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Beautiful view of Palash tree in the Spring season at Anandanagar

Narayan Seva by Volunteers Social Service

A Narayan Seva (Mass feeding) was organized by Volunteers Social Service on 1st March, 2015 at Palashdih Village where 275 poor villagers were fed.



6 hours Akhand Kiirtana at Pundag

On 1st March, 6 hours Akhanda Kiirtana was held at Haripada Garai's house beside Pundag Market. Mass feeding to about 500 persons was also done.



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New Primary School started

On 2nd March a New Primary school has been started at Jeladih of Sidhi Village which is situated at the far North end of Anandanagar (the gateway of Jharkhand State). It started with 20 students. The local margiis had taken initiative for starting this school. It is at present started in a rent house. The opinion of the local people is that they prefer to admit their children to our school than the Government run schools.



24 Hours Akhanda Kiirtana

On 3rd and 4th March at Chitmu there was 24 hour Akhanda Kiirtan on the occasion of Vasantotsava (Spring festival) organised by Nibarangi. Many local Margiis participated.



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Naming and first solid food feeding ceremony

On 4th March, there was naming and first solid food feeding ceremony for the grandson of our Margi Dhananjay at Taherbera village. It was done with Kiirtan and as per our Caryacarya.



On 15 March, Naming and Feeding ceremony program was done for the son of Margi Dipak Garai of Chitmu with 3 hour Akhanda Kiirtan. Mohananandaji led the program. Villagers participated such social function performed according to Caryacarya.



Dadhiichi Divas observed

In 1967 on 5th March five Anandamarga Sannyasis (Monks) were brutally murdered by Communist goons at Anandanagar in order to stop Anandamarga activities there. Ultimately after a prolonged trial in the court 18 persons including the Block Development Officer of Joypur Block of the State Government were punished. Out of them 8 persons were sentenced to life imprisonment.

This day (5th March) was declared as Dadhiichi Divas by Baba and is being observed by all the Ananda margiis of the world from the year 1968 onward.

At Ananda Nagar also it was observed by many Margiis and students of our hostels and homes with ideological spirit at Dadhiichi hill. All the Asramites, Hostel and Home boys and girls observed fast from morning to evening and after that they broke fast by taking lemon water and Khichuri (hotchpotch made from rice and pulse and vegetables). Three hours Akhanda Kiirtana was held. Some eye-witness of the incident consisting of margiis and Dadas narrated the 5th March incidence before the audience.





Visit of Margii and non-margii at Anandanagar

One team from Kolkata, Hoogly and one team from Goa visited Anandanagar from 6th March to 9th March. Another margii family of Siliguri of Darjiling District visited from 11th to 17th March. Arpita Bhoumik, a member of the visiting family of Siliguri, is doing research work on Neo-humanistic education in Bhubaneshwar under NCERT. She took two classes on Neo-humanistic education to teachers of High School and Primary School. Everybody appreciated her classes.





Margji Sister Lakshmi dedicating for Development of Anandanagar.

One sister named Lakshmi from Bangalore is a trainer of a corporate company. She dedicated her life for Anandanagar Development work.

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Cloth distribution

On 14 March there was sari distribution program organised by the sister of Margi Anantaji (of Metala village of Anandanagar) at her village Damru with her individual capacity. About 10 poor village women got benefited.

This program was accompanied by Akhanda Kiirtan, meditation etc.



Volunteer Service by Doctor from Maharashtra at Anandanagar.

One well wisher Dr. C.R. Pardeshi M.D., DGO and his wife from Nasik, Maharashtra State, who is a Gynaecologist & Obstetrician and also an Acupuncturist given volunteer service for a month in the Abha Seva Sadan Hospital from 15th February to 16th March. He operated three patients and also gave remarkable service to outdoor patients. He also imparted training to the Hospital staff on Acupuncture and on other medical services. During his stay at Anandanagar he visited many places of Anandanagar and talked with the local people, who opined to him that they are receiving very good and satisfactory services from Ananda Marga. Without these help this area would not have developed as it is today.



Paradeshiji treating a patient



Paradeshiji taking class to the hospital staff

Mobile Medical camp

There was a mobile medical camp at the village Amuramu on 15.3.15 organised by Abha Seva Sadan, Anandanagar. About 95 villagers got benefited. Similar camp was also held at the village Maramu on 22.3.15. About 75 people got benefited



Medical camp at Amuramu village



Medical camp at Maramu village

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Ánandanagar --- Geography and Geology

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There are many mounds and hillocks at Ánandanagar and its neighbouring areas. In the past, they were linked to the Vindhya range.

The links on the surface are lost. But they are still connected by an underground water system.

It is said that this area was once included in the state of Pancakot, ruled by kings of Kashipur. It is also said that the area was divided into twenty-two parganas. Ratu Maharaj, king of Chotonagpur, seized the five parganas on the south of the Subarnarekha from the king of Kashipur. From then onwards, these parganas did not return to any ruler in Rarha. This seized area is still called Pancparganiya (the area with five parganas –tr.). The dialect of Bengali spoken in this area is called the Pancparganiya dialect.

The railway line that goes to Gomo and Dhanbad through Bokaro Steel City runs through

Ánandanagar. The railway station in Ánandanagar is called Pundag. Pundag is an Austic word. Its meaning is obscure. Old villagers called it by the name of Purdag.

The Tropic of Cancer passes through Ánandanagar. So the climate here is very warm. There are numerous stones which are heated by the summer sun. They in their turn impart the heat to the wind that blows over them. This makes the place very hot. In fact, Ánandanagar is the warmest place in West Bengal.

Interestingly, in contrast to the heat in summer, this place becomes very cold in winter. One reason is the elevation of this rocky land. There is also another reason. Stones or rocks gain heat quickly, but they

lose heat equally fast in winter. The wind blowing over these cold stones and rocks loses heat and makes the surroundings colder. In winter, Ánandanagar becomes the coldest area of the plains of West Bengal. The Ayodhya Hills are among the largest in Ráñ. They are also known as the Bagmundi Hills. It is at a distance of only thirty kilometres of walk from Ánandanagar. The top of the hill is a table land with a population of about ten thousand.

Among the stones and rocks scattered all over Ánandanagar there are some that are powdered at the pressure of a finger. This is due their ancient age. Bokaro Steel City is only seventeen kilometers from Ánandanagar. Maráphádi was its old name. Maráphádi is a corrupted form of Marápáhádi (meaning dead hillock). In Ráñ, many place names are suffixed with páhádi, e.g. Sen páhádi, Pabra páhádi, Bel páhádi, Bansh páhádi. The place with 'dead stones' was called Marápáhádi. From this we can easily surmise that Ánandanagar is a part of the land that first emerged on earth.

Scholars call the oldest land mass on earth Gandoana. It was thought that the Gonds of Madhya Pradesh were the earliest inhabitants of this area. That theory has now been abandoned. But the name has not been changed.

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