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To all G.B. Members, Mandali Secretaries and other devotees,

Prayerful Salutations at the Lotus Feet of Divine Mother, Devi Sree Ramambika.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Greetings and good wishes to all for a prosperous, joyous, happy and blissful New Year.

May the New Year in its wake bring glad tidings, positive hope and among the people mutual trust, mutual understanding, mutual respect leading to national and international peace.

For, children of Divine Mother, who meditate deeply transcending the mental plane, everyday is a New Year day. Great Rishis say that God is eternal and ever new bliss. Each day the bliss is different. In other words, God is endless, eternal consciousness. To explain Him one has to experience Him.

New Year is an occasion for introspection. We have to judge ourselves how far we have progressed and correct and continue our sadhana in accordance with Divine Mother's Teachings. Prayer and Anushtana should be our constant companions. We all pray to Divine Mother to help us in every way and to take us to the eternal beatitude.

A report of the week long Sadhana Shibiram in Shaktinagar is given here below.

With affectionate love,

With fraternal regards,
Yours in the Cause of Mission,

(A.M. DEVAIAH)
SECRETARY

Please note:

Sacred Ratha Saptami, worship of Devi Sree Ramambika Utsava Murty seated majestically in our Silver Ratham is scheduled to be on Thursday the 6th February, 2014. Ratharohanam at 11.30 am.



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Sadhana Sibiram-2013 of Kerala Mandalis at Shaktinagar-A Report.

The three day Sadhana Sibiram of Kerala Mandalis, began on Sunday, the 22nd December 2013. As a prelude to the opening session, a concert of devotional songs was held by Sri. Gurudas, Sri. Ravi Vallathol and Smt. Meera Gopakumar in the morning. The inaugural session started at 11.15 am with invocation.

All India Secretary of the Mission, Prof. A.M. Deviah inaugurated by lighting the lamp. In his inaugural speech, Prof. Devaiah stressed the importance of having absolute faith in Guru and Guru Vakya. He also brought out the need for japam (Recitation), Maunam (silence) and Dhyanam (meditation), while practicing Sadhana.

In his Presidential address, Sri. Ravi Vallathol reviewed the conduct of sibirams during the past twelve years, and termed it as a unifying force among the various Mandalis. Sri. V.P. Nair of Trivandrum Mandali delivered a felicitation speech.

The evening session of the day began with Bhajans by all Mandalis, and later at 8.30 pm, there was a scintillating presentation of Dance-Drama "Ramo Vighrahan Dharma" by the children of Trivandrum Mandali. It displayed different instances of Lord Rama performing his Dharma as an ideal son, a brother, a friend and a king.

The second day's morning session began with devotional songs by Kum. Theertha of Kavumbhagam Mandali. This was followed by a video presentation and talk by Sri. Gopi Kallayil from USA, in which he highlighted the importance of practicing Meditation.

Next item in the morning session was a Satsang conducted by Sri. V.P. Nair of Trivandrum Mandali. The theme was Guru Mahima. He stressed the need of an ideal Guru and the qualities of an ideal Shishya. Absolute faith in Guru and Guru vakya is a must he said. The satsang was followed by a narration of personal experiences of receiving Mother's grace by Smt. Meera Gopakumar of Trivandrum Mandali, and how she, her husband and children became ardent devotees of Divine Mother.

In the evening Sri. K. Haridas, an eminent speaker of Trivandrum explained in detail the Dharmam in Grahasthashramam. Grihasthashrama is best suited to perform adhyatmic sadhana, he said. Next there was bhajans by Kavumbhagam Mandali presented with great devotional fervor. Late in the evening a Dance-Drama named Bhava Thrayangal of Divine Mother was presented by the children of Trivandrum Mandali. Here, the three different Devi Bhavas of Mother, as Goddess Lakshmi, Saraswathy and Kali were clearly brought out by linking up with well known stories of Jagat Guru Adi Sankara, Swami Vivekananda, and famous Sanskrit poet/dramatist Kalidasa. The last item of second day's session was a beautiful Dance performance by Kum. Athira and Kum. Arya of Trivandrum Mandali.

The session on the third and concluding day (24th December) began with a Question-Answer programme for children. The doubts raised by children, on epics and puranas were convincingly cleared by Sri. K. Haridas. This was followed by a brief but illuminating talk by Sri. R. Gireesh, who spoke on the ideals of Divine Mother and Her concept of Grihasthashram.



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In the concluding speech, Prof. Devaiah congratulated the organizers on the successful conduct of the sibiram and he once again stressed the need to include Meditation as an important item in future sibirams. He called on all Mandalis to preserve unity among them. He then announced the formation of the new sibiram committee for the year 2014. Towards the end, all children who took part in the different programmes of the session were awarded prizes.

The last item of the concluding session was Vilakku Pooja in which about 100 devotees took part. The three day session concluded with Lalitha Sahasranama Archana and Mangalaarathy.

Sadhana Shibiram-2013 of Karnataka Mandalis – A Report

On 26th December, The Secretary Prof. A. M. Devaiah inaugurated the four day Shibiram with lighting the auspicious lamp. He explained the salient features of Sadhana Shibiram and encouraged the delegates to participate in all the items enumerated in the programme. Sri. P Mahadeva Setty expressed happiness over the attendance of the sadhakas from various mandalis, in spite of many odds and obstacles. Pandith K. V. Nandkumar delivered talk on the subject 'Surrender'. Absolute and complete surrender is in fact the culmination of all sadhana and an achievement in itself.

Dr. Gurudas explained in detail why we organize Sadhana Shibir and urged the delegates to make the best use of the opportunity gifted by Mother to enhance our sadhana and rekindle the thirst to do the best. Sri. G Anandaraya Kamath, spoke about practice of Meditation as taught by Divine Mother. With various suitable illustrations, tips, hints, guidelines and practicable suggestions, the talk was very interesting. Sri. Kailasnath, and Kum. Shivleela spoke during evening Satsangh gathering.

On 27th, Smt. Preetha Ashit Bolar, spoke about the efficacy of Namasmara and the ease and effortlessness of this form of Sadhana. She also explained in detail how the all-pervading Divine Mother comes to her rescue in times of need even in Australia. Prof. Devaiah explained in graphic details the life and teachings of Divine Mother Sree Tara Devi. Many shining facets of Her life could be seen in his talk.

Musical presentation of life of Divine Mother Sree Rama Devi was an interesting programme of the day. Dr. Gurudas sang and intermediate narration was provided by Sri. G. Anandaraya Kamath. The programme was indeed heartening. The thrilling episodes captivated the audience. At 8.30pm Pandith Nandkumar conducted bhajans class. He taught the methodology of an impressive bhajan and gave guidance and also some dos and donts of an ideal bhajan. He taught the delegates two nice songs.

On Friday the 28th at 10.15am Sangeetha Vidushi Smt. Ramani Shreekar conducted a bhajan class. She demonstrated the delicate handling of the cymbals. She taught two Kannada songs and was well received by the delegates. At 11 o' clock Sri. Uday Bhatkal spoke about the prime importance of Shrdha in spiritual life and for that matter in any walk of life. A man of Shrdha alone is capable of achieving anything worthwhile in life. Thereafter Sri. M. C. Hebbar delivered a talk on 'Our Mother and our Mission'. Spiced with personal experiences and anecdotes of life of Mother, that was illuminating.

At 4.30 in the evening Pandith Nandkumar revived what he taught on the previous day and invited feedback. Delegates looked elated with new songs in their repertoire. After dinner at 8.30



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session of satsang and samvaada was invigorating. Sunday the 29th all delegates with their hearts brimming with bliss, as though with some unspeakable happiness and peace that passeth all understanding, gathered in Sree Ramambika Mandir at 10.30 am for the final session of Sadhana Shibir. Happy of course, yet a trace of sadness could be perceived, as they have to leave Shaktinagar in a while.

The Secretary delivered an illuminating discourse, highlighting the need to sustain the spirit of sadhana imbibed by the devotees during the Shibir. Sadhana does not end when Shibir comes to close. Sadhaka Vritti is a lifelong penance to propitiate Divine Mother. All devotees attending the Sibiram clearly felt the grace of Divine Mother.