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Visit of overseas margii

Margiis from Taiwan visited Ananda Nagar from 29th February to 5th March, 2016. They visited all the units of Anandanagar and archeologically famous places.



24 hours Akhanda kiirtana in Chitmu

In Chitmu, the old Jagrti was repaired and some new construction was also carried out there. The new construction was inaugurated on 2nd March morning. From 12 noon on 2nd March, 24 hour Akhanda Kiirtan was started. Nagar Kiirtan on 3rd March and Narayana Seva to the Kiirtan participants and villagers were done.



Dadhici Divas observed

On 5th March, 1967, Communist goons attacked and caused extensive destruction at Anandanagar and also five Anandamarga Sannyasis (Monks) were brutally murdered 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.

Accordingly on 5th March, 2016, Dadhichi Divas was also observed at Ananda Nagar. All the students of High School and staffs observed 12 hour fast. There was three-hour Akhanda Kiirtan. All the Margiis and students went Dadhichi Hill in procession. After observing Dadhici Divas there was collective fast break with lemon water and Khichuri was fed to all.



First Diocese Seminar held

First Diocese level seminar was held on 5th and 6th March 2016 at the powerhouse. Acarya Sarveshvarananda Avadhuta was the trainer.



Non-Margii Fine Arts students visited Anandanagar

On 6th to 8th March 2016 a team of nine non-Margii artists of fine arts from Kolkata visited Anandanagar under the guidance of Dr. Mrs Archana Roy and Prof. Nirmal Roy. They visited our Degree College, Teachers' Training College, Rotunda and Archeologically famous places of Anandanagar. They were highly inspired by our activities.



Concrete Road Construction

On 11th March 2016 the concrete road construction was done at “Daksina Jalbandha” on Daksina River by the Ananda Nagar Private Municipal Chairman Acarya Muktananda Avadhuta.



A new project “Earn and Learn” started

“Earn and Learn” scheme has started Training Course under National Employment Enhancement Mission (NEEM) by NTTF with partner industries.

Ananda Marga Pracaraka Samgha has organised a selection test on 13th March 2016 at Ananda Marga High School, Ananda Nagar. 291 youths (boys 282 and girls 9) attended the test examination from different villages near Ananda Nagar. 232 youths passed and on 14th March 2016 there was interview at R.M. Office. In total 116 candidates were finally selected in various companies like Maruti Suzuki India Limited, IFB Automotive Private Limited, Schneider Electric, Carborundum Universal Ltd, Indous MIM Tec Pvt Ltd. etc.

The candidates will get an opportunity to acquire skills essential for working in Industry over the training period of two years. During this period, students will attend classroom training and get hands on work experience. During the training period only stipend of Rs 7000 to 10000, insurance and medication facility, training material, uniform, shoes and

safety kits will be provided to each trainee. After successful completion of two years the trainee will be awarded a certificate certified by AICTE under NEEM from NTTF.



Provision of Electric connection at Abhedananda Dihi

Electric connection at Abhedananda Dihi (Asthi Hill) – West Bengal State Electricity Distribution Corporation Ltd. has given electric connection at Abhedananda Dihi (Asthi Hill) on 16.3.2016. It is to be remembered that on 29th September 1997 Acarya Anirvan Brahmacharii was killed by communist goons in this Ashram premises to remove him from there.



A new house for a poor and needy margii

On 17th March 2016 on VIVAPADA project (Vishesa Vasu Parikalpanaya Daridraya) i.e. shelter for poor was completed at Puranadih village of Ananda Nagar Diocese by the help of Argentina Margiis of Didi Ananda Manidliipa unit.



Non-margii visit

Non-Margii visitors from Kolkata visited Ananda Nagar on and from 17th to 19th March 2016. They visited different service projects and archaeological places of Ananda Nagar.



Vasantotsava and Doljatra celebration

24 hour Akhanda Kiirtan was held at Chitmu No. 2 unit on 22nd and 23rd March 2016 on the occasion of Vasanta Utsav. Narayana Seva also was done.

On 22 and 23 March there was 24 hour Akhanda Kiirtan on the occasion of Holi festival.

Also Dolyatra was celebrated at Baba's Memorial Hall on 23 March morning with 3 hour Akhanda Kiirtan.

Vasanta Utsav festival was observed on 23rd March 2016 at Memorial Hall. 3 hour Akhanda Kiirtan was held from 7 am to 10 am. All the Home and Hostel Boys participated. After the Kiirtan all the boys played with colours. Photos were sent already.



Kiirtana at Baba's Memorial hall

Kiirtan at Chitmu Village Unit No. 2

Women's College foundation stone laid

Ananda Marga Women's College foundation stone was laid on 26.3.2016 at Uma Nivas between Girls High School and Girls Children's Home. A team of central workers visited different projects of Uma Nivas.



Laying of foundation stone



Inspection of Ladies' units

Visit of Margi family

A Margi family from Nadi district visited Ananda Nagar on and from 26th March to 30th March 2016. They visited dead volcano, Navacakra Cave, Asthi Hill, Central point of Rarh, different Tantra Pithas and Service projects of Ananda Nagar.





Construction of rain water drainage work

Construction of rain water drainage work was started at central Ananda Nagar by Chairman of Ananda Nagar Municipality, Ac Muktananda Avt.



Food for all programme by VSS

Ananda Nagar VSS unit organised a food for all program with 3 hour Akhanda Kiirtan on 27 March 2016 at the Amra village. More than 800 villagers were fed.



Medical camp by Abha Seva Sadan unit, Anandanagar

Two Medical camps were held at Maramu and Amra villages on 13th and 27th March where 111 and 145 patients were examined and medicines provided.



Construction of a drinking water well

A drinking water well is under construction at Guridih (Khepiakuli) which is being sponsored by RAWA, Italia through Ac Bhaskarananda Avadhuta.



Ānandanagar --- Its Unique Spiritual Traits

Āchārya Narayananda Abadhuuta

Environment has limitless influence on the human mind. Environment is not made of only **Paiṅcabhuta** (the five basic elements –tr.) It includes **Citta**, **Ahamtattva**, **Mahattattva** and **Ātmá** also. [These are philosophical principle of individuality –tr.]

The environment of Ráñ developed in such a manner that the mind could easily galvanize

the soul. This leads man to an expansion of his being and takes him to a limitless spread of his being. The inherent truth of dharma (dharma can be very loosely translated as religion – tr.) is comprehensive expansion of the soul.

Man has to strive for living, not in his body alone, but also in his mind and soul. The seed of **the urge to escape from the commonplaceness of daily life has to be inherent in man's advance** towards realization of perfection. When this is not done, life becomes unbearable. The paths that lead to the preservation of the supreme joy of living are most subtle pulses of humanity. Literature, graphic arts and various delirious outpouring of the soul are contained in these.

At Ánandanagar, we find some unique spiritual traits that made each pulse of existence bring forth subtle yet rich expressions of humanity. When Baba came to Ánandanagar in 1979, after the long spell of Emergency, he was greatly elated. As his car entered Ánandanagar, he enthusiastically exclaimed, "I am Ánandamurtii of Ánandanagar.

He said in his sermon delivered at the Dharmamahácakra held at that time: "Ánandanagar is that vital centre of our expansion into the world. Ánandanagar is not merely a gross geographical unit, it is the Ánandanagar (city of joy—tr.) of our mind and heart. We will have to build it up in every way. We shall have to take every step to enable it to rise fast and be a beacon unto the entire world."

In his book "Ráfh: The cradle of Civilization' Baba has explicitly said, "The soil of Ráfh was blessed by the footfall of Sadáshiva". The book does not mention the spot. But we have learnt from his conversation that it was Ánandanagar. That place has been thus blessed. He also specifically stated in this book: "At Ánandanagar within western Ráfh, there is influence of Shaevatantra, Jaentantra and Baoddhatantra."

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