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science and spirituality,
and pundit and public.

— Pūjya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda



EDITORIAL

Hari Om!

Greetings from Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF)!

As we present to you the 8th edition of CIF's Annual Newsletter on this Gurupūrṇimā Day of 2015, it gives us immense pleasure to see how far we have come since our first edition way back in 2008.

With the global launch of the Chinmaya Birth Centenary Celebrations in Ernakulam, Adi Sankara Nilayam, the home of Śrī Ādi Śaṅkara, earned the rare distinction of being the first centre to receive the Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra. The Chinmaya Sandesh Vahini carrying the Jyoti and Pūjya Gurudev's Pādukās was welcomed at CIF with great pomp and splendour as the 'Yagnatarium' rolled-in to the CIF campus. Pictures and reports of the welcome accorded to the Vahini, which you will read in the upcoming pages, do little justice to the moment we all experienced while the pañcavādyam (traditional Kerala orchestra) played to welcome the Vahini.

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The past year also saw the debut of the collaboration of CIF and Manipal University (MU). The first-ever International Summer School 2014, dedicated to the 'Living Cultures and Philosophies of India', jointly organized by MU and CIF, was held at Adi Sankara Nilayam in July 2014. Interestingly, MU has a Dvaita Philosophy Resource Centre (DPRC) whereas CIF focuses on Advaita. The coming together of these two modern institutions, rooted in traditions, is very significant and upholds the spirit of Indian philosophy. Just before we went to press, the 2nd International Summer School 2015 - 'The Word and the World' was inaugurated on July 13.

Prof. V. N. Jha's 5-Level courses on 'Learning Sanskrit Language Structure : Theory and Applications' organized by Chinmaya International Foundation Shodha Sansthan (CIFSS) also took-off with Levels 1 and 2 in July and November 2014, respectively. The culmination of the 5-levels would enable the student to comfortably read and analyse Sanskrit texts.

Swami Ramakrishnananda visited the US, for the second consecutive year, with his Easy Sanskrit workshops. Travelling through the country for 6 months, Swamiji visited 17 centres! His legendary methods and styles of teaching enthralled the audiences yet again, with befitting receptions awaiting him in every centre. You will have to read it to believe it.

With so many camps, workshops, seminars dedicated to Sanskrit, it is only fair to say that the language, contrary to popular belief, is alive and kicking.

Too many firsts happened in the year gone by. June 2014 will be remembered in the history of CIF as the month when CIF's first-ever convocation for the students of its Foundation Vedanta Home Study Course was held. The Bhagavad-gītā Course convocation was held to coincide with Gītā Jayanti in the month of December. Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti and Gītā Jayanti will, henceforth, be occasions for the convocation of Students of Home Study Courses (HSC).

Pūjya Guruji Swami Tejomayananda launched CIF's first-ever webinar course 'LEARN SANSKRIT GRAMMAR - THE PANINIAN WAY' on Śrī Rāma Navami day in March 2015. Renowned Indologist, Dr. V. Rajarao Bandaru is course instructor. Its first batch crossed the maximum intake within days of opening admission. The course is so sought after, that we now have a wait-list of students awaiting the launch of its second batch. The course is different from other HSCs as this is a fixed-scheduled, limited-students course, earning them University credits. Know more about the course at <http://learnsanskritgrammar.chinfo.org>

Swami Swaroopananda, renowned motivational speaker and author of CIF's Make It Happen™ online course arrived at CIF, bringing with him his famous and popular workshop on management. The 35 delegates were in for a spin of a lifetime with Swamiji's wisdom and wit. Know more in our centre-spread, dedicated to this life-management seminar.

CIF and its Shodha Sansthan launched several books and digital media in the past year. We are also glad to inform you that CIF now offers for purchase, the publications of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan through the CIF Chinmaya Vani Online Store on www.chinfo.org/cifchinmayavani

Presenting to you, the CIF Annual Newsletter 2015 !

ACADEMIC CAMPS

Learning Sanskrit Language Structure: Theory and Application - Level 1

June 16-30, 2014



Participants of residential 2-week Level 1 Course

CIFSS conducted a 15-day residential course on 'Learning Sanskrit Language Structure: Theory and Application - Level 1' with 37 participants in attendance. The course was inaugurated by Dr. Dilip Kumar Rana, Director, CIFSS and the course faculty Prof. V. N. Jha, Former Director, Centre for Advanced Study in Sanskrit, University of Pune, in the presence of Swami Sharadananda, Ācārya, CIF. In his welcome speech, Dr. Rana gave a detailed introduction about the course and vocalized the need to discover and enrich ourselves, despite the current education system. The Chief Guest, Dr. P. Geervani, Academic Advisor, CIF and former VC, Sri Padmavati Mahila Visvavidyalayam, Tirupati urged students to understand the beauty of the Sanskrit language and showcase it to the world.

Alongside, a few books were also released and gifted to dignitaries present for the inaugural ceremony. The books are detailed below.

- * Jaiminiyasāmavedasamhitā - Text of Kerala Tradition (Ārcika, Sāma and Candrāsāma portions), (2 volumes set) edited by Dr. K. A. Ravindran
- * Jaiminiyasāmaveda - Kerala Nampūtiri Version (Text of Ārcika portion in Devanāgarī script with transliteration and translation in English), edited by Dr. C. M. Neelakandhan and Dr. K. A. Ravindran
- * Contribution of Kuttamath Family to Sanskrit Literature, edited by Dr. K. K. N. Kurup and Dr. P. Manoharan
- * Brahmaguptagaṇitam - English translation by Sri Venugopal D. Heroor
- * CIFSS Newsletter
- * Dhīmahī, the tri-lingual Journal of CIFSS
- * An introduction to Classical Indian Research Methodology - a set of 3 DVDs containing video talks / series of lectures on Manuscriptology by Prof. V.N. Jha

Throughout the course, Prof. Jha conducted morning sessions on the structure of Sanskrit language, namely subanta and tiṇanta, kārakas and lakāras and various sandhis such as svara, vyañjana and anusvāra. During the afternoon classes,

Dr. V. Shivani, Deputy Director, CIFSS taught the practical applications of sandhis in Sanskrit. Other sessions covered Spoken Sanskrit and Subhāṣitas along with a few discussions led by Dr. Rana.

A written test was held on the last day and the course culminated with certificates being awarded to all participants. The course was received well by participants, coupled with an eagerness to return soon for the next level.

The Living Philosophies and Cultures of India - A two-week Summer School July 24 - August 7, 2014



1st International Summer School 2014

The last week of July marked the beginning of the two-week Summer School by CIFSS, in collaboration with Manipal University (MU). The Summer School boasted of an eclectic mix of 22 participants from across the globe, ranging from Harvard to IIT, Delhi.

Dr. Dilip Kumar Rana welcomed the gathering during the inauguration, with the Course Directors – Prof. Arindam Chakrabarti, Director, University of Hawai'i, Honolulu and Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi, Registrar, Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bengaluru covering the objectives of the Summer School and outcomes of the programme. Prof. N. P. Unni, Chairman, CIFSS introduced the delegates to the Centre and its activities. Swami Advayananda, Ācārya and President, CIF, expressed gratitude to MU, CIFSS and the course directors for conducting such an event; while Dr. Neeta Inamdar, Associate Professor and Head of the Department of European Studies (DES), MU shared the journey of the Summer School from Manipal to Veliyanad.

This initiative was taken up to lay a foundation stone for younger generations, with the primary focus being academic discussions on the Indian

philosophical schools, their conceptual and historical significance and relevance in our lives. Towards the end of the programme, the participants presented their learning from the Summer School.

Apart from the aforementioned dignitaries, the valedictory session was graced by Sri Srinivasa Kumar N. Acharya, Assistant Professor, DES, MU. Swamini Niranjanananda and Swami Sharadananda, expressed their elation on how this remarkable event would lay the foundation stone for academic discussions on Indian philosophical schools and help the younger generation to understand its importance. The programme ended with a vote of thanks by Dr. V. Shivani and certificate distribution.

Each student carried home a signed copy of 'The Path of Proofs: Pramāṇapaddhati of Śrī Jayatīrtha', a standard textbook of Dvaita epistemology rendered into English by Prof. Shrinivasa Varakhedi and a yoga mat to continue practice at home. The programme received unequivocal feedback from the participants, stating the exercise to be amazingly educative and informative with the most scholarly ideas presented in an illustrative and lucid manner.

Influence of Sanskrit Literature in other Languages

September 20-21, 2014

The academic seminar on the 'Influence of Sanskrit Literature in other Languages' was conducted as part of the Sanskrit Week celebrations at CIFSS.

Prof. N.P.Unni spoke about the lackadaisical condition in government run institutions where, apart from denigrating the language, most erstwhile Sanskrit posts have either been abolished or those appointed have minimal knowledge of Sanskrit. In this scenario, he emphasized on the critical role of private-run institutions to uphold this language and its legacy. He further opined that unless public opinion is formed against abolishing existing posts and in favour of instituting new posts to Sanskrit known people, the only hope is private run institutions.

Dr. C. M. Neelakandhan, Retd. Professor, Sree Sankaracarya University of Sanskrit (SSUS), Kalady spoke about the symbiotic relationship of Sanskrit with other languages; with the influence of Sanskrit literature on other languages being well known but there being scope for research of reverse influences on Sanskrit. Dr. C. G. Vijaykumar, Dean, Kavikulguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Ramtek, Maharashtra beautifully portrayed the influence of Sanskrit literature on various literary masterpieces in Marathi language.

By the end of the seminar, 60 eminent scholars had presented papers on 'The Influence of Sanskrit Literature in other Languages'.

Learning Sanskrit Language Structure: Theory and Application - Level 2

November 12-26, 2014

A 2-week residential course on the second level of 'Learning Sanskrit Language Structure: Theory and Application' was conducted by CIFSS for 30 students. Dr. Dilip Kumar Rana welcomed the gathering. The Chief Guest, Prof. G. Gangadharan Nair, Retd. Professor of SSUS, Kalady has made pioneering efforts to spread the message among the masses to break away the false belief that Sanskrit is a dead language and no one is found speaking it. He initiated a 10-day Spoken Sanskrit course with the help of a few of his students, which has found national acclaim. Apart from visiting foreign Universities to teach Sanskrit, he also has an online teaching programme. He made a case for Sanskrit teachers and scholars to ponder over certain tendencies prevalent amongst their ilk, to question the scholarship of someone who starts speaking the language and errs in the course of his speech. Prof. Nair encouraged the teaching community to be cautious of such negative tendencies and consciously work towards bringing the correct forms of such usages in their own conversations, so that students learn from listening to them.

Prof. V. N. Jha, the course faculty, recollected the days of educational reforms made by Macaulay from the Britisher's end and how a business establishment

like East India Company caught hold of the Indian administration, by revising educational policies to ensure Indians became intellectual slaves of the British. He earnestly called upon the participants to learn and teach Sanskrit to comprehend the rich heritage they possess.

Swamini Niranjanananda appealed to the learned community to adopt a village and teach Sanskrit to all the villagers free of cost and expressed hope that at least after a generation, someone will address the United Nations in Sanskrit.

The course covered the following topics -

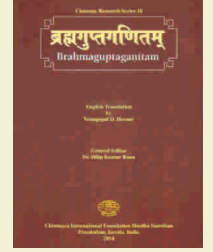
- * Levels of Studying Language
- * Sanskrit Syntax: Pāṇinian Model
- * Sanskrit Cases (Kāraka)
- * Case-suffixes and Upapada-vibhaktis
- * Cases-Agentive, Objective, Instrumental, Dative, Ablative, Locative and Genitive
- * Syntactic Agreements with reference to Person, Number, Gender and Case

A set of 15 DVDs containing the video talks/series of lectures of Level 1 course conducted earlier by Prof. V.N. Jha and Dr. V. Shivani at CIF, was released during this course.

PUBLICATIONS – NEW RELEASES

Brahmaguptagaṇitam - English translation by Venugopal D. Heroor

As a part of the Chinmaya Research Series 10, the present work 'Brahmaguptagaṇitam', contains the Sanskrit text of Gaṇitādhyāya of Brāhmasphuṭasiddhānta with introduction, English translation and notes along with illustrative examples of Pṛthūdaka Svāmī and others. The author, an engineer by profession and an enthusiastic scholar of ancient Indian mathematics, also gives an account of various commentaries on Brahmaguptagaṇitam in his introduction.

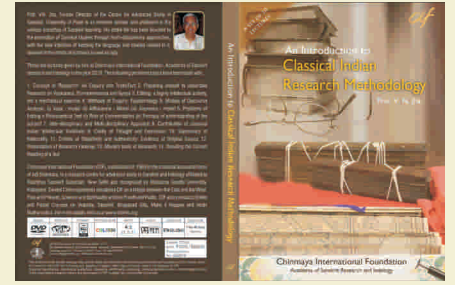


Classical Indian Research Methodology - Video lectures by Prof. V. N. Jha

A set of 3 DVDs containing the video talks/series of lectures on Manuscriptology by Prof. Jha, on various topics of the Classical Indian Research Methodology.

The following pertinent topics have been dealt with:

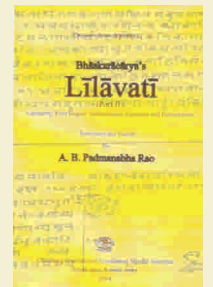
- * Concept of 'Research' - An enquiry into truth/fact
- * Preparing oneself to undertake research on Vyākaraṇa, Pūrvamīmāṃsā and Nyāya
- * Editing, a highly intellectual activity, not a mechanical exercise
- * Methods of Enquiry: Epistemology
- * Vada Model
- * Anuma Model
- * Role of commentaries
- * Inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary approach
- * Contribution of classical Indian intellectual traditions
- * Criteria of objectivity and authenticity: Evidence of original source
- * Modern tools of research
- * Models of Discourse Analysis
- * Adhikaraṇa Model
- * Problems of editing a philosophical text
- * Primacy of understanding of the subject
- * Clarity of thought and expression
- * Supremacy of rationality
- * Presentation of research findings
- * Deciding the correct reading of text



Bhāskarācārya's Līlāvati - Translated and edited by A. B. Padmanabha Rao

Written by one of the most iconic mathematicians of medieval India, Bhāskarācārya's 'Līlāvati' is a text in Sanskrit dealing with geometry, first degree indeterminate equations and permutations. To add a poetic twist to the tale of prosaic translation and explanations, numerals and mathematical formulae are translated literally into words. Last but not the least; the appendix includes proofs based on the author's works in algebra and astronomy.

A novel approach is adopted to translate Sanskrit verses into English syntax, which makes sense in English translation. This translation will be useful to a large segment of readers whose knowledge of Sanskrit language is limited, and also to the small segment of Sanskrit scholars whose exposure to modern mathematics is limited.



This book creates a window into the field of ancient Indian mathematics for the present generation of students and teachers, along with an awareness of the great contributions by India in the world of mathematics. Drawing from the Buddhivilāsinī commentary, the verses are explained in detail with fully worked out examples and additional remarks. Numerous diagrams make it easier for the reader to understand the context.

With over 35 years of teaching experience, A. B. Padmanabha Rao retired as the Dean of Science faculty and has published several papers and text books on mathematics. He has presented papers on history of mathematics at ICM, Hyderabad (2010) and ICHDM, Jaipur (2013). Apart from this book, he has also published the book 'Bhāskara and Piṅgala, the relevance of their mathematics in the present context'.

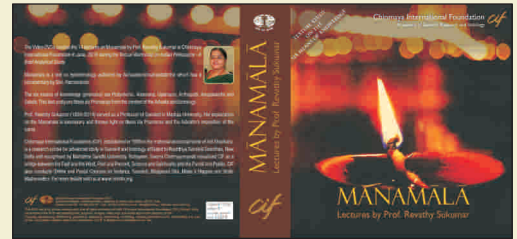
Mānamālā - Video lectures by Late. Prof. Revathy Sukumar

A set of 7 DVDs containing video talks/series of 14 lectures on Mānamālā by Late. Prof. Revathy Sukumar, delivered during the 'Textual Workshop on Indian Philosophy – A Brief Analytical Study' at CIF in June 2010.

Mānamālā is a text on epistemology, authored by Acyutakṛṣṇānandatīrtha with a commentary by Śrī Rāmānanda. This text analyses the six means of knowledge (Pramāṇa), namely Pratyakṣa, Anumāṇa, Upamāṇa, Arthāpatti, Anupalabdi and Śabda from the context of Advaita epistemology.

Prof. Revathy Sukumar (1959-2014) served as a Professor and Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Madras. Her explanation on Mānamālā is exemplary and throws light on these six Pramāṇas and the Advaitin's exposition of the same.

Pūjya Guruji released the above DVD's during the Chinmaya Birth Pentenary Celebrations at CIF on 9th May 2015 in the presence of Swami Siddhananda.



Pūjya Guruji releasing the Mānamālā DVD

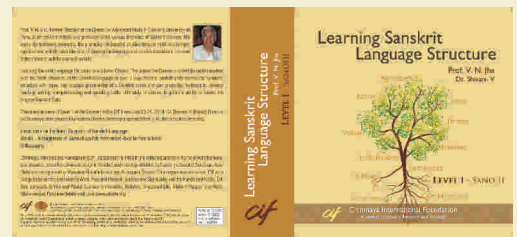
Learning Sanskrit Language Structure (Level 1) - Video lectures by Prof. V. N. Jha

A set of 15 DVDs containing the video talks/series of lectures of Level 1 course of 'Learning Sanskrit Language Structure: Theory and Application', conducted by Prof. V.N. Jha and Dr. V. Shivani from June 16 to 30, 2014 at CIF.

The following topics are covered:

- * Introduction to the basic structure of Sanskrit language
- * Sandhi - Arrangement of Sanskrit sounds from micro-level to macro-level
- * Orthography

Learning Sanskrit Language Structure is a 5-Level course. The aim of the course is to familiarize the student with the basic structure of the Sanskrit language in such a way that the student understands the syntactic structure with ease, can prepare prose-order of a Sanskrit verse and can grasp the methods to develop reading, writing, comprehending and speaking skills; ultimately of course, to gain the ability to handle the original Sanskrit texts.



TEXTUAL CAMP

A month of Pañcadaśi

January 8 - February 7, 2015

A month long Sāadhanā camp was conducted by Swamini Niranjanananda, on Svāmi Vidyāranya's Pañcadaśi (Part 2) in CIF. 40 people from different corners of the country participated in the camp. Swaminiji unraveled the essence of the text in a lucid manner, with relevant examples and references. On the penultimate day, the delegates participated in the Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā, conducted by Swami Sharadananda. The camp concluded with a valedictory address by Swami Advayananda. In their month long sojourn, the participants were fortunate to also attend a plethora of functions and pūjās in the Adi Sankara Nilayam, in addition to the camp.



Participants with Swamini Niranjanananda



Bhajan-sandhyā during the camp

HOME STUDY COURSES

Vedic Mathrix 2014

April 24-28, 2014

The 5th annual residential camp on ancient Indian mathematics - 'Vedic Mathrix', was organized in collaboration with School of Vedic Maths. Vinay Nair, the faculty, guided the 36 math-enthusiasts, gathered at CIF, to understand and learn about Combinatorics from Chandas Śāstra and its application in computer programming, series and progressions and challenging problems from Mahāvīrācārya's treatise 'Gaṇitasārasaṅgraha'. Discussions occurred on Brahmagupta's geometry like geometric-algebra, cyclic quadrilaterals, number systems and research topics from ancient Indian mathematics with Sri Venugopal D. Heroor. They displayed their thinking skills and debated on the significance of 'Zero' in mathematics. Children loved the camp and appreciated the beauty of ancient Indian mathematics wholeheartedly.



Discussions at Thekkini, Illam

First Refresher Course for students of Foundation Vedanta Course

June 3-9, 2014

The 1st refresher course for 14 students of the Foundation Vedanta course was conducted by Swami Anukoolananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya International Residential School, Coimbatore, who expounded the text 'Tattva Bodha' of Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya. Swami Sharadananda spoke on Hinduism, our traditions and culture, followed by informal Q&A sessions in the evening satsang. Select episodes of the tele-serial Upaniṣad Gaṅgā were played for all.

Other activities included paper presentations by students, group discussions on varied topics, a Gāyatrī Havan and planting trees to celebrate 'World Environment Day'. The week-long sessions ended with Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā and the valedictory function.



Camp inauguration

Easy Sanskrit workshops with Swami Ramakrishnananda

July – December, 2014



Swamiji and participants during the workshop

Swami Ramakrishnananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission Nagapattinam and author of CIF's Easy Sanskrit course embarked on his second trip to the US to promote Sanskrit, the ancient divine language of India. Following the success of Swamiji's Sanskrit workshops in the US the previous year, several centres had either confirmed a follow-up workshop or had invited Swamiji for the first time. The workshops covered the length and breadth of the country from San Jose to LA and Houston, followed by Austin, Boston, Chicago and Atlanta before moving to Washington, Ann Arbor, and Pittsburg. In the last leg of his journey, Swamiji held the audiences captive in New Jersey, Boston (Metro), San Diego, Atlanta (Alpharetta) and Minneapolis before

he left the shores of the US. In all, Swamiji managed to cover 17 centres in this short span.

With Swamiji's popularity for being "the world's best and humorous Sanskrit teacher" preceding him, he did not restrict himself to linguistics alone. As a true Vedāntic teacher, he elucidated on Śrīmad Bhāgavatam, Bhaja Govindam, Bhakti Sudha and Rāmayaṇam, apart from conducting the language workshops. Swamiji's joyful way of teaching even made serious texts like Bhakti Sudha easy to interpret!

The feedback across all the centres was no different. Every session was a celebration of the text in Swamiji's inimitable teaching style ornate with presentations, quick crisp sketches and usage of



Easy Sanskrit Workshop at Houston

props to drive home the central message of each portion. There was not even a minute of boredom, as Swamiji charmed and challenged everyone to learn without inhibition. Interactive and engrossing, the Sanskrit course lectures were no different and replete with simple fun-filled learning techniques to facilitate learning in kids and adults, alike! People had to stop themselves from rolling with laughter when Swamiji play-acted, sang opera-style, mimicked accents, and often 'cooked up' hilarious examples, quoting mouth-watering Indian delicacies!

Each centre out-did the other with record attendance. Their love for Swamiji only grew.

The first trip had recorded a maximum of 110 people. In Swamiji's second visit, Houston shattered all records of attendance with 200+ attendees engaged in Swamiji's classes with rapt attention. With centres requesting Swamiji to visit them again and some centres missing out on the workshops, Swamiji is already planning his next trip in the fall of 2015!

These workshops were organized largely through the efforts of Swami Shantananda, Ācārya, New Jersey & President, Chinmaya Mission West and Swami Siddhananda along with the team of Sankara Edamadaka and Pranji Bhai, who coordinated in spite of their busy schedules and Manisha Makhecha Bhagat, Project Coordinator, CIF.

Graduation of Bhagavad-Gītā Course students in Mumbai

September 15, 2014

Following the completion of the year-long Foundation Vedānta course in 2012, 14 students successfully completed the 2-year Bhagavad-gītā course with Brni. Nidhi Chaitanya, Ācārya, Chinmaya Prakash, Mumbai. This group dedicatedly met on a weekly basis to study and discuss the text for 2 continuous years, not succumbing to any challenges on the personal front. The group graduated and received their completion certificates from Pūjya Guruji himself. The students shared their experiences of inspiration and transformation over the years. In continuation to their study, they have now taken up Kaṭhōpaniṣad under the tutelage of

Brni. Nidhi Chaitanya. We wish these sādhakas an enlightening journey ahead!



Graduates with Pūjya Guruji and Brni. Nidhi Chaitanya

Bhagavad-Gītā Refresher Course and Convocation

December 2-8, 2014

On the auspicious day of Gītā Jayanti and Tapovan Jayanti, CIF witnessed two landmark events, namely the first convocation ceremony of the Bhagavad-gītā Home Study course and the inauguration of the Bhagavad-gītā refresher course - contact sessions.

The convocation ceremony began with an invocation by Sevika Shailaja, welcomed by Sri Siddharthan, Manager, CIF with Dr. Dilip Kumar Rana presiding over the function. In his presidential address, Dr. Rana stressed on the importance of introducing Sanskrit as a subject in the curriculum of all schools. 22 students received certificates for completing the Bhagavad-gītā course from Dr. K. G. Poulouse, Former VC, Kerala Kalamandalam, Deemed University for Arts and Culture which was accompanied by a convocational address. The benedictory address was given by Swami Sharadananda and Śiṣyānuśāsanam of Taittirīyopaniṣad was chanted by Br. Sagar Chaitanya along with other Ācāryas. Sri Sathish Kumar Menon from Dubai made a presentation on the promotional work for Bhagavad-gītā that he has undertaken in Dubai. Few students who received certificates shared their impressions and experiences. The programme concluded with vote of thanks by Manisha Makhecha Bhagat.

In the second event, the contact class programme commenced for the batch of 30 students under the tutelage of Swami Sharadananda and

Br. Narayan Chaitanya as the Ācārya and Upācārya, respectively. Swamiji expounded the 15th chapter of the Bhagavad-gītā for an in-depth study. He introduced Bhāṣya reading to students by showing how to split words and form prose order, and also explained the word meaning. This generated a lot of interest in students to take up the study of Sanskrit seriously and to equip themselves to read and understand the Bhāṣya. His classes were very absorbing and made everyone reflect deeply on the subject. He also quoted extensively from many Upaniṣads and the Bhāṣya of Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya to emphasize on the beauty of reading any text in its original language.

Apart from the guided meditation classes in the morning, the afternoon classes on concepts in Bhagavad-gītā were well received with ample interaction between the students and Ācāryas. Participants presented papers on topics given to them in advance and also had various group discussions.

The evening classes were an amalgamation of bhajans and lectures on Bhakti by Swamiji. Swamiji spoke on Toṭakāṣṭakam, and elucidated on the role of Bhakti in the path of a seeker. The Bhagavad-gītā Chanting Competition and Quiz saw enthusiastic participation with the winners being awarded in the valedictory function. Campers devoutly participated in the celebration of 'Kārtikai Dīpam' on December 5



Br. Narayan Chaitanya



Swami Sharadananda



Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā

by lighting diyas, with Ramana Maharishi's 'Akṣara Māna Mālai' playing in the background.

The week-long 'Refresher Course' ended with the customary valedictory function where the

participants collected the 'yajña prasād' from Swami Sharadananda and chanted Gurudev Aṣṭōtaram. Everyone expressed their willingness to offer their services to the cause and vision of CIF.



Participants of Bhagavad-Gītā Refresher Course

Vedic Mathematics in Tirunelveli

December 12-18, 2014

In association with CIF, School of Vedic Maths, Mumbai, conducted a week-long workshop on the subject at Pushpalata Vidya Mandir, Tirunelveli for the second consecutive year and saw participation of 312 students from classes 6th to 8th, who had gone through the first module in the previous year. They learnt advanced calculation techniques in squares and square roots, digital roots and divisibility of primes in the second module. The first timers were taught various techniques in multiplication and subtraction.

Apart from delivering the designated course content, the faculty, Sri Vinay Nair, also asked the students to solve puzzles related to the techniques being taught. The children enjoyed these puzzles and expressed their desire to continue puzzle-solving even after the course; and decided to connect over a social networking group for the same.



Students exploring Vedic Maths

On the last day, an orientation session was held for the teachers on techniques to handle a class of students having varying levels of comprehension abilities. The school management expressed their interest in having sessions the following year as well.

Vedic Mathrix 2015

April 27-May 1, 2015

In its sixth year, Vedic Mathrix 2015, conducted by CIF and School of Vedic Maths saw participation of 95 students from across the country. The 5-day camp covered ancient Indian geometry and portions from the texts of ancient Indian mathematicians, namely, Brahmagupta and Bhāskaraċārya.

The faculty, Sri Vinay Nair's explanations on topics like geometric-algebra, derivation of triplets, construction of rational triangles & quadrilaterals, cyclic quadrilaterals, Brahmagupta's geometry, problems from Bhāskaraċārya's Līlāvātī and Kaṭapayādi number system were well-received by the delegates. Group discussions and explorative learning through unconventional and non-routine problems opened up new avenues of problem-solving. Amidst the camp, Nishith Anand, an ardent devotee of Pūjya Gurudev and faculty at Chinmaya



Sri Vinay Nair, Faculty

Institute of Technology performed a dance to celebrate 'World Dance Day' on April 29.

Practical geometrical constructions in the courtyard and mind-boggling puzzles caught the fancies of students and echoed in their feedback. The camp had set this batch of students on a life-long journey of mathematic exploration, yet again.



Participants of the Vedic Mathrix 2015

Foundation Vedānta Course - Convocation

April 23, 2015

The third convocation of home study courses for students from different parts of the country, was held on Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti, presided by Swami Asheshananda. Swami Advayananda and Swami Sharadananda were also present for the occasion. The programme started with lighting of the lamp and an invocation, followed by the welcome address by Smt. Kalavathy, Former Administator of CIF HSC.

In his address to the students, Swami Advayananda stated that while clinging on to our old habits, attaining the Supreme is impossible and how regular sādhanā is a must for a spiritual aspirant to overcome these old

tendencies. Swamiji quoted the example of an ant on a salt hill and a sugar hill. Till the salt hill ant gave up the salt in its mouth, it was unable to experience the sweetness of the sugar hill. Similarly, he explained that mokṣa would remain elusive until a seeker gained complete conviction.

While blessing the audience, Swamini Niranjanananda asserted that completing a course was not an end to spiritual studies; it was a continuous process to be pursued till liberation.

The traditional convocation oath in the form of 'Śiṣyānuśāsanam of Taittirīya-upaniṣad'. was led by Swami Sharadananda, with all the students joining in. This was followed by the distribution of certificates by Swami Asheshananda.

A few students shared their experiences and impressions on the various courses. Gopika, an Easy Sanskrit student said that her father who had completed three courses from CIF was her inspiration for joining, and she wished to pursue the next level as well. Pramod Chakrabarty from Kolkata, who had completed the Bhagavad-gītā course said that he found CIF courses immensely useful and well-structured. He promised to promote these courses in his geography. Gopaldas Wadhwani suggested a greater marketing effort on the part of CIF for their courses, in order to transform larger groups as it had done for him.



CIF Home Study Courses 3rd Convocation Ceremony

Sanskrit Examination by Cambridge International Examination September 2014

In association with St. James School in London, UK, CIF is working to promote the Sanskrit Home Study courses. St. James School promotes and supports teaching Sanskrit in schools and other institutes, world-wide. The institute guided CIF to let its' students take the Sanskrit exam, offered by Cambridge International Examination (CIE), the largest international education programmes' provider in the world.

The examination is conducted at three proficiency levels, namely basic, advanced subsidiary and advanced. St. James facilitated and sponsored the participation of 29 students of CIF, including 9 staff-members, students of the Home Study Courses and 7

Ācāryas from the organization. All these students appeared for the various levels of this examination, corresponding to their respective proficiency levels in Sanskrit.

We are happy to announce that all participants passed with flying colours. While Sri Swaminathan, one of the sevaks at CIF, scored a marvelous 94% and topped nationally in IGCSE Option B level, Br. Veda Chaitanya, topped nationally with a score of 97% in the advanced subsidiary level of the examination.

In an interview to DNA daily newspaper in Navi Mumbai, Br. Ved Chaitanya stated, "I took the exam to make people aware of the opportunities to excel in

Sanskrit and put the knowledge to good use. If one chooses to diligently learn the language, there are various options in terms of vocation. While they can opt to teach the essence of the sacred texts to interested people, there are opportunities to conduct research both in India and abroad. Researchers are contemplating using Sanskrit as a computer language because its time-tested syntax and structure make it easy, with less word usage."

Finally, he emphasized on the integral role of Sanskrit in preserving our culture and vice versa.

Prior to the exam, CIF organized week-long preparatory classes led by Swami Sharadananda and Dr. V. Shivani. The exams have motivated students to delve deeper into the Sanskrit language. We hope many more people take up these exams in the coming years.



Sanskrit Exam - News in DNA Navi Mumbai

CIF Celebrates

Pūjya Guruji's Birthday

June 30, 2014

Pūjya Guruji's birthday was celebrated by performing Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā at Gurudev's shrine by Sharath, a Sevak. Swamini Niranjanananda blessed the devotees with her address, which was followed by the traditional Kerala Sadya (feast) for all. Everybody sang 'Janmadinam idam' - the birthday song penned by Guruji himself, wishing our beloved Guruji good health and long life.



Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā

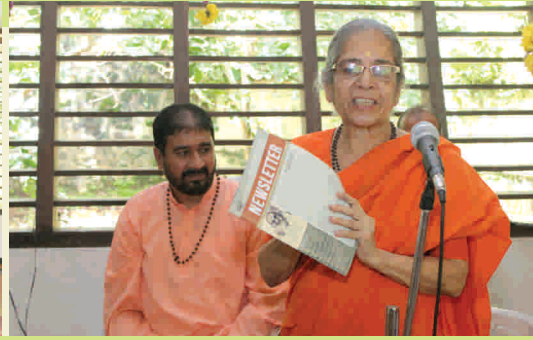
Guru Pūrṇimā

July 12, 2014

Guru Pūrṇimā was celebrated on July 12, earmarking the birth of Bhagavān Veda Vyāsa and thus also known as Vyāsa Pūrṇimā. On this sacred day, it was only befitting that we salute and prostrate before the Guru Paramparā, the illustrious lineage which began with Bhagavān Veda Vyāsa and now continues with Pūjya Guruji Swami Tejomayananda. The day began with the Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā being performed, offering our respects to the revered Gurus, followed by the release of CIF's Annual Newsletter which had a snap-shot of all the activities that kept us occupied during the year 2013-14. Swami Advayananda, Swamini Niranjanananda, Swami Tattvananda and Swami Viswananda blessed the occasion with their presence.



Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā



Release of CIF Newsletter 2014



Ācāryas receiving the first copy

Sarpabali Pūjā

July 31, 2014

July ended with Nāga Pañcami, wherein Sarpabali Pūjā was performed at the Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa temple by Tantri Brahmashri Sreedharan Namboodiripad of Ameda temple. In the presence of local devotees and the Summer School participants, the deities of Nāga Devatā were offered Naivedyam consisting of a rice, milk and turmeric mixture.



Sarpabali Pūjā

Sanskrit Week

September 17-21, 2014

As part of the annual Sanskrit Week celebrations, CIFSS organized various kinds of competitions and academic seminars for school and college students. The inaugural Chief Guest, Dr. Baldevananda Sagar, a veteran Sanskrit news reader with All India Radio presented several examples of Sanskrit being used in modern life, like in electronic gadgets or the Pāṇinian

principle of sound widely used in mobile applications. He portrayed scientific grammatical foundations of Sanskrit language on which the edifice of several Śāstras are built, having endured the test of time. He urged everybody to learn Sanskrit to probe deep into the hitherto unknown and untrodden vast gamut of written works, available in

Sanskrit language. Prof. N.P. Unni described how learning Sanskrit fundamentals at a young age had supported him well in his academic pursuits. Prof. P. Geervani expressed sadness in not being able to learn the language when young and encouraged all parents to send their children to learn Sanskrit in order to build a strong base for our nation. He lamented the present condition of scientific Sanskrit learning, and beckoned everyone to cultivate the habit of learning Sanskrit language through simple poetry, grammar and other scientific literature.

During the course of the week, several competitions like recitation, essay and story writing, elocution, speech extempore, quiz, music and drama were held, drawing students' participation in large numbers. Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Tripunithura won the over-all championship with Bhavan's Vidya Mandir, Velloor coming a close second. Towards the end of the week, 60 eminent scholars presented papers in an academic seminar on The Influence of Sanskrit Literature in other languages.

Lakṣmi Nārāyaṇa Pūjā and Havan

January 14, 2015

On Makara Saṅkrānti, Swami Sharadananda conducted Lakṣmi Nārāyaṇa Pūjā and Havan at the Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa temple. This pūjā is conducted annually for the spiritual and material prosperity of all donors for the Project CIF.

Swamiji started off with an elaborate Ṣoḍaśopacāra Pūjā in the morning, followed by the Lakṣmi Nārāyaṇa Pūjā. More than 100 devotees participated in the Havan and chanted the Kanakadhārā Stotram. Sri K. K. Rajan, Chief Sevak and Sri Rajesh Patel, Treasurer, Trust Board of CIF, also participated in the pūjā. All the participants left with a great sense of spiritual fulfillment.



The Yajamāns with Swami Sharadananda



The Pūjā and Havan in progress

Śrīmad Bhagavadpāda Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya Pratiṣṭhā

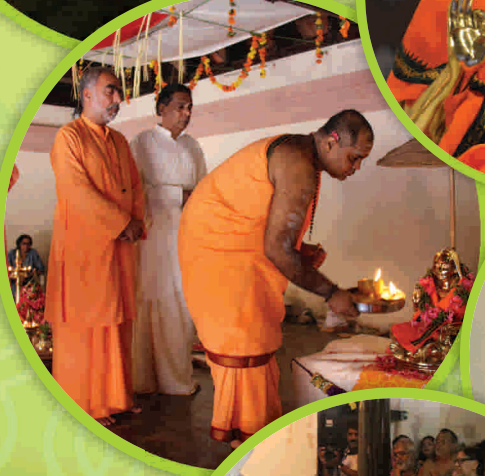
January 26, 2015

The Pratiṣṭhā ceremony of Śrīmad Bhagavadpāda Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya's idol was held in Adi Sankara Nilayam, Veliyanad, on the holy occasion of Radha Saptami in Revati Nakṣatram, under the guidance of Swami Sharadananda. This was the culmination of rituals, which had commenced on the morning of January 24 in the illom with the Homam.

On the evening of the first day, a procession with Śaṅkara's idol on a chariot was taken to the Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa temple and back. The rituals continued on the second day in the presence of the Ācāryas, inmates of CIF and delegates from the Pañcadaśī camp.

Śrīmad Bhagavadpāda Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya Pratiṣṭhā

In the early hours of the Pratiṣṭhādinam, a Havan and few other rituals were conducted, concluding with a ceremonial procession and the idol's consecration in the birth room of Ādi Śaṅkara. Swami Swaroopananda, Managing Director, Chinmaya International Residential School performed the main pūjā for the idol in the presence of Swami Advayananda, Swamini Niranjanananda, Swami Sharadananda, Sri K.K. Rajan, other members of the CIF Trust Board and a large gathering of devotees. This was followed by Kalasābhiṣekam, Ṣoḍaśopacāra Pūjā, Mahā Āratī, an elaborate Naivedyam and Annadānam. Apart from this, all the devotees took back some precious and divine experiences as prasādam for life!!



Uttaram Mahotsavam

April 1-3, 2015

On Uttara Phālgunī Nakṣatra in Vaiśākha Māsa, this festival is celebrated in Sabarimala as well as our Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa temple to celebrate the birthday of Lord Ayyappa. This is a 3-day festival with special pūjās, kalaśam, cultural programmes and a grand procession with pañcavādyam.

The festival started with Gaṇapati Homam and was followed by Chuttu Vilakku, Dīpāradhanā and Prasada Oottu. An evening of bhajans by Chinmaya Balavihar, Molakkulam and a dance programme by children from the local area created a melodious atmosphere.

On the 2nd day of the Uttaram Festival, around 50 devotees were present in the Sarvaiśvarya Pūjā with Swami Sharadananda. A dance performance in the evening by Smt. Suchitra Visweswaran and her troupe enthralled the audiences, widely attended by people locally.

The next day i.e. the Phālgunī Uttaram day, began with Nirmālya Darśanam and Gaṇapati Homam in

the wee hours of the morning. The celebrations continued with a Kalaśa Pūjā by the Tantri and an Ayyappa Sahasranāma Arcanā in the shrine, under the guidance of Swami Sharadananda. More than 60 women participated in the Arcanā and the Annadānam.

Accompanied by the Pañcavādyam in the evening, Thalappoli - a traditional procession of Kerala, carried out by young girls and ladies to attract happiness and prosperity in the community which holds the festival - started from Vezhathumyal temple and reached the Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa temple in a couple of hours. The festival ended on high notes with Ottamthullal - an art form of Kerala accompanied by a drum and cymbal - being performed by the renowned artist Abhilash from Peruva. Throughout the festival, all the artists were presented with mementoes after their respective performances.



Devotees participating in cultural activities and pūjās during Uttaram Mahotsavam

Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti

April 24-26, 2015

As part of Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti Celebrations, CIF conducted a 5-day Śibiram in Malayālam. The campers listened to the talks of Swami Asheshananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission Palakkad, on Sādhana-pañcakam, Swamini Niranjanananda on Daśaśloki, Swami Sharadananda on Viṣṇu Ṣaṭpati Stotram, Śiva Bhujāṅga Prayāta Stotram and Brni. Devaki Chaitanya on Jīvanmuktānandalaharī. Sri Hari, Senior RSS ideologue, spoke about



Pūjās at the Ādi Śaṅkara's birth room

Ādi Śaṅkarācārya on Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti day, celebrated on April 23. The camp concluded with a valedictory function in the presence of all Ācāryas, with campers feeling blessed and spiritually uplifted to have got the opportunity to study the great texts and participate in these sacred celebrations.



Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti Celebrations

Gurudev's Nakṣatra Jayanti

April 26, 2015

Pūjya Gurudev's Nakṣatra Jayanti was celebrated in the Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa temple with a Kalaśa Pūjā, performed by Tantri Manayathat Aryan Namboodiri. This was followed by Annadānam. Devotees from the surrounding villages enthusiastically participated in the celebration.



Kalaśa Pūjā by Tantri

Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra

May 9-10, 2015

In the centenary year of Pūjya Gurudev's Jayanti, Gurudev is visiting the entire country in the form of his divine pādukās and a Jyoti lit on the auspicious time of his birth at 7.30 pm, May 8, 2015 by Pūjya Guruji in the inaugural event on Chinmaya Birth Centenary Celebrations. On May 9, CIF had the great privilege of being the first centre in India to welcome the Chinmaya Jyoti Yatra (CJY), comprising of Chinmaya Sandesh Vahini (CSV), a mobile exhibition on Pūjya Gurudev's life and teachings, along with 3 escort vehicles and a group of Yuvaveers and Ācāryas from the respective states. The Yatra is set to cover 25000 kilometres in 238 days, spanning 150 cities in 24 states and will conclude in Chinmaya Vibhooti on December 31, 2015. A mobile 'Yagnatarium' is also travelling with the Yatra, to enthral the audiences with short animation films on the 'Art of God Symbolism'.

The Yatra started for CIF early in the morning from Chinmaya Vidyapeet, Ernakulam. On the way, they were welcomed and received at Thiruvankulam and Mulanthuruthy junctions and Chottannikara temple by devotees



Chinmaya Sandesh Vahini arrives at CIF



CIF receiving CJY with Pūjya Guruji, host of Ācāryas and devotees

and well-wishers. By 9 am, CJY reached CIF amidst great ceremony and aplomb, and was ushered in with Pūrṇakumbham and Pañcavādyam, a traditional Kerala orchestra. Along with a host of Ācāryas including Pūjya Guruji, Swami Siddhananda, Swami Shridharananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission Trichy, and devotees aplenty, Swami Advayananda received the Yatra.

The CJY soon set out to visit Chinmaya Mission, Puthencruz with one halt at Maneed junction. A grand public function, along with Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā performed by Brni. Devaki Chaitanya and Br. Sundar Chaitanya, was organized by the Mission members in Puthencruz with Sri Sajindran, the local MLA presiding as Chief Guest. On its way back, several groups of devotees had arranged ceremonial welcomes at Pariyaram, Ramamangalam, Mamalaserry, Piravom and Pazhoor, respectively.

The evening saw crowds in vast numbers, emerging to witness the CSV and Yagnatarium. By the end of the day, more than 1000 people had glimpsed into Gurudev's life and works. This was followed by a public function, presided over by Swami Siddhananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission Philadelphia, Tri-State Centre, USA, who incidentally was also the first CIF Ācārya ever. He was accompanied by Sri Anup Jacob, the Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Protection and Registration Minister, Kerala Government as Chief Guest. The Panchayat President, Block President and some Panchayat members were other dignitaries present for the occasion.

It began with a Rangavandanam dance, followed by a welcome address by Swami Advayananda. Swami Vivikatananda, Regional Head, Chinmaya Mission, Kerala and Swamini Samhitananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission, Thiruvananthapuram, delivered memorial talks on Gurudev's life and vision.

Sri Anup Jacob, MLA Piravom, inaugurated the Financial Help Programme of CIF by distributing educational scholarships and financial help for sick and poor. This year, we distributed ₹ 48,000 and CIF hopes to continue with this great work over the coming years. Pūjya Guruji blessed the occasion with his brief address.

The CSV proceeded towards Kottayam the next morning. At Śivarañjani, CIF Annexure of Kottayam, Chinmaya Jyoti and Pūjya Gurudev was received by Br. Sundar Chaitanya with Pūrṇakumbham and Śrī Guru Pādukā Pūjā was conducted in the presence of many devotees.



Chinmaya Jyoti and Gurudev's Pādukā at illam, the birth home of Ādi Śaṅkara

CIF Welcomes CM Worldwide

Sāadhanā Camp - Chinmaya Mission, Kozhikode

June 11-14, 2014

Br. Mukund Chaitanya, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission, Kozhikode conducted a 4-day residential camp for 30 delegates. The camp was inaugurated by Swami Sharadananda. While Br. Mukund Chaitanya elucidated on 'Nirvāṇaṣaṭkam', Brni. Devaki Chaitanya, Ācārya, CIF covered 'Maniṣāpañcakam' in Malayālam and Swami Sharadananda spoke on 'Śiṣyānuśāsanam of Taittirīya-upaniṣad'.

A visit to the 3 Shiva temples - Vaikom, Ettumanoor and Kaduthuruthy was arranged for the delegates and the camp concluded with valedictory and Guru Pādukā Pūjā.



Campers with Br. Mukund Chaitanya

Sāadhanā Camp - Chinmaya Mission Kasaragod

July 11-13, 2014

Chinmaya Mission, Kasaragod organized a 3-day camp in Malayālam under Ācāryas Swami Viswananda and Swami Tattvananda. While Swami Tattvananda spoke on the 7th Chapter of Bhagavad-gītā, Swami Viswananda chose 'Īśāvāsyopaniṣad' as his text. The Ācāryas and delegates also joined in the Guru Pūrṇimā celebrations on the penultimate day of the camp.

Chinmaya Inspiration Yatra

January 7- 9, 2015

31 CHYKs from 17 cities across North America set off on a Yatra to Bharat, under the guidance of Ācārya Vivek, Chinmaya Mission, Niagara and Sheela Gupta, who leads the CHYK activities in US and Canada. With this 3rd edition, the Chinmaya Inspiration Yatra has enabled 70 young minds to experience and connect with the spirit of the Motherland. The group travels to various Chinmaya Mission ashrams across India, giving these youngsters a flavour of ashram living and exposure to various wings of the mission.

Sāadhanā Camp - Chinmaya Mission Visakhapatnam

August 10-18, 2014

Swami Anantananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission, Visakhapatnam conducted a 9-day Sāadhanā camp on 'Ātmabodha' in Telugu for 23 delegates. Independence Day celebrations and a trip to Kalady and Guruvayoor temple summed up the other activities organized for the delegates in the camp.

In the course of their Yatra, the group arrived in CIF on January 7. As soon as they reached, each of them were directed to their individual rooms to spend 24 hours in solitude. The purpose of solitude was to reflect on the learning of the past 20 days of the trip and experience 'being alone'. They were provided with some fruits and water in their rooms. As soon as the solitude duration ended, they proceeded directly for the Chuttu Vilakku, the traditional lighting of 1008 lamps around the Chinmaya

Swayambhu Ayyappa temple. The rest of the time at CIF was occupied with group discussions, an early morning trek to Pāzhūr temple, a tour of the ashram and a presentation on CIF. Swamini Niranjanananda addressed the group on how to live a life full of devotion.

In the words of one of the Yatris, "When we visited the birthplace of Ādi Śaṅkarācārya, we found it to be one of the most powerful and silencing places on the Yatra. Not only because of the hours of self-

reflection or the serenity of the coconut groves, but also because it was the birthplace of the profound philosophy that we are studying. As the Vedānta courses conducted at CIF open the minds of philosophers and scholars, the library serves as a beacon of inspiration to every art form in the world. When each of us started with just a handful of deepams and lit all the deepams in the temple, we realized how a handful of people could spread their knowledge and wisdom to many others, just with a pure and dedicated mind."

Make It Happen with Swami Swaroopananda

January 24-30, 2015

Swami Swaroopananda, a spiritual leader and mentor is a world-renowned public speaker and expert in the field of personal, managerial and spiritual development. His versatility spans a range of subjects fusing the ancient spiritual truths of our culture with the fast paced modern life style. Based on his profound insights into personal and corporate lives, his seminars and lectures offer practical techniques and insights for people to increase their efficiency and live a dynamic life.

One of his flagship management workshops, Make It Happen™ is filled with powerful ideas and eternal principles to take one on a journey of self-discovery and highly effective tools to Make It Happen.

So, when CIF organized this week-long workshop with Swami Swaroopananda, it wasn't a surprise that delegates from different corners of the world, namely Australia, Malaysia, Singapore, Dubai, USA and from Jaipur, Delhi, Bengaluru, Mumbai, Kannur and Cochin, within India, participated in the workshop. The diversity in demographics was furthered by the age and profession mix, with people from different walks of life like business, media, education and other corporate fields coming together.

Nobody knew what to expect from the workshop, especially those who had never witnessed Swamiji's inimitable élan and panache! When asked to "Expect

nothing!" by Swamiji, most of them were caught unawares.

The workshop was inaugurated with the traditional lighting of the lamp, dispelling the darkness of ignorance with the lamp of knowledge by Swami Swaroopananda, Swamini Shivapriyananda, Ācārya, Toronto, Canada, and Swami Advayananda, who also welcomed the gathering. The end moment arrival of Swamini Shivapriyananda for the occasion was a pleasant surprise. Swaminiji addressed the inaugural gathering and actively participated through the entire duration of the workshop.

To set the ball rolling, two ice breakers were planned for the delegates. In the first one, each individual had to think of an animal and act accordingly; followed by imitating the animal's sound in the successive round. Participants with similar animals were grouped together and two teams were formed. The final round of the game needed the participants to pass a ball between them faster than their competition. In the second activity, participants were blindfolded and asked to walk towards their target. While each of them would begin on a straight line, they would somehow go off the path and miss their targets. Lessons in team work, goal achievement and time management were already building the foundation for the week in store!

As the week progressed, apprehensions were put to rest and each individual established a special

Swami

connection with Swamiji. Every session including the activities and questionnaires had a deeply ingrained message, driven home effectively by Swamiji in his impeccable style, reflecting experience and wisdom.

While the guided meditation sessions in the mornings at the divine feet of Gurudev in the serenity of the temple complex set the mood for the day, each evening by the pond quietened the ripples in the mind.

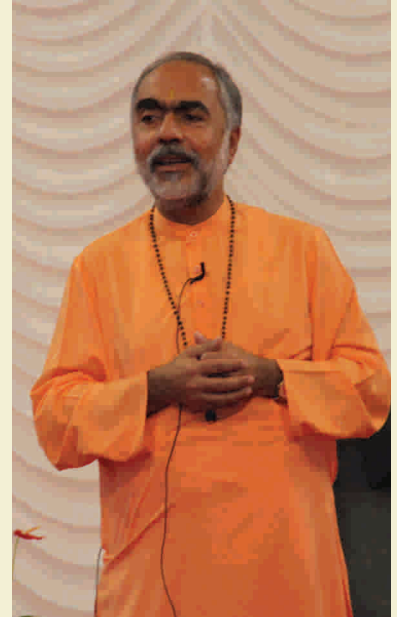
In one of her two sessions, Swamini Shivapriyananda shared a few relaxation techniques. In the session during lunchtime, she elucidated mindfulness by demonstrating mindful eating, where she asked the delegates to enjoy their meals with a thorough understanding of the taste of each item. This was just an example of how we can be mindful through each and every activity of ours!

In one session, Swami Advayananda introduced CIF and its activities to the participants. They were also given a tour of the entire ashram including the Library and the Manuscripts section. Inspired and awe-struck by the magnitude of work being done, many participants expressed their willingness to serve in some or the other capacity. True to the vision of Gurudev for CIF, the bridge between the past and the present, East and West, pundit and public, science and spirituality seems to facilitate transformation manifold.

In one of the cultural evenings, 'Kalaripayattu', a traditional martial-art form of Kerala marked by dexterity and lithe movement of the limbs was witnessed by the delegates. Another of these evenings saw the Annual Day celebrations of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Tripunithura. In addition to their enthralling fusion dance drama performance, the students even enacted a mime on the life of Pūjya Gurudev!

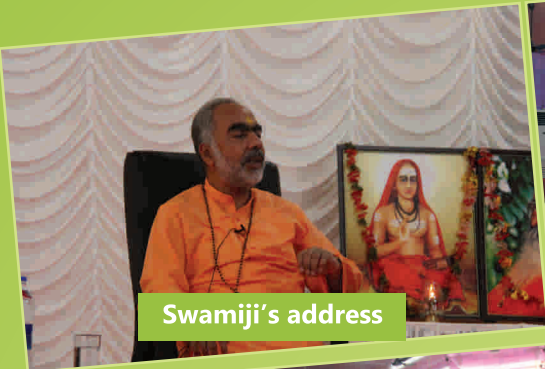
As the formal workshop drew to a close with the valedictory function, these participants had experienced the energizing journey from mental chaos to clarity and positivity under the guidance of a Guru and the scriptures. This closure was just the beginning of newly formed bonds with oneself and others, a new found direction towards one's calling; in short, a beautiful new life!

Just before people headed back home, everyone visited Alleppey for the enchanting houseboat-ride of Kerala. Swamiji beautifully interspersed nature and its' infinite aspects with each ones' lives, ensuring learning never takes a break! Truly, every breath, a teaching...



Inauguration of Make It Happen Workshop

Swaroopananda



Swamiji's address



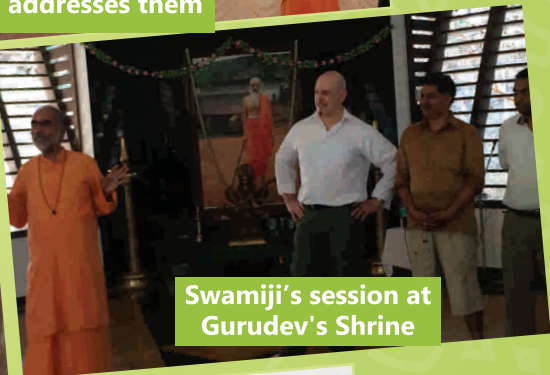
The delegates in rapt attention



Delegates take down notes as Swamiji addresses them



Swamini Shivapriyananda addressing the delegates



Swamiji's session at Gurudev's Shrine



Outdoor activities



Participants of Workshop

Sāadhanā Camp - Chinmaya Mission, Indore

March 11-17, 2015

Swami Prabhudhananda, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission, Indore conducted a 6-day sādhanā camp, co-inaugurated by Swamini Niranjanananda. In her benedictory address, Swamiji mentioned that campers were fortunate to gain an opportunity to study a text like Advaita Makarandam from an experienced teacher like Swami Prabhudhananda, at the birth place of Bhagavān Ādi Śaṅkarācārya. Swami Prabhudhananda expounded on Advaita Makarandam in the morning sessions and Śabari Caritam from Rāmacaritamānas in the evening. Swamiji unraveled the essence of the texts in a lucid manner. The camp concluded with a valedictory function with Swami Advayananda blessing the gathering.



Swami Prabhudhananda



The campers with Swami Prabhudhananda

Jwala – Discover Your Inner Potential

April 16-21, 2015

A 5-day residential summer camp for teenagers was organised by Chinmaya Yuva Kendra (CHYK), Adi Sankara Nilayam, in the summer month of April, to rescue young minds crushed in the boredom of long summer holidays. Filled with fun games and learning, more than 70 enthusiastic children including students from Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Tattamangalam and Kollengode participated in the camp. Swamini Niranjananda and Brni. Devaki Chaitanya inaugurated the camp by lighting the ceremonial lamp.

Mornings began with Vedic mantras chanting class by Brni. Devaki Chaitanya. The theme of the camp was 'Guru', with sessions revolving around 'Who is a Guru', 'What is the importance of a Guru', and 'Gurudev as an Inspiration'. Other segments included activities and discussion on practical tips on

patriotism, values, goal setting, self-awareness and time management.

A movie workshop was held on Charlie Chaplin's 'Modern Times' to reflect on 'Conflicts in Understanding Modernity'. All these sessions were handled in an engaging and interactive manner by Yuvaveers and CHYKs of Adi Sankara Nilayam with the contribution of Sri Hari, Sri Nishith Anand of Chinmaya Institute of Technology, Smt. Rajeshwari of Chinmaya International Residential School and Sri Manmadhan.

During the cultural night, the young stars took to the stage and brought out their talents and creativity joyously around the camp fire in the serene ashram atmosphere.

On the penultimate day, the campers were off to an early morning trek to Pāzhūr Perum Thirukovvil, a

Lord Śiva temple dated back to the 12th century. The morning of the final day started with Gāyatrī Havan performed by everyone at the Illom under the guidance of Br. Sundar Chaitanya, Ācārya, CIF.

The camp concluded with the valedictory ceremony with the address of Brni. Devaki Chaitanya and Br. Sundar Chaitanya, where participation certificates

were distributed to each child. 'Tvam hi no netā', a song (Prārthanā-gītam) written by Pūjya Guruji was taught during the camp; and the highlight was when all the campers sang it during the convocation. The camp concluded successfully with the guidance of the Ācāryas and Gurudev's blessings.



Inauguration of the teenagers' and children's camp 'Jwala'



The children during the 'Jwala' camp

Sāadhanā Camp – Chinmaya Mission, Navi Mumbai

May 17-22, 2015

The sāadhanā camp conducted by Br. Ved Chaitanya, Ācārya, Chinmaya Mission, Navi Mumbai gave 50 devotees an opportunity to hear and reflect upon the teachings of the great Master in an ashram pulsating with His presence. The camp was inaugurated by Swami Sharadananda at the newly renovated Sarasvati Sabhā (previously known as Satsang Hall)

by lighting the traditional lamp. In his welcome address, Swamiji mentioned that since the visit of His Holiness Jayendra Sarasvati Swamigal, the Śaṅkarācārya of Kānci Kāmakoti Pīṭam, Adi Sankara Nilayam was gradually being widely known as a revered pilgrims' destination. The benedictory speech was delivered by Swami



Camp inauguration



Campers with Br. Ved Chaitanya

Atmeshananda. Br. Ved Chaitanya expressed happiness on being able to hold a sādhanā camp at CIF, the very birth place of Jagadguru Ādi Śaṅkarācārya.

The delegates studied Bhaja Govindam and Nirvāṇaṣaṭkam with Br. Ved Chaitanya and 'Śiṣyānuśāsanam of Taittirīya-upaniṣad' with Swami Sharadananda. In Nirvāṇaṣaṭkam, the students got a glimpse of how Realized Masters ended dualities and reveled in the Supreme - cidānandarūpaḥ śivo'ham śivo'ham. The participants felt while Nirvāṇaṣaṭkam had opened their eyes, Bhaja Govindam ensured they were wide awake. "Bhaja Govindam - worship, serve and seek the Lord, is the path we all have to take and serving the Guru would lead us to our destination", summarized one individual.

In the sessions on Śiṣyānuśāsanam of Taittirīya-upaniṣad, Swami Sharadananda enunciated what

speaking the truth and following the path of Dharma truly meant. This was followed by evening satsangs with the other Ācāryas present in CIF, namely Swami Atmeshananda, Swamini Atmikananda and Swami Advayananda.

For some, there was the added joy of visiting Padmanābha temple, Attukal Bhagavati temple, Suchindram, Kanyakumari temple, Swami Vivekananda Rock Memorial, Kalady and the famous backwaters of Kerala with Br. Ved Chaitanya.

Quoting feedback by some participants at the end of the camp, "If there is a paradise on earth, it is here, it is here, it is here. Lush greenery, ancient heritage structures, temples, ponds, tree lined paths ideal for walks and talks and warm Kerala hospitality; little wonder that we were transported to the Gurukul systems of yore."

Sādhanā Camp - Chinmaya Mission, Nagapattinam

May 24-31, 2015

A camp on Kaivalya Navanītam, a Tamil Vedāntic text was conducted by Swami Ramakrishnananda, In his inaugural address, Swamiji briefly described that text Kaivalya Navanītam contains two parts, Tattva Vilakka Padalam (The Exposition of the Truth) and Sandeham Telithal Padalam (Doubts-cleared), authored by Śrī Thāṇḍavarāya Swāmīgal, as the essence of Advaita Vedānta, comparing it to butter as the essence of milk. Tattva Vilakka Padalam (The Exposition of the Truth) and Sandeham Telithal Padalam (Doubts-cleared). Part 1 of the text Tattva Vilakka Padalam enunciating the Highest truth, beautifully laid down in simple poetic Tamil language, was conducted last year. This year, part 2 of the text - Sandeham Telithal Padalam (Doubts-cleared) containing 180 verses, was further elucidated by Swamiji over the next seven days. He explained each word of the text, citing various examples and references from Bhagavad-gītā and Upaniṣads.



Swami Ramakrishnananda



Participants with Swamiji



Camp inauguration

Upanayanam Ceremony

June 17, 2014

CIF witnessed the upanayanam of Aniket, the son of Smt. Minal and Sri Amit Chakradeo, devotees from Chinmaya Mission, San Diego, USA. The ceremony took place in Gurudev's shrine at Adi Sankara Nilayam in the presence of 25 family members and friends. The function started early in the morning, followed by an afternoon feast, drawing participation from everyone at CIF. In the evening, a Chuttu Vilakku was performed. The family was delighted with the entire ceremony and the venue; and planted a sapling to commemorate the occasion.



Swami Sharadananda blessing the child



Aniket gets bestowed with the sacred thread

Wedding Ceremony

July 13, 2014

In a series of consecutive events, the wedding ceremony of Sanjay and Alexandra was solemnized in Gurudev's shrine in the gracious presence of Swamini Niranjanananda, Swami Advayananda and 25 personal guests. Swamiji blessed the couple with an Om lamp and a book titled, 'Marriage a Melody' by Pūjya Guruji. The couple shared their happiness by offering a full day bhikṣa for all at CIF.



The couple blessed by Swami Advayananda and Swamini Niranjanananda



The sacred vows being exchanged

International Yoga Camp

December 5, 2014 to January 1, 2015 | February 10-March 11, 2015

This yoga camp by Yogācārya Saji saw participation from 26 students, coming from different parts of Europe and Russia. Along with assistance from Ācārya Sajesh of Sree Vidya Tantra Peetham, Kozhikode to conduct the theory classes, Yogācārya Saji handled the practical sessions himself. This was followed by another camp for yoga teachers from February 10 to March 11, 2015.

Holy visit of Śaṅkarācārya – His Holiness Swami Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal

April 5, 2015

His Holiness Swami Jayendra Saraswati Swamigal visited Adi Sankara Nilayam, and was received with Pūrṇakumbham by Chinmaya Swami Advayananda along with other Ācāryas and devotees. Śrī Śaṅkarācārya Swamigal had the darśan of Swayambhu Ayyappa in the temple complex and performed the āratī to Ādi Śaṅkarācārya's idol in his birth room in the presence of all. His Holiness addressed the gathering present there, conveying that Ādi Śaṅkara was born and had walked in this very home. After lunch bhikṣa, all the devotees along with Swami Advayananda and other Ācāryas interacted with Swamigal, wherein he was updated about the various projects undertaken at CIF for research in Sanskrit and Indology.



Welcoming Swamigal



Swamigal at Ādi Śaṅkara's Birth room



Swamigal addressing the gathering

Unarvu 2015

April 20-24, 2015

A small group of advocates practicing in the Honourable High Court of Kerala, Ernakulam came together under the name - Unarvu, for conducting a 5-day residential programme for their children, primarily teenagers. The previous edition - Unarvu 2014, conducted with the support of Kerala High Court Advocates Association, Ernakulam District Bar Association and CIF had been received well and emerged to be an instantaneous success.

Unarvu 2015 was conducted in Adi Sankara Nilayam with active support from the CIF team. Honourable Justice P. N. Ravindran, High Court of Kerala, inaugurated the camp in the gracious presence of Swami Sharadananda, by lighting the ceremonial lamp. The 5-day programme was balanced in terms of sessions focusing both externally and internally, namely public speaking, career guidance, culture, problem solving, tapping inner potential, memory techniques and yoga. A few sessions were also held on environmental influences like drugs and other addictions prevalent in this cyber-age.

The last day of the camp saw a session for parents on adolescence crisis management by Dr. Rasina Padmam, Dean, Faculty of Behavioural Science, M. G. University. This was followed by the valedictory function attended by Swami Sharadananda along with Honourable Justice A. M. Shaffique, Judge, High Court of Kerala.

Visit of Union Minister, Government of India

May 14, 2015

CIF played host to Sri Chaudhary Birender Singh, Union Minister of Rural Development, Panchayat Raj, Drinking Water and Sanitation, Government of India, on his visit to Adi Sankara Nilayam. The minister spent time with Swami Sharadananda and Swami Advayananda, who expressed immense happiness and gratitude for his visit and honored him by presenting the traditional Ponnada, a cloth woven with golden thread. Swami Advayananda showcased various activities of CIF to the minister and the recognition bestowed on CIF by Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, as one of the few centres of excellence in the field of research in Sanskrit and Indology.

Sri K. K. Rajan discussed various activities undertaken by Chinmaya Organization for Rural Development (CORD) and shared future plans to spread these activities to Bihar and Orissa. The Hon. Minister thanked Swami Advayananda for the reception and left the premises by the end of the day.



Welcome with 'ponnada'



Minister worshipping Śrī Ādi Śankara



Understanding CIF's activities

PROJECT CIF – OUR OFFERING UNTO GURUDEV

On the occasion of the centenary year 2016

Phase One: An overview

Five years ago in the year 2010, CIF took a saṅkalpa that it will construct just the right environment to meet Pūjya Gurudev's Vision for Sanskrit research. Gurudev's vision had been clearly the revival of Sanskrit as tradition, history, study and language, for in all these lay the key to understanding the origins of Vedānta. Added to this was the vision to take Vedānta to the world. To do so, the world should find a welcoming path to the East, a path that would not be fraught with difficulty, a path that would also be receiving and accepting of the visitor's philosophy. This he called: an environment where East meets West.

Gurudev also wanted that Vedānta explain science. The world was divided not just by religion but also by states of scientific development. Science is a sibling of philosophy and explains the behaviour of matter just as philosophy explains the machinations of the mind-intellect. And both are scientific and this is explained lucidly in Vedānta. Hence a meeting ground for science and spirituality, (which is mind guided by the highest level of philosophical reason) which is not dogmatic, which is courageous to face debate, which is fully equipped with a laboratory to test the tenets of Vedānta against the dogma of science. This he called: where Science meets Spirituality.



Pūjya Guruji's Kutiyā



Scholars Block



Shivasree

Gurudev had seen that spirituality had, over time, come to be defined through an unbending, severely structured religiosity that mankind resisted and hence abandoned. Gurudev had come to be known for his benign and sharp explanation of religion as a simple manual of living which need not come from a preacher but could be derived from philosophy. It was this that endeared him to the masses. And even if he went to millions in his 40 years as a teacher, there remained a vast populace that needed to be touched. Gurudev wanted that the pundit who controlled knowledge, now open his doors to the people; build a path over which they could reach him and a path that would lay bare the means to understand the wisdom in Vedānta. This he called: where Pundit meets Public.

The entire reasoning behind a 3-pronged vision like this, is the fourth prong, the respect and value for the efforts put in by our ṛṣis and saints of the past. The experience and knowledge of our ṛṣis are needed in every age to lead a healthy life, a life that also nurtures society. The grace and greatness of Vedānta comes to us from that same rich past and it must continue in the present and nurtured so that it flows into the future. Because 'past' may be old, but old is not always outdated. This is one instance where old is truly gold. This he called: where Past meets Present.

The plan to nurture this Vision evolved out of a series of meetings to primarily create the optimum infrastructure that could host these bridges that Gurudev wanted built. He had drawn the blueprint, but now was the time to construct, and a big part of

that construction was the hub of the Vision.

In a concerted 5-year plan, CIF planned to construct rooms to accommodate 400 people, a kutiyā for Pūjya Guruji, a full-fledged library that would cover the length and breadth of Sanskrit studies, a conference hall, a communication centre to facilitate researchers and a manuscriptology department that would mine the past and extract researches and writings while also create a preservation centre where manuscripts can be protected.

In 2010, the cost of this configuration was estimated at ₹ 16 crores (US\$ 2.5 million). Two categories of funding were defined: Bhūdāna (donation of one square feet of land) and Mahādāna (contribution towards 100 square feet of land.) By the time the third year was reached, the costs had escalated taking estimates to ₹ 20 crores (US\$ 3 million).

In the first phase which was offered at this Centenary Celebrations, the following portions were completed and made available for use by visiting delegates:

- a) Accommodation Block
- b) Pūjya Guruji's Kutiyā
- c) VIP Block or the Scholars' Block
- d) Staff Quarters
- e) A temporary Satsang Hall to accommodate a larger gathering

A critical part of the cost escalation came from very sharp increases in the prices of raw materials like cement. The profitability of southern cement firms,

which were already weighed down by high costs of freight and power, was the worst in several years, and the companies had little choice but to increase prices for survival. As a direct result of this, project cost went up.

A project like this needs to be fed steadily, constantly so that there is no idle cost and given the rising costs of raw materials, this can end up being debilitating. In fact, in the first phase of the project, donations were a mere trickle. In a bid to make the project widely known and appreciated, a website for Project CIF was set up and followed up with a brochure that went out to as many Mission members as possible, thanks to the tireless efforts of Yuvaveers.

The first round of donations came in, and generously at that, from Home Study Course (HSC) students, campers, devotees and CIF patrons. Approximately, ₹ 1 crore came from this band of donors and was a great boost to the project.

Promotion of Project CIF then went all out, and was done through ad mailers, posters, announcements at Mission Centres and word of mouth too, chief among them being Pūjya Guruji's own canvassing for support at his yajñas. After this level of promotion, the second round of donations came from the Chinmaya Mission family, and Mission centres in India and abroad.

In the last phase, CIF approached CM Trusts and in this third phase contributions came from Chinmaya Mission trusts across Kerala and Chinmaya Vidyalyas - the last mentioned a very touching

gesture as research being aided by education is appropriate and fitting.

But in the interim, the delay in harnessing funds also added to cost escalation. As the risk of the project being grounded for lack of funds, was high, a loan had to be resorted to - a remedial safety measure but it came at a cost. The cost of delayed funds is high for a not-for-profit organisation as its loan-taking ability is low.

Construction paused at a point, due to shortage of funds as well as man power, the latter a function of the former. Soon after, help was sought and assistance came from some Mission centres, which helped in completing the stranded parts of the project. Chinmaya Mission West and Chinmaya Mission UK stepped-in in time with significant monetary support, as by then the costs had gone far beyond estimates.

Part one of the project was completed in time as planned for the Centenary Celebrations, as per the initial saṅkalpa. The rest of the project will be completed in the second phase of the project, once funds are raised.

A core part of the funds for the 2nd phase will come from room sponsorships. In the first phase, rooms were offered for sponsorship. A member can fund a room and thus also book it in the name of a dear one. That room stands testimony to the donor's love and high regard, while also keeping for him or her, an accommodation for when he/she visits CIF.

Out of the 125 rooms offered for sponsorship, 50 were sponsored in phase one. The next 75 will



Satsang Hall



Top view



Front view

form seed funding for Phase - 2 and set the right mood for the larger funds to flow in. CIF is hopeful that CIF family members will subscribe early and thereby find opportunity to attend all the great events at CIF.

The new accommodation block was inaugurated by Pūjya Guruji on Diwali day, November 2012, during the 'Living in Meditation' Camp. Guruji named this block 'Shivasree' in the presence of Sri G. V. Eashwar, one of our major donors and patrons of CIF, and many senior Ācāryas. Around 275 delegates had been accommodated at Shivasree. The capacity was put to use soon and three other camps were held at this place in the next year with a view to also learning from the experiences of the room users and campers.

The CIF Trust Board had put in place a continuous audit and review process in order that mistakes, if any, are corrected, learnt from and examined. They brought in the architect Navin Nair to review

the plans and discuss the needs of every department and present a projection of the needs of the next 10 and 20 years. This exercise went on for 3-4 months. It is planned to move the current administrative offices to the new complex in Phase-2. The current office is located in the illom's extension which is now sought to be protected for posterity.

It is pure grace that has enabled this yajña. Every year, we urged devotees and they in turn put out their best. In gratitude for their great support, a Lakṣmi Nārāyaṇa Pūjā is held annually for the six years since 2009 on Makara Saṅkrānti day. Many devotees and donors make the effort to come to Veliyanad and receive the love and blessings of Lord Nārāyaṇa and His consort Śrī Lakṣmi.

With Their continued blessings over our patrons and devotees, Phase-2 will begin soon. It is estimated to cost ₹ 25 crores (US\$ 4 million).

CIF Calendar – Upcoming Events

Name of the Camp	: Learning Sanskrit Language Structure : Theory and Application - Level 3
Acharya / Speaker	: Prof. V. N. Jha, Former Director, CASS, University of Pune
Language	: English, Sanskrit
Date	: September 7-21, 2015
Venue	: Chinmaya International Foundation, Adi Sankara Nilayam
Name of the Camp	: Śakti Upāsana Camp - Camp dedicated to the worship of Devi during Navarātri
Acharya / Speaker	: Swami Sharadananda
Language	: English, Malayalam
Date	: October 13-22, 2015
Venue	: Chinmaya International Foundation, Adi Sankara Nilayam
Name of the Camp	: International Conference on 'The Contribution of Advaita Vedanta to Humanity'
Acharya / Speaker	: Distinguished Academicians, Researchers, Writers, Social Scientists, Philosophers, representatives of Corporate and Civil Society, and Spiritual leaders including Swami Tejomayanandaji and other senior ācāryas of Chinmaya Mission.
Language	: English
Date	: November 18-21, 2015
Venue	: Chinmaya Vibhooti, Pune, INDIA



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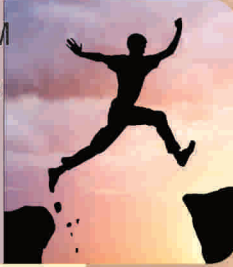
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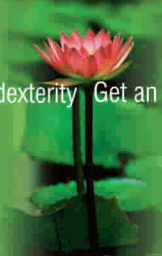
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