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Ananda Marga Sports Academy at Ananda Nagar.

(A Report)

Acarya Narayanananda Avadhuta

Ananda Marga Gurukul has a sports faculty among the other faculties. For a long time, at different levels and forums, we have discussed a lot for improving the facilities and infrastructures for the village boys and girls. But for various reasons we could not make progress on the Sports faculty. Finally, our Margii brother Rupeshji of Patna, Bihar came forward with this project. With his direct cooperation, the journey of our Academy has started from 1st April 2021.

Sports are a favourite activity of children and teenagers. It improves the physical and mental well-being of children and teen-agers. It also develops intelligence. Surprisingly, it is difficult to find sponsors in the field of sports at present. With such institutional recognition and patronage, the enthusiasm of children and adolescents increases a lot. By the grace of almighty, the only football training center in Ananda Nagar in Purulia district is fulfilling this role regularly and smoothly.

Management and Infrastructure:

The center has two experienced football coaches and two managers. Out of a total of 87 undergoing trainees, 60 are boys and 27 are girls. Girls are trained every morning and boys in the afternoon at different places except Sunday. Everything needed to modern training and equipments are available at this center now.

A terrible problem in today's society:

- (1) Today is the age of computer and electronic gadgets, outdoor games are rapidly disappearing. Mobile phones are becoming favourite among children and teenagers.
- (2) The standard of education in schools is declining due to various reasons.
- (3) The educational standard of the boys and girls of the villages is very deplorable.
- (4) The children of the families who are lagging behind in traditional education are going to school, but most of the parents are indifferent or inexperienced about their problems, difficulties and also to judge what they have learned.
- 5) Meanwhile, due to the education policy, they are promoted in the upper class every year.
- (6) After a while, the boys and girls who have studied in this way are dropping out of school, because their foundation is very weak.
- (7) They are somehow surviving and passing by. The quality of their education is so poor that they do not qualify for government / private jobs.

Solution

- 1) Their interest in sports should be increased as a result the attraction towards mobile will decrease and concentration on other study will also increase.
- 2) The climate of Ananda Nagar region is dry and the water is very good in hilly areas, high and low plateaus, pure weather. It is favourable environment for good health.
- 3) The inhabitants of this region are full of vitality. Naturally they are healthy. They can work harder.
- 4) They can easily go ahead with any division of sports.
- 5) They can get various government / private jobs through sports quota.
- 6) With good training, the boys and girls here have the ability to make a special contribution in sports at the state /country level.

Our objective with sports in Ananda Nagar:

- 1. Let the boys and girls of all the villages of Ananda Nagar develop physically and mentally through education as well as sports.
- 2. The skills and talents of the boys and girls be explored through professional training.
- 3. When they are engaged in sports, their mind will be strong and their intellect will also increase. Naturally, concentration will increase in studies. The number of school dropouts will also be reduced.
- 4. If they are busy with sports and reading, their mind will not be able to engage in any other harmful deeds.
- 5. The practice of sports increases regularity along with the sense of discipline and mental strength. Motivation to establish oneself in the society arises.
- 6. It helps to be established in the society as a good citizen, a respected person.

What more needs to be done:

- 1. Now only football training is going on. Cricket and other areas of sports need to be introduced.
- 2. For the time being, expansion and development of four playgrounds are urgently needed. It will increase their skill and reduce the injuries.
- 3. Plans will have to be made for the stadium later. But it needs to be initiated now.
- 4. Play grounds, environment and infrastructure need to be built in other villages.
- 5. Apart from football in the sports department, there is a need to start more competitions at different levels in other areas of sports like cricket, volleyball, kabadi, running, archery, etc. It will increase experience and mental strength.
- 6. Patrons are definitely needed to develop and continue this project.
- 7. I wish everyone's sincere cooperation.

Acarya Kiirtyananda Avadhuta Football Tournament

1st to 26th September: Acarya Kiirtyananda Avadhuta Grameen League Cum Knock-Out Football Tournament for boys under 15 years held at Ananda Marga Primary School Ground, Madhya Ananda Nagar. Shri Ashis Anand of Patna has sponsored this tournament in the memory of his late father R. K. Singh. The final match was played on September 26. Total of eight teams participated, respectively:

Group "A": (1) Damrughutu village (2) PP Hostel, Anandanagar (3) SSAC Anandanagar (4) Chhakudi village. Group "B": (1) Bhagudih village (2) Chirkamu village (3) Bangidiri village (4) Upper hostel, Anandanagar.

1) SSAC Anandnagar became the champion defeating Chhakudi village by 2 - 1 goals.

2) Man of the Series: Devangshu Dev3) Man of the match: Krishna Besra

4) Best Player: Samresh Tudu
5) Best goal keeper: Nilkamal Kisku
6) Highest score: Sanjay Dev















Acarya Gunamayananda Avadhut Football Tournament

4th & 5th September: Acarya Gunamayananda Avadhut Football Tournament for boys under 13 years held by the management of former residents of Ananda Marga Children's Home (Boys) at Ananda Marga Primary School ground. Following sixteen teams participated:

1) Dadhichi Hostel, Anandanagar. 2) Khatanga Football Club. 3) PP Hostel, Anandanagar. 4) Sidhi Football Club. 5) Upper Hostel, Anandanagar. 6) Taherbera Football Club. 7) SSAC Bhagudi. 8) Ekduar Football Club. 9) Singbhum Primary Hostel, Anandanagar. 10) Komalapur Football Club. 11) SSAC Anandanagar. 12) Baglata Football Club 13) Gabbar Singh Club 14) Udaipur Football Club 15) Bangidiri Football Club 18) Karche Pubji Club.

SSAC Ananda Nagar defeated the Upper Hostel, Anandanagar by 4 - 0 goals and became the champion.

The third and fourth ranks of the tournament were Dadhichi Hostel, Anandanagar and Bangidiri Football Club respectively. Apart from these 4 teams prizes were given to following specialists:

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Kaushiki Dance Day Celebrated

6th September: Kaushiki Dance Day is celebrated at Central Children's Home and Tatuara village in Ananda Nagar. On this day in 1978, Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji, the proponent of Ananda Marga and a religious guru, introduced this dance for human welfare, especially for women. On this occasion in Tatuara village 24 hours Akhanda Naam Sankirtan "Baba Nam Kevalam" Kiirtan, Narayan Seva was organized.









Training for making Jam, Jelly etc.

10th & 11th September: On the initiative of Ananda Marga Narii Abhyuday, training on making jam, jelly, pickles, etc. by a trainer from Kolkata was organized for two days at Uma Nivas. On the first day, girls from Ananda Nagar Girls Home, ladies from Khatanga, Bhuchungdi and Belghutu villages were present.

On the first day initial discussion were held on what they need to do to become self-reliant and how to make jams, jellies, marketing, cleaning, hygiene, sharing the responsibilities of different groups.

Next day i.e., on 11th September practical demonstration was given at the Girl's Volunteer Campus at 'K' Point of Ananda Nagar.









Contact for more information on Jam, Jelly etc preparation:

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Three hours Akhanda Kiirtan

12th September: Three-hour Akhanda Kiirtan of "Baba Nam Kevalam" was performed at Nitai Mahato's residence in Suridi village of Ananda Nagar. Program ends with the collective IIshvar Pranidhan, Svadhya, theoretical discussion, collective meal and Narayan Seva.





Prabhat Samgiita Day Celebrated

14th September: The 39th Prabhat Samgiit Day was celebrated today at Rotunda (Auditorium) in Ananda Nagar on the initiative of Renaissance Artists and Writers Association. From 1 pm to 7 pm, the boys and girls of Margii and non-margii families, students of Homes and Hostels in Ananda Nagar performed Prabhat Samgiit and Prabhat Samgiit based dance individually and collectively.

35 participants in solo music, 9 participants in solo dance, 12 groups in group music and 9 groups in group dance moved the audience with their skills.

It is worth mentioning here that Shrii Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar known also known as Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji is the Spiritual Guru cum the proponent and promoter of Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha. He started to give the songs of Prabhat Samgiit on 14 September 1982 at Deoghar now in Jharkhand then in Bihar state of India. The songs are practiced in almost every country in the world today. Each Prabhat Samgiit is a unique combination of thought, language, melody and rhythm. Basically, it is the aesthetic expression of Ananda Marga philosophy and goal of human life.





Acarya Amitananda Avadhuta Football Tournament

19th September: Under the auspices of Spiritualists Sports Adventure Club, Kolkata (SSAC Kolkata) Acarya Amitananda Avadhuta Football Tournament was held today for boys below 13 years at Ananda Marga Primary School ground, Madhya Anandanagar. Total of sixteen teams participated:

1) Dadhichi Hostel, Ananda Nagar 2) Singhbhum Primary Hostel, Ananda Nagar 3) PP Hostel Ananda Nagar 4) Sidhi Football Club 5) Upper Hostel, Ananda Nagar 6) Taherbera Football Club 7) Purandi

Football Club 6) Ekduar Football Club 9) Chitmu Football Club 10) Khatanga Football Club 11) SSAC Ananda Nagar 12) Damrughutu Football Club 13) Free Fire Club 14) Barometala Football Club 15) Ananda Marga College Team 18) Dadhichi Hostel 2nd team Ananda Nagar second.

Damrughutu Football Club became champion and PP Hostel, Ananda Nagar is runners up.

Third and fourth were Ananda Marga College Team, Ananda Nagar and Purandi Football Club respectively.



Three Day Ananda Marga Sadhana Sivir

24th to 26th September: Three-day Ananda Marga Sadhana Sivir(Spiritual Yoga Camp) at Baba Memorial held with a three-hour Akhanda Kiirtan "Baba Nam Kevalam" at the begining. On 26th September, It ended with Prabhat Sangiit and dance based on Prabhat Sangiit. Spiritual devotees came from different districts of West Bengal, Mumbai, Kanpur and Jharkhand.









Shraddhanjali of Gopal Nayek

25th September: Shri Gopal Chandra Nayek, a resident of Piri village, an eminent Ananda Margii and a retired teacher of Ananda Marga High School, left us at 11 pm on 14th September '21. The Shraddhanjali ceremony was held at his residence today in accordance with the Ananda Marga Caryacarya rules for the peace of his departed soul. On this occasion, kiirtan, collective lishvar pranidhana, Svadhyay is held. Acarya Muktananda Avadhuta presided over the function. Acarya Narayanananda Avadhuta gave a scientific explanation of the Ananda Marga Shraddhanusthan method.





Construction work of Kitchen in progress

Construction work is underway for the kitchen and dining room of Ananda Marga Dustha Shishu Sadan (Ananda Marga Home for destitute Children) at Dimdiha.





Ultra Dense Forest in Asthi Pahad (Fossil Hill) Fenced

Recently hundreds of plants have been planted around Ashthi Pahad to create an ultra-dense forest. This Ultra Dense Forest has been surrounded by bamboo poles to protect the plants from cattle and animals.









Construction of toilets for Rotunda

Construction of toilets is underway at Ananda Nagar Rotunda (Auditorium) for public use by the initiative of Renaissance Universal.









Recitation Competition among Home Boys

 30^{th} September: A recitation competition was held among the boys of Ananda Marga Children's Home at Ananda Marga High School. There were three groups. "A" group - 1^{st} - 5^{th} class (2) "B" group - 6^{th} and 7^{th} class (3) "C" group - 8th - 10th class.

The program was organized and initiated by Shrii Sajal Biswas of Birati, North 24 Parganas District, a former student of Ananda Marga High School.









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