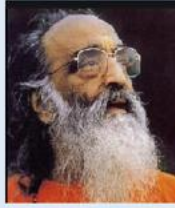




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Monthly Newsletter – July 2022



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Wisdom Quote

"Some act till they meet obstacles, others act inspite of obstacles, and conquer them; but some act not, fearing the possibility of some obstacles that might arise en route."- Swami Chinmayananda.

Swamiji's Message



The very word OBSTACLE indicates to us the attitude required to overcome obstacles. Invoking these attitudes is to invoke the 'Ganesha' within us –

O – Objective Knowledge – "Knowledge is Power." Gain functional knowledge and skills in your chosen field. Lack of knowhow poses many obstacles.

B – Broadmindedness – "Life, when properly tuned, can round the sharp edges in our character." In a broader vision of Life in its entirety, obstacles are stepping stones to cultivate an inner perfection and an outer excellence.

S – Sensitivity – "Be like a flower. Give happiness and fragrance to all." A flower produces fragrance from mud, dirty water, manure, etc.

T – Toughness – "The Suffering depends not on the factual happening but on the texture of one's mind." Cultivate a 'tough' mind through study of the scriptures, faith in a Higher Reality, value – based life, etc.

A – Alertness – "Alert and vigilant living is a sadhana by itself." Alertness helps one to foresee the 'obstacle' and nip it in the bud.

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Upcoming Events -

- **Monthly Bhajan** [Zoom]: 7/9 @ 6 – 7:30 pm
 - Hosted by Rashmi & Raghuvir Family
- **Guru Purnima Celebration:**
 - 7/13, 6:30 pm @ Badri
 - Guru Paduka Puja & Bhajans
- **Vedic Summer Youth Camp**
 - 7/23 – 7/28, 9 am – 4 pm @ Badri
 - Camp Theme - Dharmaratha
 - Only \$130 per child Register [here](#).
- **Mahasamadhi Aaradhana E-Camp**
 - 7/29 – 8/3; over Zoom
 - Schedule is [here](#).
 - Register [here](#).
- **Monthly Vedic Chanting** – 7/31, Sunday
 - 9:00 – 9:55 am
 - Monthly Group Chanting @ Badri Shrine

Vedic Heritage Youth Camp: Dharmaratha : 7/23 to 7/28

Mahasamadhi Aradhana e-Camp : 7/29 – 8/3

Highlights from Previous Month

The month of June is particularly an important month at Badri as the Balavihar Seniors graduate during this month. This graduation marks the culmination of a stage in their lives as they move from being a Balavihar child to a CHYK. We also had a prolific speaker as an invitee at Badri to give a lecture to children and adults on relevant and interesting topics. We had our regular events of Bhajan Sandhya and the monthly Group Vedic Chanting.

1. Bhajan Sandhya

This month's monthly Bhajan Sandhya was hosted by Venkat Davarapalli's family. As is the regular custom, the program was over Zoom. All the slokas and stotrams were chanted by the Bala Vihar children followed by the Bhajans. After a short message from our Swamiji, Nirvana Shatakam was chanted leading to a 2 minute silence. The event was very refreshing and the solemn evening ended well.

2. Lectures for Children and Parents

On Sunday, 5th June all Badri attendees were fortunate to have the presence of Shri Nilesh Oak, an eminent speaker author, researcher, and corporate consultant. He gave two talks –

- Hindu Model of Science (10 – 11 am) that was for children from 8 grade and parents. The recording of the talk can be [viewed here](#).
- Did the Mahabharata really happen (11 – 11:45 am) which was for children from 5 grade onwards and parents. The recording of the talk can be [viewed here](#).

Both the talks were well received by the children and parents alike.



3. Balavihar Seniors Graduation Ceremony

The Balavihar Seniors Graduation ceremony is one of the most looked after events of the year at Badri. This event marks the culmination of the group's Balavihar life and they embark on their next stage, CHYK. This is witnessed by all the rest of the balavihar students and parents in the presence of Swamiji and the special invited guests for the day. This year our special guests were Swami Sarvaswarananda ji from our Dallas center and Smt. Aditi Banerjee, a practicing attorney and writer on Hinduism.

There were a total of 17 senior students who graduated and two of the graduating student's parents also had an opportunity to share their thoughts.



The preparations inside the Shrine for the Pujas also start early including the allocations of spots for all mothers during Maatru Puja. The celebrations started at 10 am with Guru Paduka puja followed by Maatru Puja. There are also Gita Chanting sessions and Bhajans. The celebrations at the Shrine end with a procession with music and lezzeme dance.



We are all guides by the beliefs we carry with us. And we also wish to be known for these beliefs. Each of the graduating seniors have expressed a quote that resonates their belief.

- **Abhiram Mullapudi** : *Do your best and leave the rest*
- **Akul Dachepalli** : *Faith is, to believe what you do not see, the reward of which is, you see what you believed*
- **Aparna Ramakrishnan** : *If you rest, you rust*
- **Hridya Abhilash** : *It is sure to be dark if you close your eyes*
- **Kanchi Suri** : *It's an illusion to think that comfort means more than happiness.*
- **Lathika Potnuru** : *Don't put your key to happiness in someone else's pocket.*
- **Mallika Malhotra** : *Brood less, smile more, and serve all.*
- **Pranav Vishwanath** : *Happiness depends on what you can give, not on what you can get*
- **Satvik Palli** : *Not to do what you feel like doing is freedom.*
- **Sachin Kumar** : *The really poor man is not the one who lacks money, but the one who lacks the joy of the heart.*
- **Sanath Dachepalli** : *To understand anything is to find in it something which is our own.*
- **Shivam Patnaik** : *This too shall pass*
- **Shriya Venkit** : *Silently hear everyone. Accept what is good. Reject what is not. This is intelligent living.*
- **Shruthi Panse** : *The glory in life is not in 'never falling.' The true glory consists in 'rising' each time we fall.*
- **Urmila Rajesh** : *Faults become thick when love is thin*
- **Vinay Ramanathan** : *To love and be loved is the greatest happiness.*
- **Vishnu Dachepalli** : *Man can change his destiny – not by wishing for it, but working for it.*

Pujya Gurudev's Message contd...



C – Concentration – “Never complain, about the number of hours you have put in to do a job. How much of you was put into each hour of your daily work ?”
The sun's rays (mind) when unified through a convex lens (concentration), burns away a piece of paper (problems & negativities) below it.

L – Love of God – “Don't tell God how big your problem is. Tell your problem how big God is.”

E – Enthusiasm – “Real men of achievement are people who have the heroism to fuel more and more enthusiasm in their work when they face more and more difficulties. Be Aggressively good.”

Vedic Summer Youth Camp - Dharmaratha - Chariot of Success


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Vedic Heritage Youth Camp

Saturday, July 23, 2022 - Thursday, July 28, 2022 * 9 am - 4 pm

Dharmaratha - Chariot of Success

Based on *Lanka Kanda of Shri Ramacharita Manasa* by Saint Goswami Tulasidas

Vibhisana, an ardent devotee of Lord Rama, out of attachment, forgot for a moment that Shri Rama is the incarnation of the Supreme Lord and has immense power to create, sustain, and dissolve the entire Universe. As a result, his mind was overpowered with the doubt regarding the consequence of the war. How can Shri Rama match the mighty Ravana who has a huge well-trained, well-equipped army and state-of-the-art chariot, whereas Shri Rama is bare-footed, standing on the earth, with monkeys and bears as the frontline soldiers? Lord Rama, out of compassion for Vibhisana, said that he has the invisible and invincible chariot which will bring only success. Vibhisana felt reassured. *Let us see what kind of chariot is this one.*

This topic is based on the dialogue between Lord Rama and Vibhisana, and is from the *Lanka Kanda of Shri Ramacharita Manasa* by Saint Goswami Tulasidas.

For grades Pre-K to 12 <i>Religious Classes, Yoga, Arts and Crafts, Cultural Program</i>	Donation: \$150 per child <i>(Donation includes camp material, meals, snacks, & supervision before- and after-hours)</i>
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Register at

https://mychinmaya.org/camp

Camp conducted under the guidance of

Swami Sharanananda, Shri Dhiren Khatri, and Smt. Nirmita Dholakia

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Badri Vedic Chanting – New Beginner Batch

After successfully conducting Vedic chanting in 3 levels for close to 3 years, Vedic chanting group at Chinmaya Mission Chicago's Badri center is happy to announce the starting of a new Beginner batch on Sunday, 11th September at 7:30 pm. This will be over Zoom and is open for all - children and adults alike.

Chanting sessions are held on two days - Sundays and Thursdays at 7:30 pm, where one is the repeat of the other session.

Kindly reach out to Shashi Narasimhan (630-922-7072) or Sunil Narayanan (630.923.2534) if you have any questions or need any additional information. Details of the Vedic chanting sessions can be found here.

Badri Programs

<https://mychinmaya.org/virtual-satsanga-and-e-study-groups/>

- **Swaranjali** (For Balavihar Children)
- **Stuti Vandana** (For Balavihar Children)
- **Geeta Chanting** (For Everyone)
- **Vedic Chanting** (For Everyone)
- **Sri Rudram Chanting** (For Everyone)
- **Sanskrit language** classes (For Everyone)
- **Adult Study Groups** (Registration required)
- **Vishnu Sahasranamam** (For Everyone)
- **ACT/ SAT Classes** (Registration required)

In HIS Loving Memory –

Gurudev's eloquence in English is very famous. Once when a devotee told him that he was always in the midst of troubles Gurudev immediately retorted saying, *"When troubles come to trouble you, don't trouble to stop the troubles, but allow the troubles to trouble the troubles, so that no trouble is free to trouble you. Trouble not at troubles; let the troubles trouble the trouble"*. Everybody laughed. The questioner understood the point and was cleared of his doubt.


Updates from around the world -

- **Swadhyaya Series of Self Learning** – Online learning with access to materials for a lifetime
- **Home Study Vedanta Courses** - @ Chinmaya International Foundation
 - Foundation Vedanta Course
 - Advanced Vedanta Course
 - Bhagavad Geeta
 - Upanishads
 - Master Geeta Master Life
 - Make it Happen
 - Sanskrit Learning – Beginner & Advanced
 - Vedic Mathematics
- Discover the richness of Sanskrit Literature
 - Khandakavyas of Kalidasa
 - 23rd and 24th July
 - Camp hosted by Prof. Gauri Mahulikar
- **Hamsa Geeta** – 6 months Course
 - Starting on 13th July @ 5:30 - 6:30 pm IST
 - Every Saturday
- **Shvestasvatara Upanishad** – 11 months course
 - Starting on 13th July @ 6:45 – 7:45 am IST
 - Every Saturday

Swami Sharananandaji's Weekly Program Schedule

Program Name	Details
Saddarshanam (on Zoom)	Sunday/ 8:00 – 8:45 am
Bhagavad Gita Discourse (In-person at Shrine)	Sunday / 10 – 10:30 am
Viveka Choodamani (on Zoom)	Tuesday/ 7 – 8 pm
Mandukya Upanishad (on Zoom)	Wed/ 7 – 8:15 pm
Drik Drishya Viveka (on Zoom)	Saturday/ 8 – 9 am

Mahasamadhi Aradhana Camp:




CHINMAYA MISSION WEST
29TH MAHASAMADHI ARADHANA ECAMP

July 29th-August 3rd, 2022


Sampoorna Ramayana

'naumi janaka sutāvaram'




Vedānta Mādhuryam
by Puja Guruji Swami Tejomayananda

Sampoorna Rāmāyana
by Puja Swami Swaroopananda




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Guru Purnima Celebration



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Guru Purnima Celebrations

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 ✨ 6:30 pm

Om Sri Chinmaya Sadgurave Namah

"Guru is nothing but pure Consciousness, absolute Bliss and eternal Wisdom. Anyone who can elicit a continual feeling of faith and devotion in us is our Guru. To all students of Vedanta and to all devotees, Guru is the embodiment of their goal."

- Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda

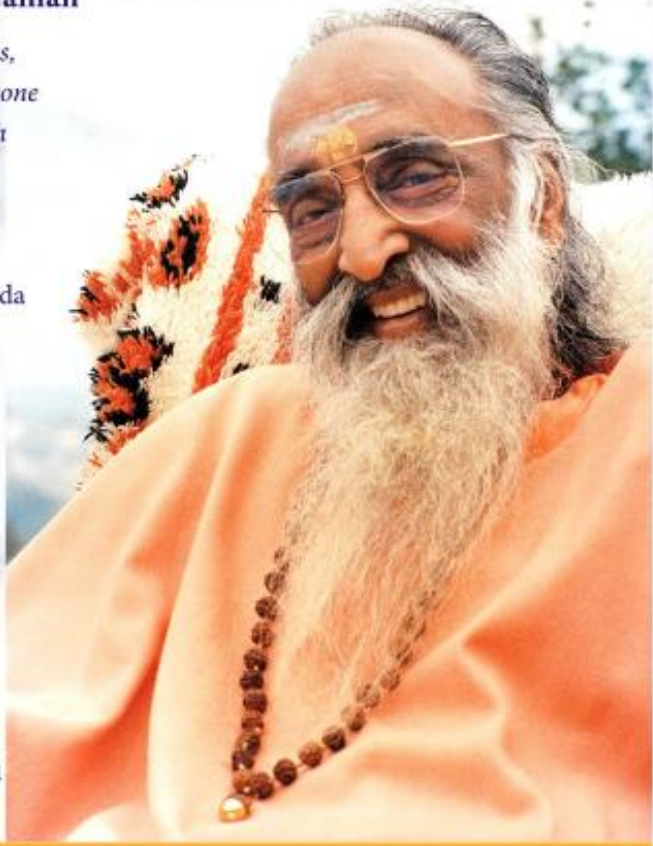
Guru Paduka Puja

Bhajans

Swamiji's Message

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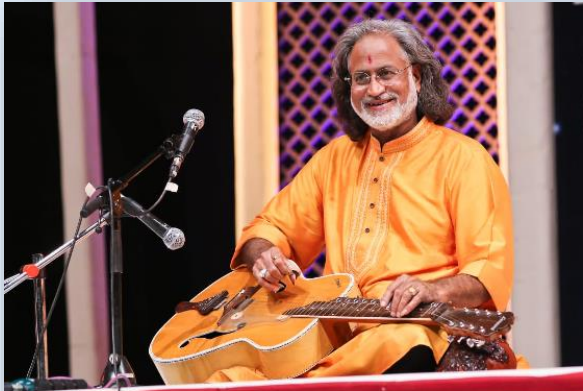
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Upcoming Event – Musical Concert @ Badri



Padmashree Pandit Vishwamohan Bhatt on the Mohan Veena
(Grammy award winner)

Pandit Shuben Chatterjee on Tabla

Invite your friends & neighbors. Book your tickets in advance.

Musical Concert @ Badri

on Friday, 16 September 2022

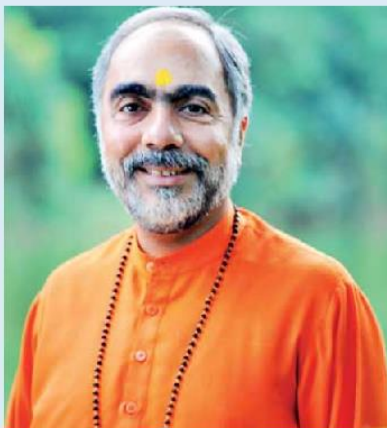
A rare opportunity to listen to the
enthralling music from the

Legendary musicians



Pujya Swami Swaroopananda's Chicago Visit

Pujya Swami Swaroopananda's Chicago Visit Information



Badri: 23 - 25 August 2022 (7:30 - 9 pm)

Talks on *Happiness, Peace & Love* (Messages from the Bhagavad Gita)

Yamunotri: 26 - 27 August 2022 (7:30 - 9 pm)

Talks on *Radhakrishna - Divine Love*

Participation: Murthi Sthapana Puja on 28th morning

Gangothri: 28 August 2022 (7:30 - 9 pm)

Talk on *'Its All About The Mind'*

--Hari Om--