

Ananda Nagar News

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Visit of Sub-Health Centre Officials

1st March: Sub health center officials of Darikuri, Bali, Mantandar and Sidhi visited Ananda Nagar after completing their official duties. They visited Rarh Museum, Deer Park, Dakshina Jalabandha (Check Dam) Project, Baba Memorial and Baba Memorial Check Dam and enjoy the natural beauty.



Shraddhanjali of Laksiram Mahato

2nd March: Laksiram Mahato, an old and devotee Ananda Margii of Dimdiha expired on 21st February and Shraddhanjali to his departed soul was held today at his Dimdiha residence observing Ananda Marga Caryacarya rules. Acarya Prajinadhishananda Avadhuta presided over the function.



New Jagriti will be constructed at Chimu

4th March: Shrii Mantu Gorain, a resident of Chitmu donated two decimal of land with registration cost for the construction of Ananda Marga Jagriti building (Meditation hall) on the paved road in front of Chitmu Gas Godown. He will soon start construction of Jagriti Building. It is expected that with everyone's cooperation this work will be completed soon.

Dadhici Divas observed

What is Dadhici Divas?

In an attempt to destroy and demolish Ananda Marga, on March 5, 1967, communist thugs attacked Ananda Nagar in a planned manner and brutally killed five altruistic monks. During the long trial, a total of 18 people, including the State Government official Ashok Chakraborty, Block Development Officer of Jaipur block, were convicted and sentenced to various terms including life imprisonment. Those who first sacrificed themselves and became martyrs for the establishment of Ananda Marga or Ananda Nagar are (a) Acarya Abhedananda Avadhuta (b) Acarya Saccidananda Avadhuta (c) Acarya Abodh Kumar Brahmacarii (d) Acarya Prabodh Kumar Brahmacarii and (e) Acarya Bharat Kumar Brahmacarii. In Ananda Marga, 12 hours (sunrise to sunset) fast is observed on 5th March in memory of all Dadhichis.

This day is also specially celebrated in Ananda Nagar was celebrated through the following schedule:

- 1) Akhanda kiirtan was held in "Power House meeting room" from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- 2) At the end of the kiirtan, collective lishvar Pranidhan was held.
- 3) After lishvar Pranidhan everyone went to Dadhichi hill by kiirtan together.
- 4) Wreaths / garlands were offered at Dadhichi altar on Dadhichi hill.

5) After the Wreaths / garlanding, Prabhat Samgeet, kiirtan and collective Ishvar Pranidhan were performed in Dadhichi hill.

6) Then Acarya Mohanananda Avdhut Dada recited the following oath given by our BABA. "Until we exterminate the evil force which caused the murder of our five brothers, we will not repos, we will not repos, we will not repos."

7) After taking the oath, the reminiscence and significance of Dadhichi Day was explained.

8) At the end, lemon water and Khichuri were distributed in the Lower Hostel to break the fast of the Margiis

Local popular TV channel "Jangal Mahal" had broadcast the news of Dadhichi Day celebrations on 5th March in Ananda Nagar.



Three Hours Akhanda Kiirtan

6th March: Three hours Akhanda "Baba Nam Kevalam" Kiirtan, Nagar Kiirtan, Narayan Seva and Tattva Sabha were organized at the residence of Shri Mahitosh Mahato in Shyampur village.





Marriage Ceremony

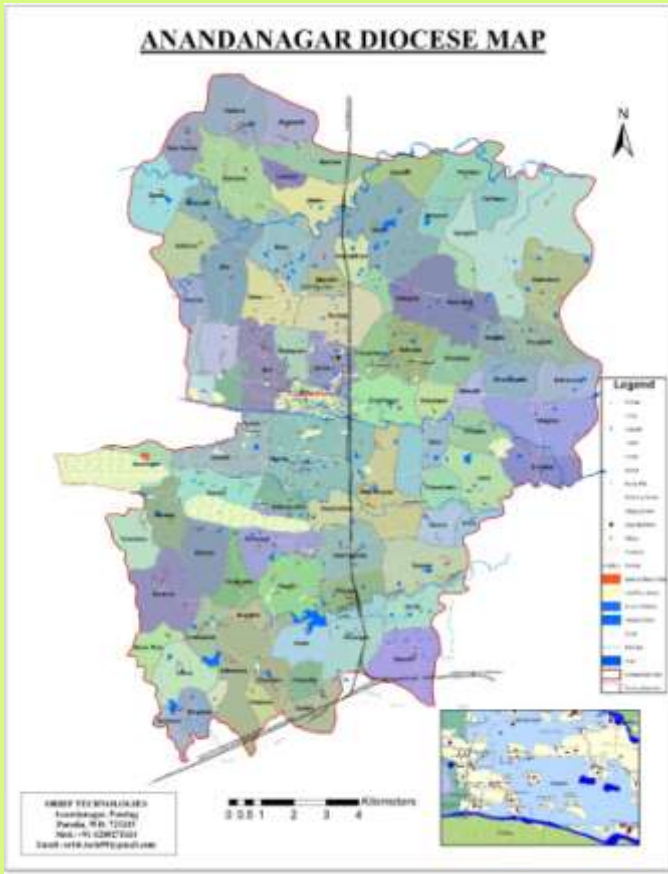
6th March: The marriage ceremony is completed in the spiritual realm according to Ananda Marga Caryacarya between youngest daughter Kumari Priyanka of Mr. Haripada Gorain and Mrs. Shefali Gorain of Pundag Bazar, and Shri Babulal, the first son of Mr. Mathur Gorain and Mrs. Ambika Garain of Beldi, Arsha, Purulia on this day . Acarya Mohanananda Avadhuta presided on behalf of the bridegroom and Avhdhutika Ananda Anumaya Acarya presided on behalf of the bride.



Two Maps prepared

One map of Ananda Nagar Diocese and another map of West Rarh have been done according to scales. These maps are based on the geographical area of historical West Rarh mentioned by Gurudeva Shrii Shrii Anandamurtijii in His book "The Cradle of Civilization - Rarh".

It was described in this book that Ananda Nagar has been a fusion of three Tantra civilizations. This place is a combination of Shaivism, Jainism and Buddhism whose vestige and effects are still present. The history of Rarh is incomparable with new and fundamental ideas of historiography.



Twenty Four Hours Kiirtana

12-13th March: Under the management of Chitmu-Namopara Dharmachakra Unit, the Annual 24-hour Akhanda nam samkiirtan of "Baba Nam Kevalam", collective Ishvar Pranidhan, Narayan Seva and Tattvasabha was conducted.

A cultural program based on Prabhat Sangita was also organized on the evening of 13th April '22.



Selection of Women Foot Ball Players

13th March: A trial match from 15-20 year old women football players was held on 13th March '22 today at Ananda Marga Primary School ground. 25 women footballers were selected in that match who will be provided with Special coaching and from these selected players, opportunities will be given to play in different forums.



Visitors at Ananda Nagar

12th to 19th March: Four groups of tourists from Kolkata and Hooghly visited Ananda Nagar. Anandanagar's natural beauty, pure and serene environment, as well as the multifaceted development and service works of Ananda Marga for the local people fascinated everyone.





21st to 30th March: A group of Ananda Margiis from Guwahati, Kerala, Andaman and Howrah visited Anandanagar from 21st March to 30th March'22. The various developmental and service activities of the welfare of the local people, the natural beauty, and the pure and peaceful environment charmed everyone.



Dol Festival Celebrated

18th March: The Holika festival is celebrated in north-western India, the Phaguwa festival in the eastern part of Uttar Pradesh and Bihar, and the Dol festival of Lord Krishna in Bengal and eastern India. This festival is celebrated as Vasantotsav according to Carya Carya in Ananda Marga. Today on the occasion of Vasantotsav, six hours of "Baba Nam Kevalam" Akhanda Kiirtan and collective Iishvar Pranidhan, followed by svadhayay at Dadhichi Hostel, and the importance of Vasantotsav was explained, and at end all offered the *ábir*(colour) to

the photo of Gurudev. Then juniors bow at the feet of the elders with *Ábir* and the elders blessed the juniors. Then everybody played with *ábir* together. The ceremony ends with a collective meal.



Apple trees are in bloom

Ananda Marga Farm Department planted apple trees on an experimental basis in the rough soil of Ananda Nagar at Banshgarh. This year the apple trees have flowers.



Three Hours Kiirtana at Baba Memorial

20th March: Baba Memorial organized three hours of monthly Akhanda "Baba Nam Kevalam" Kiirtan, collective Ishvar Pranidhan and Narayan seva.



Self-reliance project: Arrangements have been made for training for making wreath (Garland) and its marketing for establishing cottage industries to make local women financially self-reliant through self-generated industrial projects at Ananda Nagar and in future it may be expanded throughout Purulia District. Interested traders, buyers and well wishers are requested to contact the Rector Master, Ananda Nagar.



Distribution of Soaps manufactured at Ananda Nagar

26th March: Ananda Marga Industry Department distributed "Be Clean" soap mixed with turmeric juice to the students of Primary schools and Girls High schools at Central Ananda Nagar, Damrughutu, Umanivas, Tatuwara and Ghagra villages.





Food for All Programme

26th March: Narayana Seva was organized in Kaushiki village by Volunteers Social Service department. More than two hundred people were fed.



Block Agricultural Officer Visited

30th March: The Agriculture Officer of Jaipur Block came to Ananda Nagar with his family members. Explored the natural beauty of Ananda Nagar, water conservation system and other service projects.



Activity of Industry Department

Necessary arrangements are being made for the technical education and training of the local youth of Ananda Marga Industry Department. Plans have been made so that they can get employment opportunities through training. When the training will start, how long the course and rules will be announced soon.

Training will be given on the following topics.

- 1) Welding.
- 2) Masonry and rodbinding.
- 3) Plumbing
- 4) Electrician
- 6) Bag making
- 6) Fitting and fabrication
- 6) Electronics equipment repairing
- 9) Fabrication work of aluminum and steel
- 10) Others job oriented training.



A Glance at the Spiritual City – ANANDA NAGAR

(Written by daughter of Ashim Sarkar of Guwahati, a post graduate student after her first visiting Ananda Nagar)

As the world comes to celebrate DMS 2022 in Ananda Nagar, so this year I also became a part of this celebration and I think what's the better way to know about the Ananda Nagar more than this occasion ? The natural and man-made sites indeed had drawn my attention towards it.

Geographically, the villages of Ananda Nagar are a part of Purulia district in the states of West Bengal, India. The place is rich in academia, as the organisation has introduced Ananda Marga Gurukul, basically education up to university level. It has bring back an authenticity in the field of an education. The education which will be provided to the students will not only enrich their mind with alphabetical knowledge but also the planted fragrance flora will freshen up their body and mind.

“Teach him if you can the wonders of books, but also give time to ponder the extreme mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hills.” The quoted line is from, A letter from Abraham Lincoln to his Son’s Teacher. I have quoted this line because, I can compare his desire with what the numerous Gurukul will be teaching to their students. It feels like they are upholding his dreams and trying to fulfil to their students. It also shows that ultimate world’s philosophy is same.

As talking about the flora, how can I not profess about PASAKA and Banshgarh Guest House! Both the places are equally abundant with different kinds of plants, herbs and shrubs. Again, both the places has its own uniqueness and that is, PASAKA contains numerous Tantra Pith, which were invented by Shri Shri Anandamurtiji and the scenic beauty added a cherry on top. A human constructed walls and building is a home to hundreds of Malta trees (also known as blood orange). The Malta fruits not only attract humans but elephants as well but the long and concrete walls is still gaurding the garden and the humans who resides in the guest house.

To receive a spiritual essence, I took a tour with my family to Madhumalay and Madhu Karnika (Baba's Quarter) and to Baba's Memorial, where I heard and experiences a meaning to our life which the rest of the world is unheard within its silence.

I went on a short tour and I believe, I'm yet to explore and experience more as the place Ananda Nagar itself is a vast consisting dams, wildlife, rivers, rocks and what not. When I recall rocks, the Hills of Bones (Asthi Pahar) comes to my mind and insist me to share some mind blowing facts about it. The stones of the hills are basically fossils of dinosaurs. It was said by Baba that, during the ice age, all the prehistoric animals used to come there during their old ages and die. The place used to be piled up with dead bones which turn into mountain in due course of time. The stones on the mountains are so old that if you crush them with your fingers, they'll crumble into dust and to safeguard the mountain from illegal smuggling of stones, the organisation basically put fences around the hill. The nearby lake

and all the other water bodies at Ananda Nagar is full of iodine and other minerals and is pure for consumption.

In the conclusions, I want to express about the people who has poured their heart to us. The residential people were the honest and poorest people, I have ever met till date. I hope Baba will guide us to help the people and pour his enormous blessings to us.

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