told him the reason of our visit, he cordially led us into his house. Prañaydá spoke in his habitually soft and sweet manner of the aims of Ánandamárga and humanitarian projects to be taken up in future. After hearing him, the Rajah sadly said: “Your object is noble and it is a matter of pride to be associated with this noble enterprise. They call me Rajah. But I have no kingdom and no capital. There was a time when we had all these. I do not know how I can help you in your work.” After being silent for a while, he continued: “At quite some distance from here, at mouza Baglata, I have some hilly and rocky land recorded in the name of my wife Shriimatii Prafullakumarii Devii. Please have a look at it. I can give it to you if it is of some help to you. Kindly have your lunch at my place and then visit the land. Someone from my side will accompany you.”

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