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**Hare Rama! SETU** seeks blessings from Param Pujya Guruji, Gokarna Mandaladheeshwara, Srimad Jagadguru Shankaracharya Shree Shree Raghaveshwara Bharati Mahaswamiji on the joyous occasions of Krishna Janmashtami and Ganesh Chaturthi.

Janmashtami is observed on the 8th day of the dark half of the month of Bhadrapada (August-September). It is the joyful celebration of Lord Krishna's birth. Major celebrations of Krishna Janmashtami take place at midnight since Krishna is said to have made his divine appearance in the midnight at the constellation of the star, Rohini. Fasting, bhajans, pujas and many other rituals mark Janmashtami celebrations.

This month also celebrates the delightful festival Ganesh Chaturthi, which is one of the most popular of Hindu festivals. This is the birthday of Lord Ganesha, the day most sacred to Lord Ganesha. It falls on the 4th day of the bright fortnight of Bhadrapada (August-September). It is observed throughout India, as well as by devoted Hindus in all parts of the world. Ganesh Chaturthi is one of the most popular of Hindu festivals.

The prayers, bhajans and fasting observed during these festivals are all the spiritual Sadhanas or the spiritual practises that prepare one to be capable of realising the truth. Only a pure mind is capable of grasping the subtle truths of life and getting closer to God. May the blessings of Sri Ganesha, Shree Krishna and Param Pujya Guruji, be upon us all! May He remove all the obstacles that stand in our spiritual path and bestow on us all material prosperity as well as liberation!

In this issue, we shall read about the "Big Bang" and evolution, visit the redevelopment at Ashoke, Gokarna, visit the temple of God, collect pure and beautiful thoughts and continue the journey to discovering the national treasures! Harerama.

- Rajalakshmi Kameshwar Joshi

### GURUJI'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

Guruji's Chaturmasa Vrata will conclude on 23rd September 2010 with the Seemolanghana. Guruji will be at Ashoke, Gokarna upto 25th September 2010 and visit the Amruthadhara Gou bank, Hosada, Kumta on 25th September on the way to Mururu, Kumta.

On 26th Guruji will leave for Sagara and reach Ramchandrapura Matha, Hosanagara on 27th Sept.. On 4th October, Ekadashi, Guruji will leave for Davangere., proceed to Tumkur on 5th Oct and then reach Bangalore on 6th October 2010.

As part of the Pravachana Malike, discourses will be conducted on Saturdays and Sundays between 5 to 6 p.m. Poojya Guruji will speak on Adishankara's Composition "Shivananda Lahiri".

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH- AUGUST

In the month of August, Gururji was at Ashoke, Gokarna for the Chaturmasya Vrata. During this period, many Dharmic, cultural and social programmes were held.

Two Dhyana Saptahas were conducted, under the guidance of Poojya Gururji. The first one was conducted from 31st July to 6th August and the second one from 14th August to 20th August.

On 14th August, Gururji visited the Anjaneya Janmasthana near Om Beach, Gokarna accompanied by Shri R.S. Goenka, Shri M.P.Sonika, Shri M.K. Janardan and others, and discussed plans for redevelopment of the historical place.

On 27th August, Gururji inaugurated and participated in the Chaturveda Samhita Swahakara Yagna, being held at the Mallikarjun temple premises upto 3rd September. This is a very special Yagna that includes recitation of all the four Vedas.

On 29th August, the Shrouta Yagna was organized, which was specially performed by Agnihotris. (In earlier days, the Agnihotris performed the Yagna everyday and maintained the fire in their homes on a permanent basis. This practice has become almost extinct now.)

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### Maa Gou Products Pvt. Ltd., Mallur, Karnataka – A Step towards Cow Protection

Sri Gururji has taken the task of saving Indian Breed Cows which are at the verge of extinction. 134 breeds of Indian variety, available before 70 years, have come down to 38 to 42 varieties. On the other hand, countries like Australia, Brazil, some parts of Africa are making best use of Indian Breed Cows by increasing the numbers of various breeds in their countries.

Vishwa Gou Sammelan was organized with a view to bring consciousness in the public about this fact. Sri Gururji's slogan "To save cows, make cow as an Industry" has to be implemented throughout the country. This can be done only if we can make best use of Cow Urine and Dung for various items like medicine, cosmetics and rituals. Maa Gou Products Pvt. Ltd., Mallur, Dist. Kolar, Karnataka has been formed with the blessings of Sri Gururji and started state of arts factory on 21st January 2010 in presence of various industrialists, politicians, saints, social workers, farmers etc. The factory has been established under the directorship of Sri R.S.Agarwal, Sri R.S.Goenka, Sri Anand Rathi, Sri M.K.Janardan and Sri M.P.Sonika. The total income from the sales of products will be utilized to improve the available breeds of Indian Cows. The factory has Drug License, GMP certificate, Factory License and all other requirements of the Govt. rules.

At present, production of Gou Ark, Phenyl, Sukanti ( Face pack), Nivedana( Balm), Gou Kanda ( Dung cake), Dhoop, Abhyang taila(Massage oil), Shaman Taila( Pain relief oil),Panchgavya ghrita has been launched under the brand name of "GOU GANGA". The marketing of products has started in Bangalore, Karnataka Districts, Hyderabad, Vizag, Mumbai and Kolkata. All products have been well appreciated after their use in house holds.

It is our duty to use these products in our daily life in order to popularize the products. We must start a campaign to inform all our friends and relatives about the advantage of the products so that more and more people can use these and be benefited in terms of health, house keeping and body care. MGPPL has a research and development wing where more products are being developed for future manufacturing and increasing the sales which will in turn save Gou Matha. MGPPL is buying cow urine and dung from Malur Goushala which is sufficient to feed cows/bulls and thus creating a market for these raw material items amongst the farmers who have to depend on the sales of milk to feed the cows.

Sri Gururji has taken this project as His prime project and wants to establish such manufacturing in different districts of Karnataka and throughout the country. This will be only solution to save cows from going into the butcher houses.

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Please note that these products are available in Mumbai too along with products from our Kolad Goushala. Gou-Bhakts are invited to visit the Kolad Goushala, stay there and meditate in the pristine surroundings, made more beautiful because of the rains. Devotees can also take this opportunity to do 'seva' to Gou-mata and do 'shram-dhan' at the Goushala. Arrangements for lodging and boarding (individuals and groups) can be made. For further details please contact: Smt. Usha Bhat – 9869482205 or Smt. Ishwari Bhat - 9158064444



Lokarpana of Smt. Yamuna Bhagavat and Smt.Yalakki Sarasvati's book by Poojya Gururji



Yakshagana at Ashoke Gokarna during Chaturmas

courtesy Gowtam B.K.

Ashokavaana, near Gokarna is a sacred place of exquisite beauty. Mother Nature dwells here in all her glory. The woods, the majestic ocean, the serene mountain ranges and the sacred Aganashini River all in one place! This is the holy land where a tigress fed an orphaned deer cub, teaching mankind the lesson of compassion and love. All these factors must have inspired Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya to choose this place to establish Shree Raghuthama Matha, for the propogation of Sanathana Dharma. The first Peetadisha was Shree Vidyananda Acharya. This is the only Peetha with an "Avichchinna Parampara" or "unbroken lineage" amongst all the Mathas established by Adi Shankara.



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Due to some reasons, the twelfth pontiff Shree Ramachandra Bharathi Swamiji had to build a new Math on the banks of river Sharavathi in Hosanagara, Shimoga District, Karnataka, in the 15th century and since then the Math at Hosanagara has gained prominence as the main one. But now, we have the privilege to restore the glory of olden days to Ashoke, under the guidance of our dear Guru, Shree Raghaveshwara Bharathi Mahaswamiji and restore the Matha at the place of its origin. It is our duty to carry out the "aadesha" to hereafter continue the Matha in this place. Besides, the proximity to the temple of Lord Mahabaleshwara who is worshipped in the form of Atmalinga, and the Anjaneya (Hanuman) Janmasthan, makes Gokarna a place of utmost religious

significance. Gokarna is also well connected by road, rail and air, making it even more convenient for Shishyas and devotees to visit the place.

We have long neglected this holy place of the origin of our Sri Matha. It is proposed to redevelop "Ashoke" in the form of an entire complex, comprising the Mallikarjuna Temple, redevelopment of the Pashupati Sarovar, the Gurunivas, the Moolamatha, a Veda Pathshala and Granthalaya (library), Dhyana Kutira (Meditation centre), the Shanakaracharya Vidyananda Prateeka Museum, offices, a Bhojanshala and lodging facilities for visitors. We will also have a Goshala for a thousand bulls and the "Daivratra Prateeka" dedicated to the memory of Shri Daivratra Ganesh Sharma. All this has been planned to be executed over a span of three years in different phases. Presently, the construction of the Gurunivas has commenced and the foundation has been laid as per designs and layouts prepared by our team of consultants.



Proposed "Gurunivas" at "Ashoke", currently under construction.

This is indeed an exclusive opportunity for everyone to participate in this seva in whatever way possible. All shishyas are requested to support wholeheartedly, since this historical achievement will be handed over to all the future generations! Not supporting this redevelopment will mean an injustice to all the generations to come.

Hence you are all requested to sponsor and contribute to this project generously!

This is not only our responsibility, but also our duty to respond to Shree Gururji's ordinance. We need to join hands in the noble project of rebuilding the Sri Matha at Ashoke, which is truly a place with "no sorrow"- a place which brings happiness to one and all

To contribute to this auspicious project and for more details about the plans and progress of the project, please contact Rajalakshmi Joshi: 09821007838



## GREATNESS OF JAGADGURU SHANKARACHARYA



Shankara, assumed the fourth Ashrama ie. Sannyasa Ashrama and lived with his Guru, Govindapada at his hermitage. Shankara learned all the Shastras as a disciple from Govindapada, with the undertaking that he would do his best to spread that knowledge among men. He was initiated to the knowledge of Brahman by his Guru. It is believed that Shankara is the veritable Brahman Himself, as in him the meaning of the root Brih (the vast), from which the word Brahman comes, becomes truly fulfilled. He transcended the three states of waking, dream and sleep and became one with Pure Consciousness. He is known as Parama-Hansa, the Supreme Swan, who is able to separate Brahman from the world of Samsara. His entire life was for the benefit of mankind, he helped to pull out mankind from the polluted waters of Samsara which has adulterated every human being's spiritual identity. He helped us to rediscover our spiritual identity, our true nature, our Blissful Self.

Shankara was deep in contemplation and one with his Supreme Self, at the ashram of his Guru, Govindapada. It was the monsoon season. Lord Indra was upset that the Sanyasis, who were immersed in their knowledge of Brahman, Non-duality, ceased to offer Him the tribute of the Yagnas. He sent forth heavy thunderous outbursts for five continuous days. He wanted to disturb the meditative sacrifice (Dhyana Yagna) of the Sanyasis. At this time Shankara was sitting on the banks of the river Reva, deep in spiritual communion. The river Reva got flooded and its roaring waters started carrying away the trees and villages situated on its banks. The wild cries of the flood-stricken people reached Shankara's ears. He opened his eyes and assessed the situation. His Guru was in deep Samadhi. Shankara, decided to act. Uttering a powerful Mantra, he gathered all the flood waters into his water vessel, his Kamandala, and rescued the people.

When Govindapada came to the state of normal consciousness, he heard about his disciple's miracle from the reports of the people. He knew that Shankara had achieved perfection in Yoga. He called Shankara aside and told him: "Holy men spend the rainy season in contemplation and study in the observance of Chaturmasya. After that they render the earth holy by the dust of their feet, by traveling from place to place. Therefore you too have to move to Varanasi, the city of Shiva." He then revealed to Shankara his mission in life.....

*Taken from 'Shankara Digvijaya'*

*... to be continued*

## A Temple of God

... Dr. Sharada Jayagovind

The supreme indifference of saints like Ramana Maharishi and Shirdi Sai Baba towards their body made me wonder what should be our attitude to our body, the God given gift. Ramana Maharishi was so oblivious of the outer world that when children pelted stones at him or rats ran over his body, he would not know! He abided in the self, unaware of the existence of his own body.

But ordinary mortals like us know nothing of the self and live only at the body level. We identify ourselves with our name and body and begin to love both. We take pride in the beauty of the human form and consider it a joy to behold a beautiful person.

As soon as a baby is born in to this world, we bestow utmost care on its upbringing. We bathe the baby and wrap it in warm clothes. We give it a name and sing lullabies. The mother's milk and the father's love nourish it. As the baby grows, beautiful clothes, delicious food, loving grandparents, a comfortable home all make it a happy individual. Even when we grow into adulthood, the daily rituals of eating, bathing, sleeping, sheltering continue. Thus we go on taking care of our body till we die. Why this care and concern?

Shankara Bhagavadpada says we have earned this human body after paying a heavy price. A huge amount called 'punya', earned in the previous births will have to be paid to gain this human form. Our scriptures say that even if Gods wish for Atma Vidya, they will have to take birth as human beings. Indeed, this body must be precious because incarnations like Shree Rama and Shree Krishna descended into it. Saints like Adi Shankara, Guru Nanak, Ramakrishna Paramahansa and our Swamiji Shree Raghaveshwara Bharathi, take the human form to fulfill a divine mission.

If the human body is a house fit for Gods and incarnations, then it is as holy as a temple. Basavanna, the reformist thinker of twelfth century in one of his vachanas states 'Enna kaale kambha, dehave degula, Shirave honna kalasavayya', which means, "my legs are pillars, the body a shrine, the head a cupola of gold". The saint does not see the need for a temple of stones as God willingly resides in the hearts of the devotees. It is this spiritual dimension of the human body which makes our daily bath an abhisheka, our eating an act of worship. It is the dweller in the body who makes it a valuable and precious possession. He needs to live in a form worthy of worship and respect.

As long as the jeeva resides in it, we have to take care of it. Even spiritual colossus like Ramana Maharishi and Shirdi Baba who were fully engrossed in the self, and forgot their own bodies, took care of other human beings. They fed them, healed them and comforted them because they saw in all men, the divine dweller.

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A Guru asked his followers, 'Why do we shout in anger? Why do people shout at each other when they are upset?' His followers thought for a while, and one of them said, 'Because we lose our calm, we shout.'

'But, why do you shout when the other person is just next to you?' asked the guru. 'Isn't it possible to speak to him or her with a soft voice? Why do you shout at a person when you're angry?'

The disciples gave some other answers but none satisfied the guru. Finally he explained, 'When two people are angry at each other, their hearts distance a lot. To cover that distance they must shout to be able to hear each other. The angrier they are, the stronger they will have to shout to hear each other through that great distance.'

Then the Guru asked, 'What happens when two people fall in love? They don't shout at each other but talk softly, why? Because their hearts are very close! The distance between them is very small.' The guru continued, 'When they love each other even more, what happens? They do not speak, only whisper and they get even closer to each other in their love. Finally they even need not whisper, they only look at each other and that's all.'

That is how close two people are when they love each other.

## BEAUTIFUL THOUGHTS

... Suresh Oberoi

An elderly carpenter, was tired of making homes and wanted to retire. He told his employer of his plans to leave the house building business. He now wanted to live a more leisurely life with his wife, enjoying his extended family. He would miss the salary, but he needed to retire. The boss was sorry to see his good, hard working employee go and requested if he could build just one more house, (the last one) as a personal favor. The carpenter could not say NO, but his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end his career. When the carpenter finished his work, his boss came to inspect the house and gave him a surprise. He handed over the keys of the house to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said, "my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked, and regretted doing a bad job. He never knew that he was creating an inferior home for his own self! Such is life.

Making our LAST home well is like making our home a temple. Clean the patra(vessel), so that it can preserve the pure prasada of gyan/knowledge. We clean our vessels 3 times at home before we pour milk in it to boil. Because we have the 'knowledge', that if we do not clean the vessel, the milk will spoil. "Doodh phat jata hai." If milk is pure and spoils in an unclean vessel, then what about the PURE knowledge, Gyan? Which is purity itself! We HAVE to do meditation every day, to clean our thoughts, words and deeds so that our patra is clean and ready for the PUREST knowledge/Gyan: "Who am I." Once we know that we are not the body but a pure, loving, powerful, peaceful and a happy soul, then we do not search peace or happiness outside of us. We do not need any person, any property or any situation to be happy and peaceful.

Do your businesses, have your factories, but don't say that you do business or earn money for happiness. This is "WRONG BELIEF," we have to change our belief system, first by understanding, and then BELIEVING that the factory of happiness is inbuilt. This is God's gift which was always there but realised now. Once we realise that we are the children of God, our Father, Param Pita Parmatma, then our relationship starts bonding and growing once again. What a beautiful relationship! Full of love!

We had forgotten that we are also an atman like our Father, because of so many years of living with a body in different forms, due to births and deaths and past and present karmas. In this relationship, we inherit strength, stability, knowledge and the power of handling the situations arising out of our Karmas. We can not ask our Father to change the situations. If every actor will ask the director to change his lines and scenes, what will happen to the movie!! God will not change our karmas but will give us so much power that we can happily walk out of all the situations with confidence, unhurt like a winner who says, "Wow that was a great learning experience!" Let's all meditate, interact with our Father, God, INHERIT our own property of peace, power, bliss and happiness and build our new home like a temple where all the Devi Devatas will visit us as guests. Om shanti!

## JUST ONE QUESTION

...answered by Poojya Guruji

"Is it possible to consider more than one person as one's Guru? Can one serve / be a disciple of more than one Guru?"

**Guruji's Reply**

गुरुद्वयम शिष्यनिपतुहेतुः ।।

Gurevendare Marga Koduvavanu ...

Margaveradadare Guri Talupalagadu ..!

Prapanchadalli iruva Streeyarellannu Tayeeyente Nodu ... Aadare Hetta Tayee Hetta Tayeeye..!

**Translation:**

Two Gurus can be a reason for the downfall of a Shishya.

Guru is one who shows the True Path to the Shishya. If there are two paths, one may not reach the desired Goal.

One should consider all the women of this world, as one's mother; but there can be only one mother who gives us birth - she is our true mother. {ie. "Guru Jaise bahut ho sakte hain, paranthu Guru keval ek hi ho sakte hain!"}

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## NATIONAL TREASURES – AN AMAZING JOURNEY

### OUR ANCIENT BOOKS - BrahmaSutra Bhashya – Jagadguru Adi Shankaracharya

Acharya Shankara was one of the greatest thinkers and noblest of Advaita philosophers, but he was essentially an inspired champion of Hinduism. Such a powerful leader was needed at that time when Hinduism had been almost shunned by the followers of Buddhist ideology.

The first Brahmasutra was enacted by Shree Shankara Bhagavatpada (8th Century) to establish the Advaita Siddhanta. This Bhashya was also called Adhyasa (super imposition) Bhashya. By realizing Adhyasa we can easily understand about Brahman. Acharya used the style of 'Khandana' and 'Mandana' and propounded Mayavada, but also framed the same by his intellectual powers, unparalleled expository skill and relentless logical reasonings. The main Siddhanta of Advaita, "Brahma Satya Janmithya; Jeevo Brahmaiva naparaha" is explained in Bhashya by simple examples like Rajata Shuktika, Rajju Sarpa.

According to Shankaracharya, Shrishti, Sthiti, Laya depends on Brahman. Brahman is the cause of the world. Brahman is nothing but Bliss – Sat, Chith, Ananda. Like the sun is veiled by the cloud, Parameshwara, the Supreme Lord Himself, deluded by Maya, appears to be of limited power and limited knowledge.

There are four well-known Adhyaya's in Brahmasutra, each with four sections (Padas). Each Pada is divided into Adhikaranas. An Adhi may consist of one or more Sutras. Each topic is discussed in the light of five constituent elements:

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| 1. Visaya (Subject for discussion)                 | ] |                            |
| 2. Visaya (Doubt)                                  | ] | Please note the structured |
| 3. Purva Paksha (Objective view)                   | ] | form of approaching any    |
| 4. Siddhanta (Conclusion)                          | ] | topic / subject.           |
| 5. Prayojana (Advantage according to either Party) | ] |                            |

The opening Adhyaya is known as Samanvayadhyaya. It establishes the exegetical correlation of various texts and contexts from the scriptural literature with Brahma.

The second chapter is based on reputation of other views with reasoning and answering certain purely logical objections.

The third Adhyaya is known as Sadhana Adhyaya and deals with the means of realization of God and the modus operandi of Vidyas and Upasanas.

The closing Adhyaya is called Phala Adhyaya and deals with the goal of Brahma Jijnasa. It gives detailed account of the successive stages of spiritual ascent such as Utkranti (upward ascent of the soul from the body), destruction of Karmas, destruction of Lingadeha and complete realization of unalloyed spiritual Bliss.

Thus the composition of Brahmasutra Bhashya by Shri Sankara is not only popular from the historical point of view but also in the study of modern scriptures. His Doctrine was followed by the great western philosophers like Aristotle and Kant. The idea of Bhagavatpada (Vadi and Prativadi) is also useful for professions like law, where it is necessary to establish the truth. This script has been translated into most of the Indian languages.

... Shailaja Hegde

This column aims at introducing the vast literature of ancient Bharat, in brief, to our readers. We welcome your comments and contributions to this column.

### Buy a house, get a cow free in Rajkot ... The Times of India, TNN, Aug 12, 2010

Move over car parking zones in residential schemes, cow parking is here! At a time when realtors attract buyers with cars and gold jewellery, a township on the outskirts of Rajkot offers a cow as an incentive - book a house here and get a cow for free.

A maverick builder has launched the project, which will come up over 51 acres of land in Kotharia, to promote cows. "Cows are given great importance in Hindu philosophy. But, for the present day urban generation it means nothing more than an animal disrupting city traffic. I want to change this perception," says Dhiru Ramani, promoter of a leading realty firm in Rajkot.

Such is Ramani's love for the animal that he recently bought a cow for a whopping Rs 12 lakh. When Ramani floated the concept, his competitors thought he was crazy. About 80% of the bungalows in the scheme are booked and over 100 buyers have gone for the free-cow scheme, claim the developers.

"Other builders were reducing rates and offering cars to sell their property. But the cow-with-bungalow scheme clicked for us," says Niraj Ramani, director of the company. On offer are about 1,000 units in the range of Rs 18 lakh to Rs 30 lakh. Apart from locals, a number of NRGs have booked houses here.

The township's 'cow parking space' currently houses around 150 Gir cows with permanent veterinary doctors and support staff to attend the animals. The cows display names of the house owner. The developers charge a monthly Rs 5,000 maintenance fee for care. In return, members of the society get milk and other dairy products for free. "I picked up a brown-red cow which produces around 22 litres of milk everyday," says Ajay Trivedi, a government employee who bought the bungalow some six months ago.

Pradeep Goswami, who works with an FMCG company, says he was attracted to the scheme due to the curious offer. A number of academicians, religious leaders and government officials have visited the township to see how an urban society can house cows, claims the promoter.

As per science theories, the entire universe has come out of a Big Bang, within a fraction of a second, from the matter which had been so dense, that even light could not escape its gravitational force. This dense mass of matter is called the black hole. Due to the friction of the atoms over a period of time, the explosion- 'Big Bang' has taken place. All this matter traveling at great speed forming stars, planets and galaxies will start falling within, after reaching a limit, and again go back to a black hole stage.

This play of “Pralaya” and “Prabhava” is beautifully explained in 'Lalita Sahasranama', the thousand names of Devi, as “Moola Prakrtir-Avyakta-Vyakta Avyakta Swaroopini”, meaning the basic nature, which can be seen and which cannot be seen – She is in that form.

As per Rig-Veda, the oldest written text available to humanity, (Nasadasiyam Sukam – Sukta 129 – Ashtaka 8 Part 7) the creation is described as under :-

16. There was neither “aught” nor “naught”, no dirt, no space, when darkness was rolling over itself as a veil, what was prominent? What was there? Water? Only a deep, uninterrupted ferocity.
17. There was no death nor immortality, no sign of day or night, and there was life without air and oxygen, complete in itself and its greatness, and there was nothing else other than that.
18. When the darkness descended and was hidden, there was no sex, name, form, etc. Whatever was there, it was covered by 'Maya'. After heavy Tapas (friction?) 'The Entity' was born.
19. He longed to create the world – First the pure mind mingled with 'Retas Shakti' and became impure – the great Saints could visualize this.
20. The slanting rays from this went up or down; they were full of energy, being tremendous and spacious, were spread far and wide and were sustained by their own support.
21. Who knows for sure? Who could say from where the creation got started? Even Devatas came much later, so who really knows how the creation got started?
22. None is aware how the creation got started and from where. Whether it is supported by base support or not, only He, who is the master of the spaces knows and who else?

Isn't it a beautiful poetic description of a great scientific truth? Our scriptures are full of such references.

Note: Compare this to Mr.Stephen Hawking's recent observation (which has been in the newspapers) that God is not necessary for our Evolution. The greatness of the thoughts of our ancients who already knew the process of evolution, but credited even this knowledge to the Divine, is very humbling, isn't it?



“Dhyana Shibir Saptaha” under the guidance of Parama Poojya Guruji



Shri Mahabaleshwara Bhat Itagi from the Purnachandra Yakshakala Pratisthan receiving the D. Rama Hegde felicitation.

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## YOUR RESPONSES

I am forwarding this mail to a friend of mine, **Sri Uday Ullal**. Please add him in your mailing list. Thanks.The issue has come up very well, informative and interesting. Hare Raama. **CH S BHAT, Bangalore**

Thank you. This will definitely enlighten all of us. Thanks for making us a part of Setu family.  
With regards, Anshuka.

Issue after issue SETU is coming out very well. Heart felt complements for this great work.

Regarding usage Guruji for our Sri Samsthana is confusing.Why can't we make it Swamiji every where? I strongly feel it is more appropriate as Swamiji is part of His name. Wishes , Prasad

Namaste Rajalakshmi,

Thank you very much for send us SETU newsletter. We appreciate your hard work & we wish you the best.

Regards- Sumathi Prasanna, suma arts center, Havyaka Association of Americas, Kannada Koota of Northern California



## HIGHLIGHTS of events in Mumbai - AUGUST

A meeting of Gurikaras and committee members of Mumbai Parishat was held at the residence of Shri Markande, Dombivali. The first agenda was to discuss the participation of Shishyas in the ongoing Koti Rudra Yagna. It was suggested that Shishyas approach their nearest Shiva temples or religious organizations and try to motivate more and more people to participate in the Yagna. As per the instructions of our beloved Guruji, at least one male from every Havyaka House should learn to chant "Rudra Mantra" with complete swaras, from a suitable Acharya. After learning, one should chant at least 4 Shata Rudras per family, in the Mahabaleshwar temple premises in Shri Kshetra Gokarna. (Non Havyakas and any person/family unable to do this can sponsor a person to chant at Gokarna.)

Our first aim is to make everyone in the Havyaka family learn & then Chant the Rudra Mantra with Swaras. All of us should work to achieve this historical feat of "Na Bhuto, Na Bhavishatihi!" as per our Guruji's Sankalpa. On 19th September in the Koti Rudra Parwa meeting at Gokarna all Guru Bhakthas will make Dasha Laksha Rudra Pathana Sankalpa Samarpnane.

Shri K. Mahesh, who has the rare distinction of having completed a thesis on Astronomy based on the book of Shri Somaiyaji, a 15th century astronomer, was felicitated at the meeting. Readers will recall his interview in SETU on the importance of Sanskrit and how knowledge in Sanskrit and Modern Technology combined, is required to reintroduce the world to Ancient India's expertise in solving complex mathematical, astronomical and other scientific problems.

A stall displaying and selling Goushala products was held at Billawar Bhavan in Santacruz. The response was very encouraging and our Goushala has been invited to keep a stall during their Durga Puja festival also. We request readers to lend support to our Goushala by volunteering at these events and by inviting our Goushala to hold such stalls in their area during the coming festival season. By getting involved, shishyas can truly serve GouMata.

*We deeply regret the sad demise of Shri Gajanan Yaji, father of Smt. Usha Bhat, Hon.Sec. AmrutDhara Goushala, Kolad.*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

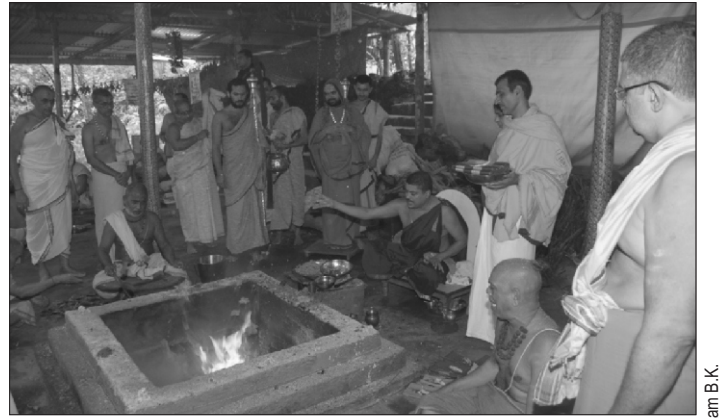
A group of Guru Bhaktas will leave for Gokarna on 18th September for participating in the Kotirudra Parwa meeting and chanting. Anybody desirous of joining them can contact Shri K.S.Bhat, Kuloor at 09869488979.

Bhiksha Seva to Sri Samsthana at Gokarna, by Mumbai Seema shishyas is on 22nd September 2010. We urge Guru Bhaktas to join in the Bhiksha Seva and get the blessings of Sri Samsthana. Shishyas who are not able to attend the Seva but are desirous of donating for the same may please contact Smt. Rajalakshmi Joshi.

Our annual BLOOD DONATION CAMP will be held on 24th October at Pejavar Matha, Santacruz, from 8.00 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.. All are requested to come forward in large numbers for this good cause, and donate their blood.



Shri Krishan Bhat Dixit, Shankar Math, Shimogga performing the Srauta Yagna in presence of Guruji



The Chaturveda Samhita Yagna being performed in the Mallikarjuna Temple premises.



Shri Aikal Harish Shetty, President of Bunts Association, Mumbai, seeking Guruji's blessings.



Guruji's visit to the Anjaneya (Hanuman) Janmasthan with Shri R.S.Goenka, Emami Group, Kolkatta and Shri M.P. Sonika, Bangalore.

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