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Inter-Dit Annual Primary School Sports Competition

3rd February: "C" Dit Annual Sports competition of Primary Schools held at Kaushiki Village of Dakshin Pratyanta (Far South) Ananda Nagar. It was organized by Ananda Marga Gurukul.



4th February: "B" Dit level Sports competition of Primary Schools held at Tatuwara Village of Purva Pratyanta (Far East) Ananda Nagar. It was organized by Ananda Marga Gurukul.



8th February: Annual Sports Competition of Dimdiha Ananda Marga Primary School was held.



10th February: "A" Dit Annual Sports competition of Primary Schools held at Talmu Village of Uttar Pratyanta (Far North) Ananda Nagar. It was organized by Ananda Marga Gurukul.



11th February: "D" Dit Annual Sports competition of Ananda Marga Primary Schools held at Guridih village. It was organized by Ananda Marga Gurukul.



First Diocese Seminar

5th to 7th February: The First Diocese Seminar held at Ananda Nagar from 5th to 7th February. The subjects discussed were the Cult of Spirituality-the Cult of Pinnacle Order, Auto-suggestion and outer-suggestion, Social Psychology and Quadri-Dimensional Economy. The trainers were Acarya Sarveshvarananda Avadhuta and Acarya Kalyaneshvarananda Avadhuta.

On this occasion there was a kiirtan procession. More than 200 Margiis from the surrounding villages of Ananda Nagar attended and enjoyed the seminar. They got inspiration to involve themselves actively in Baba's service projects.



Relief Distribution by Sympathetic Organizations

8th February: SENCO Gold & Diamonds and Shivshakti Yog Seva Mission of Kolkata based organizations rendered various services today to the needy persons of Dimdiha, Chatka, Ghagra, Simatar villages. They distributed blankets, saris-dhutis, clothes of children and food items. They also conducted a medical camp there. The villagers got benefited from the Medical camp and the relief. The members of organizations also visited Navacakra cave.





Six Hours Akhanda Kiirtana and Birthday Ceremony

9th February: On the occasion of birth day of Gour-Nitái the son of Soma & Arabinda Kálindi of Chitmu village there was six hour Akhanda Bábá Náma Kevalama Kiirtan with Collective Iishvar Prañidhán (meditation, Gurupúja, Svádhyáy). Then there was a Tattvasabhá. Speakers were Ácárya Sarveshvaránanda Avadhúta, Ácárya Mohanánanda Avadhúta, Ácárya Parameshvaránanda Avadhúta, Avadhútiká Ánanda Sumitá Ácaryá, Ácarya Mukbánanda Avadhúta and Ácarya Náráyañánanda Avadhúta. All participants got inspired. Then blankets were distributed to the needy people. The Celebration collective lunch.



Nilkantha Divas Celebrated

12th February: The historic Nilakantha Day is celebrated in a unique spiritual atmosphere of Ananda Nagar. There was three-hour Akhanda Baba Nam Kevalam kiirtan in full of melodies and the gathering reached a unique and blissful spiritual level. Acarya Muktananda Avadhuta and Acarya Gurudattananda Avadhuta explained the cause and significance of Nilakantha Divas.

At the end of the ceremony, the first son of a Bideshi Kumar and Saraswati Kumar was named and first rice fed according to the Ananda Marga Caryacarya (code of conducts) rules.

History of Nilkantha Divas

When Shrii P.R Sarkar (Baba) was arrested at His home on Dec. 29 1971 by the Indian CBI, the entire Ananda Marga community was traumatized. Subsequently, charges were brought against Baba and committal proceedings were begun in the sessions court in Patna. The CBI, under pressure from the central government authorities, had to find some way to keep Anandamurtiji in jail. But this became difficult after the case was quashed (rejected) by the court towards the end of 1972.

So finally there was only one way for them to deal with Baba and that was to remove Him physically. Subsequently, a conspiracy was hatched to accomplish that and the jail medical superintendant was used in the plan. On February 12, 1973, when Baba complained of a stomach disorder, the doctor came to His cell and administered to Him a high dose of cyanide in the guise of medicine. As a result, Baba went into a coma and he remained unconscious for nearly 36 hours until His PA, Dada Ramanandaji, came to see Him on a routine visit.

He was shocked to see Baba in that unconscious state. Baba's hair and eyebrows were falling out and there appeared to be no life in His body and His eyes were watering profusely. Dada Ramanandaji became nervous and he started massaging His body in search of any sign of life. Finally, after massaging Baba's feet for a long time, Baba started to show some sign of movement. Gradually Baba was able to indicate what had happened.

Since that day, February 12th is observed each year as Nilakan't'ha Divas.

[On February 12 He was given poison in the form of medicine by the jail doctor, who was operating under instructions that originated with Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India. Shrii Sarkar went into a coma, and when He came out of that He was blind for a short while. On March 1, He started His historic fast in support of four demands, including an official inquiry into the poisoning - an inquiry that never took place. Baba's fast continued until the day that He was released from jail after acquittal (1978 August 2).]

#Shiva Nilakantha

Nilakan't'ha is another name of Lord Shiva which means "one with a blue throat". In Indian mythology, Lord Shiva drank all the poison that came out as a result of the churning of the mythological ocean caused by a clash between the virtuous and the evil forces.

In the beginning, Margiis remembered this day solemnly with sadhana and fasting. But later, Baba sent a message that Nilakan't'ha Divasa was a day to celebrate the victory of righteous people in the fight against injustice. In addition, Baba suggested that each and every Margii to give the best quality food available to at least one needy person on that day.

After poisoning, He stopped taking any food or medicine in protest against His poisoning. He wrote letters to authorities both in India and around the world including the Secretary General of the United Nations in search of justice. Now the government was happy that Shrii P.R Sarkar would die from fasting, but fortunately for us Margiis and humanity, that did not happen and Baba survived fasting for another 5 years 4 months and 2 days until he was released from jail.

However, during the time of Baba's incarceration, Baba and our Marga community had to undergo many extreme hardships. 9 dadas and didis committed self-immolation to protest Baba's poisoning and unjust incarceration. But His mission continued to grow, and even flourish. This unnerved the authorities in India.

Finally this difficult time came to an end with the lifting of emergency rule in India. The new government created the Chakravarty inquiry commission to expose the atrocities that took place during the emergency period. That commission confirmed that Baba was administered an excessive dose of cyanide which was not even required for His ailment. Later there was a review of the original trial by the Patna high court which found that the prosecution had failed to substantiate any single charge against Baba and ordered His immediate unconditional release. It was only upon His release that Baba broke His fast with coconut water offered by His elder sister on August 2, 1978. It was a rejoicing victory for dharma. Baba showed us by His example how, in spite of overwhelming opposition, with strong sentient determination and perseverance one can fight against injustice and win a victory for Ideology.

A Rarely Told Story

It was early 1973....While Baba was in Bankipore Jail and sessions court had quashed the case against Baba in the committal proceedings, the authorities became frantic. The CBI authorities started frequenting Baba's cell to disturb and/or to persuade Him to change His mind in search of a compromise solution. Baba was firm. The news of quashing was out and the press and the media personnel became active.

The CBI Director in-charge of Ananda Marga cases, Mr. Hingorani, was once hounded by the press corps at the jail gate as he came out at the end of one such visit to Baba's cell. They asked him a direct question, "Sir, we haven't had a glimpse of Shrii Shrii Anandmurti ji but you have met him many times. Is He really GOD incarnate, as people claim?"

He replied, "Look, I am not a believer and neither have I seen GOD in my life with whom to compare Anandamurti ji or say whether He is really the One."

"But one thing I can assure you", He continued, " I have seen and have known humans of all kinds for that's my training, job and profession."

Then, after a pause he said, "He is not any kind of human that I know of. Definitely He is not a human being. The rest is for you to draw your own conclusions.





Three Hours Akhanda Kiirtana

16th February: Three hour Akhanda kiirtan performed at Chitmu uparpara and students of the village visited Navacakra cave.



Visit of Dynamic Youth Development Football Academy

20th and 21st February: Ex football player and Captain of East Bengal Club Shrii Surya Vikash Chakraborty and members of Dynamic Youth Development Football Academy of Kolkata visited Ananda Nagar for conducting selection trial of trainee football players of above 18 years age. The trial was held at Spiritualists Sports Adventurers Club at Ananda Nagar. They have also visited PASAKA tantrapiith and Navacakra Cave.



Naming Ceremony

25th February: The naming ceremony and first solid food feeding of first son of Shikha and Shaktipada Mahato, Shalgram village held as per Caryacarya of Ananda Marga. On this occasion three hour Akhanda Baba Nam Kevalam Kiirtan, collective lishvarpranidhan(meditation, Guru Puja and Svadhyaya) have been done. Acarya Mukananda Avadhuta conducted the ceremony. The participants enjoyed the collective meal.



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