

|| Hare Rama ||



JAGADGURU SHANKARACHARYA MAHASAMSTHANAM
SHREE SAMSTHANA GOKARNA



SHREE RAMACHANDRAPURA MATH





Our Heritage ▶▶▶

Shree Ramachandrapura Math

Shree math is one of the important religious institutions founded by Adi Shankara in Gokarna for the propagation of Sanaatana Dharma. His Holiness bestowed Chandramouleeshwara lingam and idols of Shree Rama, Seetha and Lakshmana upon the math. Since then, the deities are offered pooja by the peethadheeshas.

Shree math was held in great esteem by the emperors of Vijayanagara, Keladi and Mysore and continues to command reverence.

Shree math has been nourishing the spiritual roots of the nation and has several branches all over India.

The math has a stunningly beautiful *Ivory Throne* which is a heritage piece. The manually carved throne depicts scenes from Ramayana and Mahabharata.

Shree Shree Raghaveshwara Bharathi Mahaswamiji

Shree Swamiji is the 36th pontiff in the unbroken lineage of seers of Shree Ramachandrapura Math.

Shree Guruji's love and compassion provide solace and spiritual guidance to a large number of devotees who belong to all sections of society. Shree Guruji's love extends to the world of nature and animals. Service to the Indian indigenous cows is the life mission of Shree Guruji.

JEEVA

- SERVICE TO COW

“A few decades ago 'Charaka' united India and drove away the colonizers. Today only the 'Gou' (cow) can integrate us and restore the lost cultural identity and dignity to us” says Shree Guruji.

Hence Shree math has launched a massive socio-economic, environmental and spiritual movement to save the cow under project '*Kamadugha*'. This is a second independence movement which aims to create a wave of compassion and love for Indian cows which are on the verge of extinction. All the awareness campaigns and programmes conducted by the Shree math aim at transformation of hearts.

Awareness campaigns - to spread the message of cow protection

Bharathiya Gou Yathra, Nov 2005; Gou Samsaths, 2006 - debates on issues related to cow; Kotineerajana, Nov 2007- a mass awareness programme for women; Deepa Goupura, April 2008 - an awareness programme to create Abhaya Dhama - cow safe zone.

From awareness to action

- We have established a number of goushalas to protect the rare and precious breeds of desi cows.
- **Amritha Dhara Goushala** at Hosanagara houses thirty out of thirty three desi cow breeds, the largest number under one roof and draws visitors from all over the world.
- A wide range of gavya (cow based) products like cow urine, medicines and cosmetics are manufactured in the Amritha Dhara Goushalas and Shree math offers training and expertise to institutions, which wish to start gavya production units.
- **Vishwa Gou Sammelan** (April 2007) a global event which highlighted the glory of desi cow to the entire world and turned the attention of saints, rulers, agriculturists and scientists to the urgent need to work for the protection and propagation of indigenous cows. Lakhs of people benefited from this world conference.
- **Gou Vishwakosha**, the first encyclopedia on cow is under preparation. The first four volumes will be published soon.
- **Gou Vishwa** (Kannada e news letter), Cow Universe (English e news letter) and medi4cow.blogspot.com provide the latest information and knowledge on desi cows.

Cow is the life of the nation





Gou Sanjeevini

A positive scheme to buy the cows which are sent to the slaughter houses.

Vishwa Mangala Gou Grama Yathra

Vishwa Mangala Gou Grama Yathra is a 108 day yathra organised by the santa mandal to spread the message 'Save the cow; Save the village'. It aims to bring prosperity and happiness to the nation and the world. The inspiration and guidance is provided by Shree Guruji.

The yathra commences on Vijaya Dashami (Oct 1st 2009) at Kurukshetra, Haryana and ends in Nagpur, Maharashtra. The yathra covers a distance of 20,000 kms and will have 400 mega programmes and 15,000 upa yathras originating from rural centres. It calls for total ban of cow slaughter through a signature campaign of crores of people and seeks the status of national animal for cow.

Gou Bank

It accepts and distributes indigenous cows to farmers and others on certain conditions laid down by the math.



Abhaya Zillas

Dharwad in Karnataka will be the 1st district in the country to be declared as safe zone for cows. Cow urine and dung will be bought from farmers through Gavya Dairies. Industrialists have come forward to establish Gavya based industries and promote Gavya Udyama.

Gou Parivara

A national and international forum of cow lovers which works for cause of the cow.

SEVA

- SERVICE TO HUMANITY

Vidya Daanam : *Spread the light*

Shree math runs several institutions which offer both vedic and modern systems of education especially in rural India. Over the years the math has sent out to the world a stream of great scholars and pundits who gained vedic knowledge at our patashalas.



Shree Bharathi Gurukula Vishwavidyalayam



It is the dream of Shree Guruji to restore to our motherland its past glory as the land of light and knowledge by establishing a unique university on the lines of Takshashila. The university established on the banks of Sharavathi in Hosanagara imparts instruction in vedas, upa vedas, Sanskrit and traditional fine arts to both boys and girls. It combines the best elements of the ancient education with the modern career oriented instruction.

Experts in the fields of fine arts, vaastu, shilpa, astrology, journalism and computer science teach the students of the gurukula.

The manuscript library and the museum of the university have some rare texts and artifacts. Gurukula is a service oriented institution run by the support of the philanthropists.

In addition the university Shree math runs several schools and colleges which offer education at affordable cost.



“ *Creation of happy and worthy individuals is the aim of education*

- Shree Guruji



Arogya Daana : *Healing touch*

Shree math has been providing health care to a large number of people. It runs a super speciality eye hospital, a cancer institute, gavya clinics (panchagavya therapy) and mobile clinics in Karnataka and Kerala. Regular blood donation camps are conducted.

Annadaana : *Served with love*

Prasada bhोजना is served to thousands of pilgrims who visit the math and the Gokarna Mahabaleshwara Temple.

Abhaya Daana : *We reach out*

Shree math serves the community through a network of volunteers. It offers financial support to needy students through sponsors and adopts poor families. Hostels for women, counseling and religious consultations are some of the welfare activities. Training programmes for youth and women on self employment are conducted. Women run co-operative stores and market home made turmeric, kunkum and food products.

True education refines the mind and leads to self knowledge

DEVA

- TOWARDS DIVINITY

Shree math has renovated a number of old temples and gives guidance in matters of ritual and worship.

Shree Mahabaleshwara Temple, Gokarna



Aathmalinga

Gokarna is one of the holiest pilgrim centres in India. Ancient scriptures celebrate the glory and grandeur of this temple town. Thousands of pilgrims visit Gokarna and worship the only 'Aatmalinga' in the world. This Hanuma Janma Bhoomi is also the birth place of Shree math. The worship of Lord Mahabaleshwara is the birth right and duty of Shree Rama-chandrapura Math as ordained by Adi Shankara.

Huge developmental activities and renovation of the temple are undertaken by the math in collaboration with the local people and community leaders.



Ashoke : *The roots...*

During his Bhaaratha yathra Adi Shankara reached Ashoke in Gokarna and offered pooja to Lord Mallikarjuna. Adi Guru was wonder struck by a tigress feeding an orphaned deer cub at this place which symbolized love and compassion. There was no 'shoka' (unhappiness), no 'vaira' (enmity) in this place of great natural beauty. Shankara established Shree Rama chandrapura Math on this holy land.

It is the divine will of Shree Guruji to renovate Shree Mallikarjuna Temple and establish Guru Mandira and Savira Nandi Goushala.



Chandramouleeshwara Temple

A grand temple for Chandramouleeshwara, one of the presiding deities of the Shree math is being built on the banks of Sharavathi in Hosanagara. It is in Kerala style architecture and is situated in the middle of a pond.



Discourses on Ramayana

Shree Guruji's discourses on Ramayana are very enlightening and attract people from all walks of life.

Dhyaana : School the mind

Shree math conducts dhyana and yoga classes under the direct guidance of Shree Guruji.

Shree Bharathi Prakashana

The publication wing of Shree math publishes Dharmabharathi, a Kannada spiritual and cultural monthly magazine, Dharmika Panchanga and other valuable works.

Festivals and Celebrations

Shree Ramayana Mahasatra, the biggest festival on Ramayana was held in April 2006 in Hosanagara. Lakhs of people participated. Similar religious festivals are conducted by Shree math. It provided guidance to Shivasatra (Feb 2008) organised by Shree Trivikramananda Swamy Math.

Regular Annual Events

- Every year Shree math conducts **Ramanavami** on a grand scale.
- **Chaathurmaasya Vratha** of Shree Guruji provides a platform for religious, social and cultural activities.
- Shree math promotes research and related activities on Samaveda, Ayurveda, Yakshagana and other traditional art forms.



Ivory Throne

Awards

Shree Math has instituted the following prestigious annual awards.

- **Shree Ramaanugraha Prashasthi** for outstanding contribution in different fields.
- **Shree Maatha Prashasthi** for women who have dedicated their lives to the welfare of the society.
- **Gopala Gourava** for cowherds and institutions which have rendered remarkable service to Indian breed cattle.
- **Chaathurmaasya Prashasthi** for outstanding achievement in social, cultural and educational fields.
- **Sarvadhaari Sammana** - During Sarvadhaari Chaathurmaasya (2008) Shree math felicitated over 100 people who have dedicated their lives for the uplift of the society.

|| Vande Gou Matharam ||

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*Join us in this journey
towards perfection
and bliss*

