

SHREE SHREE ANANDAMAYEE SANGHA, KANKHAL, HARIDWAR



Annual Report of the General Secretary for the financial year ended on 31st March, 2015

INTRODUCTION

Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee, the blissful name of the Almighty is always showering Her bliss and grace to all the humanity. With Her grace, I have the pleasure in presenting the Sangha's Annual Report, together with the Audited Accounts, for the year ended on 31st March, 2015 and I pray at Ma's Lotus Feet for Her abundant grace to be showered upon all the devotees, members and well-wishers of the Sangha.

The Sangha was established in Ma's Divine presence and with Her full blessings in January 1950. It is perhaps the only organization in India where ascetics and non-ascetic devotee-members have been jointly taking part in the proper management of the Sangha from the very first day. So far, four prominent persons became the President of this organization in past 63 years of its existence. Amongst them were Maharaja Durga singh of Solan Estate (Himanchal Pradesh) who was the President in the duration of 1950-52 & 1960-77, Rajmata Kamalendu Shah of Tehri Garhwal Estate and the then Member of Parliament in the duration of 1953-59, Sri B. K. shah of Mumbai, Chairman L.I.C. & New India Assurance Co. was from 1977 to 95 and Sri Govind Narayan, Retd. I.C.S. and a former Governor of Karnataka was the President in the duration of 1995-2012. Presently, Sw. Nirvananandaji is the President of this sacred organization since May 2012. He is the first Ascetic Member of the Governing Body who was elected as President of the Sangha. He is a highly qualified person and he is the most senior and aged person amongst all the ascetic members in the Sangha. Presently his age is about 94.

The history of establishment of this sacred organization is unique. Ma in Her early life was constantly on the move covering almost all the religious places in India. Wherever She went, a unique blissful divine environment prevailed around Her. Sadhus, mahatmas (saints), scholars, philosophers, foreigners and ordinary people from all walks of life were drawn to Her. When devotees approached Her for establishment of ashrams, She was reluctant saying that She was like a bird flying around. For Her, the whole world constitutes one single Ashram. However, on insistence of the devotees, several ashrams in Ma's name came up only at such specific places as indicated by Ma, which were mostly the places of sadhana (spiritual practices) since ancient times. Some of them lost their identity in course of time. The Sangha became an important instrument to take care of those ashrams and implement Ma's religious services to the spiritual seekers and to provide social services to the needy persons at these places. Even after Ma passed away, numerous spiritual seekers are visiting Ma's ashrams of and on. On 8th of November 2014, the present Prime Minister of India **Sri Narendra Modi** came to our Varanasi Ashram and visited Ma's room to offer his deep respect and pranam to Ma near Her bed.

The objects of the Sangha are to seek inspiration from Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee and to participate in all activities inspired by Ma for the spiritual advancement of mankind and to promote relief of the poor, education, medical relief and

advancement of any other object of general public utility, not involving the carrying on any activity for profit.

“Ma says that service purifies the mind, it brings bliss and happiness. Try to serve all beings as manifestation of God. He who can spend twenty-four hours of the day with God, he is in the path of great service to all beings. His works are worth emulation.”

The service activities, functions and various works are carried out by the Sangha through its Head Quarters at Kankhal and twenty-four Branch Ashrams situated in India and two Associate Branches in Bangladesh. The main activities of the Sangha are as follows:

- i. Research & Culture
- ii. Human Resources Development
- iii. Humanitarian & Medical Welfare Services
- iv. Religious & Spiritual Activities
- v. Miscellaneous Activities.

RESEARCH & CULTURE

Indian ancient culture is one of the oldest in the world. In ancient days, life of people were well blended with spiritual activities in shape of either services at home or to the society with utmost sincerity and in shape of religious rituals or festivals which used to provide direct or indirect benefit to the persons engaged in different professions. Such a life was free from mutual hatred, lack of superiority or inferiority complex and selfish attitudes which helped spiritual advancement as well. Obviously, such a God oriented life bestows peace and bliss amongst the persons which is most wanted now a day in the prevailing society.

When Ma was in Her physical form, all the religious festivals in Ma's ashrams used to be performed in accordance with the scriptures under Her guidance. Thus, through these heritage festivals, the ancient culture of India's 'Sanatan Dharma' which is gradually waning in modern times is being revived and restored to its original glory as per Ma's guidance. Following the same way, Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha arranges about thirty festivals in different occasions at its Kankhal Ashram and those are conducted as per our ancient scriptures. Many of these festivals are conducted in Ma's other ashrams as well. The heritage festivals carried out at our ashrams are covered below.

(i) Ma Anandamayee Maha Abirbhav Mahotsav

Shree Shree Ma's 119th Birth Anniversary was celebrated all over India in all the Branch Ashrams with devotion and gaiety from 3rd May to 18th May 2014. However, this function is celebrated in largest scale In Kankhal Ashram due to the existence of Shree Shree Ma's Samadhi in Ananda Jyoti Peetham Temple (AJP). This programme is a unique blend of religious, cultural and social functions performed in a befitting manner.

The Janmotsab function started with Ma's special puja in the Samadhi Temple on 3rd of May 2014. The Puja started at 2:30 AM (in late mid-night). Special Maun was observed from 3:15 AM to 3:45 AM to commemorate the auspicious arrival of Ma in this world within that duration. The decorations in the Samadhi Mandir were undoubtedly beautiful. The special feature being that Ma's statue was placed on a golden lotus was bedecked with flowers of all colours surrounding Her. Foreseeing difficulties of devotees and arranged two T.V screens in the temple hall and one under the stars in the open courtyard outside for those who could not find place within the temple hall so that nobody could miss to see the ongoing puja.

Several religious functions had been arranged on this occasion in Kankhal ashram. Arrangements were made for 'Shata Chandi Path', daily 'Akhanda Japa' uninterruptedly and

daily havan in Gayatri Yanjmashala to complete 10000 ahutis in between 3rd to 18th May. Apart from these functions, akhanda path of complete Ramayan, samaveta path of complete Geeta, Matri Chalisa, Vishnu Sahashra Naam, Shiva Mahimna Stotra etc. were arranged suitably on different days within the 'Janmotsab' period. Like every year, 'Sodashapachar puja' and bhojan (feast) of 108 kumaris and 12 Batuks had been arranged on Buddha Purnima day in a most joyous manner. Sri Rajat Narain and wife Amla Narain sponsored this grand function. The hall vibrated with the rhythm of the song 'Matri Chalisa' sung in chorus by 108 Kumari girls in unique tune. Another special feature was the traditional Ras-Lila performance on last five days initially introduced by Pujya Hari Baba in Ma's time. Arrangements had been made for Pravachan of senior Mahatmas from the Kailash Peeth of Rishikesh, Garibdasi Ashram, Sadhan Sadan etc. Besides, arrangements had also been made for 'Daridra Narayan Seva', distribution of fruits and sweets in the local hospitals, special puja in local reputed temples, religious cultural programmes like Ras-lila, Naam Yajna etc. on this occasion.

On the Tithi puja night, hundreds of devotees assembled at the AJP Temple, Kankhal to attend the special puja and meditation. Special Tithi puja of 'Ma' was held at 2:30 AM in the late mid night on 17.05.14 with Special Maun from 3:15 AM to 3:45 AM on 18th May, followed by Kumari Puja and Hawan. The puja was finally concluded in the early morning with Arati and Pranam mantra path in chorus. Thereafter, whoever came was allowed to go inside the Samadhi enclosure for Pranam to Ma and they received puja prasad.

On 18th May, 108 Sadhu Bhojan and general Bhandara for all were arranged. The Sadhus of Niranjani Akhara, Mahanirvani Akhara, Udaseen Bara Akhara, Kailash Ashram of Rishikesh, Divyajeevan Sangha and Ramakrishna Mission were present in the sadhu bhandara. We all are grateful to Dr.M.R.Goel of Jaipur who had bourn all the expenses incurred in last two days of this function by donating Rs.3.00 lacs.

The 'Naam-Yajna' commenced from the night on 18th of May. After the manch puja and Adhiwas kirtan, the Akhanda Naam Sankirtan was carried by the women devotees for the whole night and thereafter, the male devotees continued it next day since early morning till the sunset. In the afternoon, special puja and bhog was arranged in Shankaracharya hall when the 'Malsa bhog' specially prepared on this occasion was offered to the deities. This function was concluded with evening 'Kunjbhanga kirtana' and distribution of puffed sugar (batasa) to all. Such functions used to take place in the presence of Shree Shree Chaitanya Mahaprabhu, the great religious leader about 500 years ago who propagated Vaishnavism and he was the exponent of 'Hare Krishna' naam sankirtana. Many people were fortunate to receive Diksha nearly every day.

Shree Ma's Janmotsav was celebrated beautifully in all the other ashrams of Ma with gaiety and sincerity, along with special puja / meditation, mass Bhandara, Akhanda Jap (24 hrs), distribution of fruits and sweet packets etc. to hospital patients and destitute children were arranged.

(ii) 65th Samyam Saptah Mahabrata:

The Samyam Saptah Mahabrata is a weeklong sadhana programme which is cosmopolitan in nature and maintains the highest ideals of all religions. It is an extremely popular function amongst Indian and foreign devotees alike, and it is the most ideal function from one's intellectual, cultural, religious and spiritual points of view.

It is one of the historically significant spiritual function with all participating devotees sitting together in congregation. This function evolved under Ma Anandamayee's direct inspiration (Kheyal) and strict guidance, and is regularly organized by the Sangha every year. The 65th Samyam Saptah was held from 31st October to 6th of November, 2014 at Kankhal Ashram in Haridwar, where Head Quarter of the Sangha exists. Several hundreds of

devotees from within the country and abroad, irrespective of caste and creed, religion, rich or poor, participated in this programme.

The inaugural function of the Samyam Saptah was arranged on 30th of October 2014 in the evening. Sw. Nirvananandaji Maharaj, President of the Sangha, Sw. Parameswaranandaji Maharaj of Sadhana Sadan and M.M. Dr. Shyamsunder Dasji of Garaibdasi Ashram were present in this occasion. The General Secretary Sri S.C.Banerjee (Somuda) welcomed the invited mahatmas and all the vrateses and informed about the rules and regulations which were to be followed strictly during the saptah period. About 250 devotees participated in this function out of which about 150 persons were 'Vrateses'. Few Christian foreigners as well preferred to attend the Samyam Saptah regularly.

M.M. Sw. Divyanandaji Maharaj, Sw. Medhanandaji Maharaj and Acharaya (Sw.) Umeshwardevji Maharaj of Kailash ashram, Sw. Visheshwaranandaji of Suratgiri Bunglow, M.M. Chaitanyasaraswati Maharaj and his disciple Divya Saraswati of Anandakrishna Dham and Sw. Adhyatmanandaji of Shivanand Ashram at Ahmedabad gave discourses on various subjects in the religious discourse programme during the Samyam Saptah. The Matri Prasang after 9 p.m. was on various topics. All the speakers were, highly experienced old devotees of Ma beginning with Sw. Achyutanandaji, Brni. Chandandi, Brni. Bishuddhadi, Brni. Guneetadi, Brni. Geetadi, Km. Niranjani, Sw. Golokananda, Sri Sandeep Dutta (Gobluda), Smt. Puspa Khanna, Dr. Malati Mehta, Raman Pandya, Sri Krishna Pandya and, Sri S.C. Banerjee (Somuda).

On the 8th Morning Special Puja was offered to Ma at Ananda Jyoti Peetham. A grand arati took place and thereafter one and all present were allowed to enter the Samadhi Sthal and offer garland and prayers at Ma's feet and take Her blessings and Prasad. Simultaneously yajna with purnahuti was performed nearby the yajnalshala, followed by Sadhu Bhandara of 108 Sadhus. The same evening Satya Narayan Puja and the Katha was arranged by Somuda. Thereafter, 'Adhivas' of the Akhanda Naam Yajna took place on Ras Purnima Day. The next day programme ended with Malsa bhog in the noon and 'Kunjabhanga kirtan' in true spirit as used to be done in the time of our beloved Shree Shree Ma.

The 17th Samyam Saptah in Bhimpura Ashram was held on the bank of the River Narmada from 31st January to 6th of February, 2015 in which about 125 brateses from India and abroad participated. The invited Mahatmas P.P. Sw. Parameswaranandaji Maharaj & Sw. Umeshanandaji of Sadhana Sadan, Kankhal, Sw. Adhyatmanandaji of Divine Life Society, Ahmedabad, Bhagvat Scalar Sri Ashokbaba Kulkarniji, Sw. Samatanandaji of Chinmoy Mission, Rajkot, Sw. Achyutanandaji and others graced the occasion. A very colourful Bhandara both for Sadhus and common devotees were arranged and every participant went back to their homes with bliss and religious recharge of their respective souls.

(iii) Shreemad Bhagavat Parayan Celebrations:

Shreemad Bhagavat Maha Puran is one of the 18 ancient pauranic scriptures. The reading of these scriptures bestows spiritual *gyan* or knowledge, which gives opportunity to a person to transform own self into a better human being which leads ultimately to liberation from the sorrows and miseries of the world. Ma Anandamayee revived the holy spirit of the ancient "Shrimad Bhagavat" amongst the masses by organizing week-long 'Bhagavat Saptah' according to the Pauranic culture and tradition which is more than 5000 years old. Many devotees propose Bhagabat Saptah function in Ma's ashrams to commemorate their relations who have passed away and for the uplift of their souls towards moksha. Such Bhagabat Saptahs were arranged in following ashrams in this year:

Kankhal Ashram: Bhagabat Saptah was arranged from 21 to 27 May 2014. It was organized by Sri Gopal Banerjee in honour of reputed singer Kumari Chhabi Banerjee and the speaker was Pandit Chandra Sagarji who belonged to Gaudiya Math. He was very well

versed in several Indian languages and Shastras so was able to make interesting comments and references. This programme was followed by 108 Kumari Pooja in which all the kumaris were offered yellow sarees, asan, dakshina and they were fed Bhandara. Thereafter feeding of Sadhus and Brahmins were arranged. The 2nd Bhagavat Saptah was organized from 1st to 9th July by Sri Raghav Saxena and his wife Smt. Vineeta saxena. The speaker was the renowned Kathakar Sri Shyamsundar Parashar Shastriji of Vrindavan.

Third Bhagavat Saptah was organized from 1st to 9th Sept. 2014 in honour of ashram sadhus Sw. Tanmayanandaji, Sw. Sambidanandaji, Sw. Sarvananandaji, Sw. Arupanandaji, Br. Yoganandaji and also amongst the non-ascetic devotees Srimati Kamala Pandya was prominent. The speaker was Sw. Visvaswarupanandaji who blended Bhakti and Vedanta in a way to drive devotees to that heavenly path.

Naimisharanya Ashram: Bhagabat Katha was held in this ashram from 22 to 30 January 2015 followed by bhandara on the 31st. Sri Ashok Kulkarni was the Katha Vachak.

Varanasi Ashram: Bhagavat Saptah was organized from 1 to 9 Sept. 2014 in honour of the expired relatives of Sunandadi and for the devoted mass. The speaker was parambhagawat Shri Rajesh Krishna Gosamiji of Vrindavan.

Pune Ashram: Bhagavat Saptah was held from 24 to 31 August 2014 in this ashram. Sri Rajesh Goswami from Vrindavan was the Katha Vachak.

(iv) Functions in honour of Late Self-realized saints in Ma's Ashrams:

a) Swami Muktananda Giriji :

The Kankhal Ashram flourished after establishment of the mahasamadhi of Sw.Muktananda Giriji in Kankhal Ashram in 1970. Giriji was mother of Ma Anandmayee and she was the Deeksha Guru of Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha for about 30 years till she was alive. Four special functions are carried out each year in the Samadhi Temple of Giriji to commemorate her divinity. These functions are - (i) Chaitra Sankranti (14.4.2014) on which Giriji received sannyas in 1939, (ii) Akshaya Tritiya tithi on which Giriji's Vighraha was installed inside her Samadhi Temple in 1974, (This year on 2.5.2014) (iii) On Guru Purnima day (12.7.2014) and (iv) On Giriji's tirodhan tithi on shraavan shukla saptami tithi, on which Giriji passed away in 1970. On these occasions, special sodashpachar-puja of Giriji, sadhu bhandara with 'Vastra' and 'Dakshina', feeding of poor people etc. had been arranged. A special puja with maun from 12.45 to 1.15 AM was arranged in the mid-night with kirtan before and after the maun in the temple on the tirodhan tithi of Giriji as per Ma's standing instruction.

Baba Bholanath (Sw. Tibbatananda Tirtha):

Baba Bholanath was the first Deeksha Guru of Shree Shree Anandamayee Ashram since 1930 and continued till he was alive till June 1938. Three special functions are carried out each year in Shiva Temple in Kankhal Ashram where the vighraha of Baba Bholanath was installed. These functions were carried on Akshaya Tritiya tithi on which Baba Bholanath's Vighraha was installed in the Ashram and on his tirodhan tithi on Baishakh Shukla Saptami tithi on which he passed away in 1938 and also on the Guru Purnima day. On these occasions, special puja of Baba Bholanath, sadhu bhandara with 'Vastra' and 'Dakshina', had been arranged. Similar functions were also arranged at, Kolkata, Dehradun and Uttarkashi Ashrams where Vighrahas of Baba Bholanath already exist.

b) Mahasamadhi Utsav of Bhaiji (Swami Maunananda Parvat):

Sri Jyotish Chandra Roy (Bhaiji) was a high Govt. official in pre-independence period and later he became a sadhu after coming in contact with Ma and attained very high spiritual status and got liberation by the grace of Ma. His Samadhi temple exists in Ma's Almora Ashram. A special function was celebrated in that ashram on Bhaiji's Nirvan tithi (Jhulan

Dwadashi Tithi) on 7.8.2014 with holy chanting from Vedic and spiritual scriptures. A special puja of Bhaiji and Rudravishek of the Shivji installed on the Samadhi was performed on that day at Almora and Kankhal ashram. Swamijis and Sadhu Pramukhs of various spiritual organizations were invited and they graced the celebration with their august presence. The ceremony concluded with Sadhu Bhandara and general Bhandara.

d) Tithi puja and Sadhu Bhandara of important Sadhus of our ashrams who have passed away:

Special puja in Shiva temple and Bhandara of eleven Sadhus are arranged in Kankhal Ashram in honour of each of 18 late ashram sadhus on the tithis of their passing away. In this way, earnest regards are being paid to late ashram sadhus who had sacrificed their life for doing sadhana and offered their valuable services at the ashrams of Ma and for the spiritual seekers.

(v) Vasanti Durga Puja function in Varanasi Ashram:

Performance of Durga puja is done during the Navratri period in the month of October and in March every year. It is said that the Navratri Durga Puja in October was started by Sri Ram which is being followed now. Previous to that such Durga puja used to be performed during the Chaitra Navratri in the month of March and was called Vasanti Durga Puja. Thus it is one of the ancient most festivals in India. However such a puja in the month of March in Chaitra-Navaratri on the Durga Pratima is uncommon now a day.

The very first celebration of the Vasanti Durga Puja in Ma's ashram was held in Siddheswari ashram at Dhaka in April 1926 in a big scale as per Ma's divine Kheyal. Thereafter, such a puja was arranged in Chaitra Navratri when the land for Varansi ashram was procured in 1944. The Vasanti Durga puja at that time held under a temporary tin shed and since then it is being held every year in Varanasi ashram inside the 'Chandi Mandap' without any break. Thus this ancient most religious function survived in this ashram as per Ma's kheyal. This year the 71st Vasanti Durga Puja was held from 26th March to 30th March, 2015 with a lot of grandeur and enthusiasm. A good number of devotees from Kolkata and nearby states attended the programme. In the evening there was a cultural programme everyday. A special puja of MA Annapurna was offered in the ashram temple on the annual day of the deity on 27 March. This year the stars foretold of the overlapping of the lunar dates and so 'Navami' rituals had to be performed on 28th and 29th March 2015, the worship starting at 3.00 am on 29th March. Similarly 'Dashami' puja started at pre-dawn and had to be completed by 7.00 am on 30th March. On the Dashami Tithi, Devi was given a tearful send off. Some of course felt the presence of Ma Durga in their hearts forever. The celebration concluded with the immersion of the idol in the holy Ganges and 'Dashami Milan'.

(vi) Geeta Jayanti Utsab:

This function is arranged every year in December from Shukla Ashtami to Ekadashi tithi to commemorate the incident when in the ancient time, Lord Krishna delivered Geeta to Arjuna at the battle field in Kurukshetra in this duration. Sri Gopal Thakur, a reputed saint of Allahabad arranged this function in the ashram for the first time in presence of Ma in Varanasi Ashram and since then it is arranged in Ma's ashrams every year. According to Sri Gopal Thakur, 'Ma' Herself was the "Living Geeta". Ma inspired and encouraged all to read at least a few slokas or a chapter of Gita daily. Most of the Branch Ashrams encourage collective reading of this holy book.

From 29th Nov.(Shukla Ashtami tithi) to 2nd Dec.(Ekadashi tithi), collective reading of the holy book 'Shrimad Bhagwat Gita' in a particular tune was arranged in the Kankhal Ashram. Path of six adhyayas (chapter) was carried out daily. Swami Medhananda Puriji, a senior monk in the Kailash Ashram in Rishikesh, gave discourse from the Geeta daily in the

evening. On the fourth day, the entire text was read out and puja was performed for every chapter of Bhagavat Geeta followed by Ma's Special puja. Geeta Jayanti Utsab was also celebrated in various ashrams such as Varanasi, Agarpara, Pune, Vrindaban, New Delhi, Bhimpura, Ranchi, Vindhyachal, Dehradun etc. where hundreds of devotees participated in reading the entire text (18 chapters), and discourses were held by eminent Mahatmas.

(vii) Sanskrit Day in Varanasi Ashram:

Birthday of the renowned Philosopher and learned Sanskrit Pandit Padma Vibhushan Mahamahopadhaya Sri Gopinath Kaviraj ji was celebrated in Varanasi Ashram on 8th of September 2014,. Ma said about Kaviraj ji, "Never was anyone learned like him and never will be (later)". Such was his immeasurable depth of knowledge that he was considered the 'Jnana Bibhuti' (sacred ashes of knowledge) of Lord Viswanath. He was always apathetic to the showering of rewards, medals and honours offered by different nations. The gifted disciple of Sw. Bishuddhanandaji, came to Ma as per his Guru's order and competently held many philosophical discourses and he was the author of number of reputed philosophical books. He passed about a decade in Ma's Varanasi Ashram on the bank of river Ganga and left his mortal frame in Ma Anandamayee hospital in 1976.

With utmost respect, his birthday was celebrated by Kanyapeeth girls in the Gopal Mandir hall with the chanting of Veda, Sanskrit Shlokas, dance, music and Sanskrit drama. The Chief Guest was Mahamahopadhyay Sri Ram Ratan Shuklaji (known as Modern Panini to the contemporary Sanskrit scholars). Sri Kamalesh Jhaji and Sri Umakant Shuklaji were among the distinguished guests. The most prominent feature was right from the speech of the guests to various performances by the Kanyapeeth girls, all items were held in Sanskrit language.

(viii) Akshaya Tertiya Function

'Satya yug' was started on this very day in the ancient time. It is considered that whatever 'punya' (holy or sacred) is earned by doing good deeds like 'daan' (charity) etc. on this day, its good effect remains everlasting. Shodashopachar Puja of Shree Shree Maa and all the deities in the temple, kirtan, special bhog and bhandara was arranged in many ashrams. Besides, the ancient culture like 'Ghat-daan' ceremony is also arranged on this day when pitchers full of water with clothes, fruits, sweets, dakshina (money) and hand driven fans are offered to poor Brahmins.

(ix) Matri Smriti Museum and Research Centre, Kankhal

With a view to preserve for the coming generations, the relics associated with Shree Shree Ma, a museum has been established at Ma Anandamayee Ashram in Kankhal Ashram. The museum is situated inside the bungalow built right on the bank of river Ganga and this was specifically built for Shree Ma's use by Sri S.N. Ghosh & Smt. Ranu Ghosh of Kolkata who donated it to Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Sangha. Before Ma took Mahasamadhi, She stayed there for about 2 months during Her last Janmotsab. The bedroom of Shree Shree Ma on one side and the kitchen on the other side has been maintained as such. A hall is there in the centre to exhibit clothes, corporeal relics of Ma, ritualistic objects, rare piece of papers in which Ma's handwriting is preserved, certain handicrafts made by Ma, etc. Besides, the collection consists of a pair of Manjira which was used during 'kirtan' by Shri Shri Ma and the garments used by Her during the pilgrimage to Kailash Mansarovar. The objects also include some articles presented to Ma by her devotees and important personalities. The clock which was kept in Ma's room at Dehradun Ashram during Her last sojourn in Her room has also been displayed which recorded the time 7.45 PM when Ma's Maha Samadhi occurred on the 27th August, 1982.

The exhibited collection also contains a large number of paintings depicting Ma's life journey from Kheora to Kankhal which include portraits of her family. There are

photographs which were taken during her sadhana days in Shahbag showing her in different moods, Her association with contemporary Mahatmas and important political leaders etc. The first floor of the building contains a large number of paintings of Ma's life, a small auditorium and a Research centre. The library containing books on Shree Shree Ma and all religions is situated at the ground floor of the new guest house No. 4 in the main Ashram premises.

(x) Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Institute of Pauranic and Vedic Studies & Research, Naimisharanya (UP)

Through the blessings of Ma and as a result of the most dynamic efforts of the then Governor of Uttar Pradesh, Dr. M. Chenna Reddy, this unique Institute for Pauranic & Vedic Studies and Research was built on about eight acres of land and it has completed almost thirty six years of its existence. The Institute was established at the seat of the most ancient Indian civilization at Naimisharanya in U.P. nearby the town Sitapur. Smt. Indira Gandhi, the then Prime Minister of India came in 1981 for its formal inauguration in presence of Shree Shree Ma.

The Institute has two wings – teaching and research. Apart from the college building, a library with about 2500 invaluable books is there for the research students. Three wings of the hostel were constructed to accommodate the research students. Residential quarters also exist there for the teaching and other staffs. From the very outset, the institution was affiliated to the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, both for teaching Shastri and Acharya classes in Puranas and Dharma Shastra and also, for guiding research work in the Puranas and the Vedas for PhD (Vidyavaridhi) Degrees. So long, about 26 research scholars of this institution received PhD. The institute gets a very nominal grant only from Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi. This unique Institute which is the only one of its type available in this country, now badly needs financial assistance from the Government, donors and well wishers for its running, maintenance and to sustain it.

HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

(i) Shree Shree Ma Anandamyee Kanyapeeth, Varanasi (UP):

Based on the ideals of ancient India's Gurukul System, this purely residential institution for young girls, imparts training in Brahmacharya in the formative period of their lives.

The Foundation day of Kanyapeeth was celebrated on 25th Sept. to observe the completion of 76th year of its existence. The Kanyapeeth was founded in 1935. The event was celebrated by a special puja of Shree Shree Ma and an oath to carry forward the ideals of Gurupriyadidi, to produce modern Gargi, Maitreyi, Madalasa, to prove that girls too can equally pursue the path of Sanskrit knowledge.

During the academic year 2014, twenty-three girls of this Institution took part in various examinations conducted by the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, as well as by the U.P. Sanskrit Education Board, and sixteen girls appeared in Music Examination conducted by the Prayag Sangeet Samity, Allahabad. The result of examination conducted by the U.P. Sanskrit Board and Sampurnanand Sanskrit University has been declared. Out of twenty-three girls, fifteen have got first division and all others have passed. In Prayag Sangeet Samity, Allahabad examination, all girls got first division.

During the academic year 2015, twenty-five girls have appeared in different examinations of the Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi, and also U.P. Sanskrit Board, Lucknow and eighteen girls in music examination conducted by the Prayag Sangeet Samity, Allahabad. All the results are still awaited.

During the year our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Damodar Modi visited Shree Shree Anandamayee Ashram on 8 November 2014 at 9.25 a.m. His visit to Kanyapeeth occurred when this sacred institution had completed 75 years of its existence. All the Kanyapeeth girls welcomed the Prime Minister by swagat geet & Vedpath. The Kanyapeeth's Secretary Km. Jaya Bhattacharya presented him Smriti-Chinh & Prasad at Ma's room. Before leaving, he talked with Kanyapeeth's very old Brahmacharini Mala didi about her health.

While discussing about the financial position, it is a matter of satisfaction to note that devotees of Ma, who sincerely love this Institution, spontaneously came forward to help to run the Institution on desired lines.

The Kanyapeeth was privileged enough to receive during the year 2014-2015 a grant-in-aid amounting to Rs.93960/- only from the State Govt. of UP and Rs. 2,16,000/- only from the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi under the Ministry of Human Resources Development, Govt. of India to meet the salary component of the teaching staff.

(ii) Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Vidyapeeth, Kankhal (Haridwar):

Based on the ideals of ancient India's Gurukul System, this purely residential institution for young boys, imparts training of Brahmacharya in the formative period of their lives. Ma always said that 'Brahmacharya' (celibacy) and self-discipline from childhood itself were important for character-building education, as it was done in the ancient Vedic days. Ma emphasized on the first ashram (stage of life) i.e. 'brahmcharya' as the vital foundation for the smooth running of the other three 'Ashramas' – 'Garhastha' (family life), 'Vanaprastha' (complete religious life after family life) and 'Sannyas' (A life of complete renunciation) for the peace and welfare of the society. With these ideals in mind, Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Vidyapeeth was first started at the Kishenpur Ashram in Dehradun in the year 1941. Later, it was established permanently at Almora ashram. After Shree Ma's 'Mahaprayan', the Vidyapeeth was closed down for about a decade. However, it began functioning again in 1993 in the Kankhal Ashram at Haridwar. Shree Shree Anandamayee Vidyapeeth has now its own proper school building with furnished classrooms in the ground floor and fully furnished hostel facilities in its first floor. A spacious playground is also there. The Uttarakhand Govt. Education Board has granted its recognition for class VI to VIII standard.

This school is fully residential and meant for poor boys. All the boys get totally free education here. Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha bears the entire expense of all the boys for purchasing books and stationeries, their clothing, food and medical expenses etc inclusive salary of the teachers of the school. Due attention is regularly paid to ensure the balanced and harmonious development of the students - physically, intellectually, and morally through academic classes, computer training, music etc. The boys regularly attend the "Arati prayer" in the morning and evening at Ma's temple. Yoga is also practiced by the students in the early morning.

It is on the record that boys have been performing well in their annual examination. During 2014-15, Twenty-eight students appeared in the annual examination and the success rate had been 100%; 20 of them passed in first division. Eleven boys of class VIII passed out who have joined other schools for higher studies. Qualified and experienced Acharyas / Teachers have been appointed who teach all the subjects as laid out by the CBSE. Two of the teachers are teaching here who were teaching in Welhem Girls School at Dehradun which is considered as best school in India. This unique Institute now badly needs financial assistance from the donors and well wishers for its running and maintenance and to sustain it.

(iii) Ma Anandamayee Vidyapeeth, Agartala (W.Tripura)

Ma Anandamayee Vidyapeeth, an English Medium School with co-education system is in its Secondary level duly affiliated to CBSE, Delhi. It could not be elevated to Higher

Secondary level due to lack of infrastructure which could not be developed due to paucity of fund. The 3rd batch of students with the strength of 11 students appeared in the Secondary School examination of the CBSE Board during the year 2013-2014. All of them passed and secured high first division marks with one of them securing A+ grade. During the year under report, no student appeared in class X Board Examination as there was no student in class X. However, presently there are 18 students in class X after April, 2015 and all of them are likely to appear in the Board Examination by 2016.

The school building is being maintained with continuous and progressive improvement. Development works are being undertaken by improving the teaching with the help of super quality teachers, introducing computerized audio visual methods (smart classes), 5 laboratories of Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and computer and books in the Library have been added during 2014-2015 making the existing stock of 3760 books. Due attention is being paid to sports and games, yoga classes and educational excursion tours, fine arts and extra-curricular activities. Sri R.N.Chakravorty, the President of the Institution is the key person behind all its development of the school at its present level.

Nothing could be done to construct a new school building in the new site of 6.01 acres of land due to tribal disturbance in one hand and paucity of fund in the other hand.

(v) Publication Activities:

The sales outlet at the "Information Center" for the convenience of the devotees has displayed all the publication / periodicals / journals etc. brought out under the banner of the Sangha and also the 'House Journal' "Amrita Varta" published in four languages i.e. Hindi, Bengali, English and Gujarati from Varanasi Ashram. Apart from publishing new books on the life and teachings of Ma Anandamayee, the Sangha is also giving emphasis to reprinting of old classical and popular books, including its inter-language translations.

(vi) Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Sarva Dharma Granthagar , Kankhal (Haridwar):

The Library has a valuable collection of books on philosophical, cultural, and spiritual subjects in English, Bengali, Hindi, Sanskrit, Gujarati and other Indian and foreign languages. This facility has been well utilized by the guests and devotees. There have been substantial improvements in number of books. Presently, it is having about 5000 books and those have been stacked in Almirahs. Proper classification and display of the books has been arranged. Some new devotees including foreigners have started using the library for consultations.

HUMANITARIAN & MEDICAL WELFARE SEVA

(i) Mata Anandamayee Hospital, Shivala, Varanasi (UP):

Since last fifty years of the medical care and service to the underprivileged & public at large in Mata Anandamayee Hospital, Varanasi, feel blessed to be able to achieve the objective of the organization.

The hospital was planned and executed as desired by Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee Herself. It was formally inaugurated by then Prime minister Smt. Indira Gandhi in presence of Ma on 26th Dec. 1968. Presently it is being managed by Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha. During the inauguration ceremony, Shree Ma gave us the direction to carry on --

"Rog Rupi Jana Jananrdan Seva"

The hospital is following religiously the path shown by Shree Ma. The aim and objective of this hospital is just one i.e. to serve the ailing humanity irrespective of religion, cast and creed, more so the downtrodden and saints. And the pivot of all programmes of the hospital is to provide maximum help to the patients.

There was a rejoice when the present Prime Minister Sri Narendra Modi came to the hospital on 8 November 2014. Coincidentally, the hospital was celebrating its Golden Jubilee in that year. He garlanded Ma's statue there and talked with the doctors present there.

The services provided in the hospital can be grouped under four categories as:-

- a- Out Patients Department (O.P.D.),
- b- Indoor Patients Department (IPD),
- c- Community service,
- d- Other Services.

The hospital has established itself as one of the leading entity in the field of public service. With the blessing of Shree Ma, it has shown a lot of improvement during the year 2014. In this year, a total of 61,301 patients were treated in various OPD Ward and 1986 patients were treated in the Indoor Ward. Our O.P.D. ward consists – General Medicine, Surgery, Cardiology, Ophthalmology, E.N.T., Urology, Anorectic diseases, Gynecology, Pediatrics, Diabetic Clinic, Rheumatoid diseases, DoT's cases, Dental, Skin, Ayurvedic and Physiotherapy. Besides, about 53000 patients were benefitted in the Homeopathic wing of Shree Shree Anandamayee Karuna situated within our hospital campus.

Patients were also provided adequate free medicines, concessional & free diagnostic tests and 1917 patients availed of this facility. In the Indoor department, 759 patients were given free beds, medicines, diet etc. in various degrees to suit their requirements. The Physiotherapy Department has shown vast improvement with 2645 patients availing the services. The Surgical Department showed an upswing with 2950 surgery and surgical procedures being carried out. Similarly, Gynecology Department improved its performance wherein 9699 patients being successfully treated in O.P.D.

With the generous help received from Kishinchand Chellaram Charitable Trust, Mumbai, we have been able to introduce Digital X-ray system in our Radiotherapy Deptt.

Free Medical Aid Programmes:

Several medical camps were organized by the Hospital in this year also to provide maximum possible service to the poor & underprivileged patients.

1. The departments of Medicine and Surgery arranged several BMD Test programmes in association with medical and pharmaceutical companies.
2. A Special surgical camp was organized from 1st Dec. 2014 to 7th January, 2015 for free treatment of Hernia and Hydrocell cases under the supervision of Senior Surgeon, Dr. N.N.Khanna, who was ably assisted by our Resident Surgeons, Dr. A.K.Gupta & Dr. Vikas Dixit. 514 cases were examined in the surgical O.P.D. and 15 operations were done free of charge with free bed, free medicine & free diet etc.
3. Like every year, a free eye camp was also organized from 25th December 2014 to 23rd March, 2015. This camp was sponsored by Rai Rishikumar Charitable Trust, Varanasi who donated generously to make it a success. In total, 391 patients were examined, and finally 184 patients were treated with intra molar lens plantation. Eye operations were done by Dr. Sanjay Thakur & his team of Natraj Eye Centre, Varanasi, on our behalf. We are thankful for the dedicated services given by the renowned Eye Surgeon Dr. Sanjay Thakur and Dr. Rajnish Nath assisted by our Dr. R.M.Bajpai & Dr. Prakash Dwivedi.
4. The Polio Eradication Programme, as well as Filarial Eradication Programme was regularly organized in the hospital in co-operation with Govt. Health Post.
5. Under the guidance of our Senior Consultant Physician, Dr. A.K.Dev, free asthma and chest diseases camps were also organized in the hospital time to time during the year.

6. On 14th September 2014, a Camp namely Pain Clinic was organized under the guidance of Dr. V. Rastogi for migraines, sciatica, spondylitis and neurological pains etc. This camp was organized in association with Bangiyo Samaj, Varanasi, where about 30 patients benefitted.
7. On 20th December, 2014, a Urology camp was organized by Dr.Kanhaiya Pandey, the noted Urologist, where 21 patients of various symptoms like Prostate gland, Dysurea, Stricture Urethra etc. were examined and advised.
8. From 1st January to 15th January, 2015, a special gynecology camp was organized under the supervision of Senior Gynecologists, Dr. Shail Dubey, Dr.D.Sharma, Dr.P.V.Tewari, Dr.Sangeeta Rai and Dr. Alka Baranwal. Cases of Vaginal Cyst operation were successfully done by Dr. Sangeeta Rai.
9. A Cancer Scan Camp was organized in co-operation with Apex Hospital, Varanasi, on 23rd January, 2015 and total 16 patients were examined & advised.
10. A special free Camp for Eye Testing was conducted from 21st July to 8th August 2014. Finally, 90 persons consisting of sadhus & poor persons were given free specs on 20th August 2014. The Camp was sponsored by Swami Brahmananda Saraswatiji of Mumukshu Bhavan, Varanasi.
11. Abott Pharmaceuticals Ltd. arranged three camps in our hospital from 15th February to 15th April 2015 on Tuesdays for awareness of Disturbed Bowl Syndrome with the help of company experts. Our staff members & concerned doctors supervised the same.

Thalassemia Day Care Centre:

Thalassemia Welfare Society has been running its centre in our hospital for many years in order to prevent the dreaded disease among the children. The main objective of this NGO programme is to identify this life taking disease among the children and also to ensure their proper treatment. Monthly Monitoring Clinics are also regularly conducted here.

Social Programmes:

- a) The Independence Day was celebrated on 15th August 2014 with the usual customary fanfare. The two local M.L.A.s, Smt. Jyotsna Srivastava and Shri Shyamdeb Roy Chowdhury were present in the occasion. The function commenced with the National Song sung by the students of Ma Anandamayee Kanyapeeth in the presence of a large gathering.
- b) Local sponsors distributed cloths & food materials among the patients in this occasion.
- c) Free distribution of blankets, pullovers, milk etc. was also done for the poor children of the locality twice in the year.
- d) Additional latrines & washrooms were constructed to the staff members and patients.
- e) Incentives in terms of cash and dress materials were given to the staff.

Financial Status:

The Poor Relief Fund created for the purpose of rendering medical assistance to the deserving persons was also utilized to the maximum to give benefits to the sadhus & under-privileged of the society. During the year under review, a total expenditure in Medical Relief to the poor was Rs. 3, 16,940=00

Government Grant:

The hospital also received a recurring grant of Rs. 8,00,000/- from the State Government in the year 2013-'14.

We have also received Rs. 1.50 lacs as financial aid to the DoT programme of the U.P.Govt. for the year 2013-'14.

Our Thanks:

We convey our heartfelt thanks to all of our well-wishers who helped us in this most noble service to the mankind through this hospital. Recently, improvement of hospital management is being carried with the help of PSM (India). A Jan Ashadhalaya is being opened in the hospital campus which will benefit the patients.

At the end, we all humbly pray for Shree Shree Ma's infinite grace & blessing to enable us to successfully run the hospital on the chosen path.

(ii) Charitable activities at Branch Ashrams:-

Many of our ashrams provide charitable services by distributing free medicines to the patients, bear educational expenses, free milk distribution and clothing etc. to the poor children as given below:

Agarpara ashram (Kolkata): The Charitable Homeo Dispensary is being run very successfully. A good number of local patients got the medical facilities of free check up by eminent doctors along with free distribution of necessary medicines. Many poor patients have acquired the benefits of the Ophthalmic Wing by free eye check up and obtaining necessary spectacles at very reasonably low price. Blood Donation Camp with the help of a local Club was organized. Blood Donation Camp will help the local habitants to avail blood easily during their requirements throughout the year. Ashram organized "Daridra Narayan Seva" in the year by distributing food, sarees and dhotis to over a hundred of poor people.

Bhimapura ashram (Gujrat): The charitable dispensary is being run very successfully. A high qualified physician formerly a Professor in the SSG Hospital and Medical College, Baroda is giving her service and people of nearby 25 villages are taking the benefit. Free medicine and treatment are provided to the hundreds of patients. 40 children from the nearest village are provided milk and snacks daily in the evening.

Jamshedpur Ashram (Jharkhand): Free medical treatment is being provided since last few years by DISHARI to the poor people living around the area with the help of the ashram. Yoga and Rekey classes are held for better health in the charitable homeopathic clinic manned by specialist doctors.

Kankhal Ashram (Haridwar): Two separate medical dispensaries, Homoeopathy and Allopathy, are run by the specialist doctors. These dispensaries are very popular in the area, and a good number of patients including many ascetics visit the place daily. Free medicines are given to the poor patients. Patients mainly suffering from spondylosis, skin infection, pain of joints, kidney stone, chronic bronchitis, seasonal viral fever, asthma etc are treated by the specialist doctors. 1540 patients were treated in the Allopathic dispensary and 4872 patients were treated in the Homoeopathy dispensary during the year 2014-15.

Vindhyachal Ashram, Mirzapur (UP): For serving the poor people of locality, a charitable Homoeopathic dispensary (Ma Anandmayee Kripa) has been in operation for last 12 years for which two doctors, six compounders and Swami Sharanand Giri Maharaj, ascetic member of the Sangha, have been providing their services during four days in a week. This dispensary has become very popular and patients from distant areas and other districts too are coming to avail benefit of free treatment offered here. This year, a record number of 17,983 sick patients have been treated. Toffees have been offered regularly to the young children attending the dispensary.

Vrindavan ashram (U.P.): A charitable Homeopathy Dispensary is run by the ashram as Jana Janardan Seva. The Ashram also has taken all responsibilities for stay, food, healthcare and necessary educational expenses to the poor students (about 10), who came

from various regions of the country. They stay in the ashram for Sanskrit education, study on Karma Kanda and Shrimad Bhagavat and offer seva in daily ashram activities.

Kalkaji Ashram in New Delhi: A charitable Homeopathy Dispensary is run in the ashram premises for the poor, managed by an experienced doctor. About 1500 patients were treated this year and were given medicines free of cost.

RELIGIOUS & SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES

The religious cum spiritual functions as envisaged and started by Ma are carried out in most of the Ashrams of the Sangha following the procedures strictly as per the scriptures followed since ancient time. Specifically in Kankhal Ashram and in Varanasi ashram, the Brahmacharinis take maximum care to follow all the instructions Ma had given regarding maintenance of the sanctity while performing any spiritual function.

Reports received from various ashrams about performance of spiritual activities are given below:-

(i) Kankhal Ashram: Kankhal Ashram is historically located at the place where Daksha yajna was performed in ancient period. Sati, the wife of Lord Shiva, left Her sacred body in that occasion. It is believed that Shree Shree Ma's Samadhi exists at the place where Sati left Her body. An elegant large temple of white marble exists on the sacred Samadhi in this ashram. Adjoining to Samadhi Temple, there stands a beautiful and specious 'Ati Rudra Yajnashala' at the spot where the daksha yajna was actually performed in ancient time. Hundreds of pilgrims and tourists from all over India and abroad visit this place daily round the year.

Almost all the important Hindu festivals numbering about 30 are arranged every year in a manner as it was used to be performed when Shree Shree Ma was in Her physical form. However, four prominent functions – Shree Shree Ma's Janmotsab, Guru Purnima, Durga Puja and Samyam Saptah are celebrated in a very large scale, which are attended by large number of devotees from all over India and some from abroad as well. In these occasions the devotees get opportunity to offer pranam at Ma's Samadhi enclosure. Large bhandaras and Sadhu Bhojan are arranged on such occasions. Apart from Ma and Giriji's Samadhi Temples, daily puja is arranged in Shiva Temple, Shakaracharya temple, Padmanabhji and in Ganga Temple. Daily bhog is offered in Shiva Temple and daily havan is performed in the Gayatri Yajnashala keeping the historical fire in live condition continuously which is burning since 1926 when Ma Herself performed the yajna at Dhaka on the occasion of Kali Puja. Following are few of the important festivals which were arranged in befitting manner in 2014-15.

A). Sannyas Utsab of Sw. Muktananda Giriji: Sw. Muktananda Giriji, mother of Shree Shree Ma was the Sangha Guru during Ma's time. She was a fully realized saint. A large number of fortunate devotees received deeksha from her. She received Sannyas from the reputed realized saint Sw Mangalananda Giriji Maharaj of Nirvani Akhara. To commemorate this sacred occasion, this ceremony is arranged every year. Special Sodaspachar puja of Giriji was arranged on 14th April 2014 in the morning with rudrabhishek in Shiva Temple in the ashram. Sadhu Bhandara of 21 sadhus were arranged and thereafter all received Prasad.

B). Ma's Janmotsab Programme: Shree Shree Ma's Janmotsab programme celebrated in Kankhal Ashram was quite large which commenced on 3rd May and continued up to janmatithi function on 18th May 2014. We are following the same sequence of different functions within this programme as used to be followed in previous years

continuing since Ma's time. Details in this regard has already been described earlier in the para "Ma Anandamayee Maha Abirbhav Mahotsav".

C). Gurupurnima Utsab: On this occasion, special 'sodashapatchar' puja to MA at Samadhi temple was arranged on 12 July 2014. After the puja all the devotees were allowed to get opportunity to pay pranam at Ma's Samadhi enclosure. Special 'sodashapatchar' pujas were also arranged for Sw. Muktananda Giriji in Giriji Temple, Baba Bholanath in Shiva Temple, Shankaracharya and Padmanabhji in Shankaracharya Hall. A large bhandara was arranged for all.

D). Durga Puja was held from 30.9.2014 to 4.10.2014 with lot of zeal, gaiety and joy at Kankhal Ashram, where a large member of devotees from various parts of the country and neighboring districts and suburbs of Haridwar came to pay their homage to Ma Durga. Large scale of Bhandaras was arranged as usual on all the puja days, where hundreds of devotees took Mahaprasad. Puja was sponsored by Shri Anindya Bose (Raja) and his family from Kolkata. The daily musical programme in the evening was of a high standard. Brni. Chandandi, Vice President (Ascetic) and her team made an excellent arrangement for the puja.

Durga Puja was also celebrated in Ranchi and Agarpara ashrams with Durga Pratima duly installed in the puja mandap and in other ashrams also it was celebrated with much enthusiasm.

E). Kali Puja in Kankhal ashram was arranged on the deepawali night when puja was offered on the beautiful Ma Kali Pratima at the Shankaracharya Hall. Brahmacharinis enlivened the occasion with the singing of Shyama Sangit . In all the pujas, Kumari Puja was given a special place of honour with the choicest selection of the Kumari. It was followed by the traditional Annakut Utsab next day when large number of devotees received 'Anna' Prasad.

Kali Puja was also celebrated; especially in Varanasi, Ranchi, Delhi, Uttarkashi and Jamshedpur where Vighras of Makali are already exist.

Apart from all these pujas, many more religious festivals were arranged in Kankhal Ashram which includes special puja of Shri Padmanabh Narayan vighraha on Makar Sankranti Day which was offered to Ma by the Maharaja of Trivandrum, Saraswati puja on Vasant Panchami day, Shiv puja for the whole night on Shiv Ratri festival, special puja of Narayan on Holi festival. "Akhanda Ramayan Path" was organized on 27th & 28th February and the performance was truly a spiritually elevating event. On the same day a feast was arranged for 108 Sadhus for the peace of the soul of the departed father of Murghaniji of the Lokumalji family. From 29th to 31st March, on the occasion of Ram Navami, Akhanda Ramayan Gaan was arranged for three days followed by wonderful discourse from Ramayan by famous speaker of Ayodhya Sw. Rameshwarnandaji Saraswati.

(ii) Agarpara ashram in Kolkata: A large number of devotees have visited the ashram on various religious occasions associated with Ma's tradition such as –Shivratri , Dol-Purnima, 108 Swami Muktanandji's Sanyas Utsav in Chaitra Sankranti (14th April), Gurupurnima, Bhagvat Saptaha Parayan, Jhulan Purnima, Janmashtami, Shree Shree Durgapuja, Laxmi-puja, Kalipuja, Annakut Mahotsav, yearly Namyagna Mahotsav, **Matri**-Janmotsav Celebration through various programmes like akhanda Jap, Kirtan, Bhajans, Daridra-Narayan Seva, puja in local temples, Sweet distributions to patients in many local hospitals and 108 Balgopals, Sadhu-bhojan, Yagna and Bhandara for devotees. The flower decoration and illumination in Ma's Janmotsab were appreciated by the devotees. Sanyam Saptaha Mahabrata was participated by more than 70 devotees. On every Sunday, the ashram organizes Akhanda Jap and Mahanam Sankirtan from sunrise to sunset. Everyday

Satsang along with bhagvat path is performed for the local devotees for 3 hours from 4.00 pm. Needless to mention the above festivals help consistently the locals and the devotees to gain necessary spiritual strength and peace. Agarpara Ashram is becoming day by day an attractive spiritual and social help centre for the locals who consider the ashram as an Institute for the overall moral growth of their growing children.

(iii) Almora Ashram: Ma's Janmotsav was celebrated in the Ashram with special puja of Ma in the early hours on the day. Path of Durga Saptasadi and Srimad Bhagavat Geeta was carried out. Ram Navami Utsav was celebrated with 'Avishek' and special puja in Sri Ram Mandir, singing of 'Sundarkand' and 'Hanuman Chalisa' in chorus. A large Bhandara was also organized.

(iv) Bhimpura ashram: Various religious functions had been organized such as Ma's Janmotsav with Kumari Puja, Batuk Puja and Sata Chandi Path, Hanuman Jayanti, Ram Navami, Guru Purnima, Janmashtami, Annapurna Puja, Mahashivaratri Puja etc. with full dedication and devotion in the temples of Ma, Mahadev Mandir, Hanumanji and Ram Mandir. During the Navaratri Utsav, 100 recitations (Sata Chandi Path) at Bhimpura and Shree Shree Matri Smaranstahali in Ahmedabad, the C.D of Mahishasurmardini were played every day at dawn for 9 days inspiring scores of people to come and hear. Satsang with recitation of various scriptures and Hanuman Chalisa, Sankirtan was arranged and the children of village participated. On all such occasions, large number of devotees of Gujrat and other states of India joined and participated.

(v) Bhopal ashram: Ram Navami, Hanuman Jayanti, Ma's Janmotsav, Guru Purnima, Durga Puja, Deepawali, Holi etc. were celebrated in the ashram. On Sharad Purnima, special Kheer bhog was offered. The cows in the Goshala were also offered khir during Annakut utasav. 'Dhyan' was organized during the Samyam Saptah festival.

(vi) Dehradun ashram: All the three ashrams in Dehradun are associated with several leelas of Ma. Both Baba Bholanath and Ma passed away at Kishenpur Ashram. Hence this ashram is a sacred monument for all the devotees of Ma. Various religious festivals (associated with Ma's parampara) was organized at Dehradun group of ashrams, such as Shree Shree Ma's first arrival ceremony and Janmastami Puja in Raipur Ashram, Akshay tritiya Puja, Shree Shree Ma's Abirbhav Utshav (On Birth date & Tithi), Guru Purnima, Jhulan Purnima, Saradiya Durga Astami Puja, Laxmi Puja, Dipawali/Kalipuja, Makar Sankranti Puja, Saraswati Puja, Maha Shiv Ratri Utsav in Kishanpur Ashram, Sri Ram Mandir Pratistha Utsav in Kalyan Van Ashram and Shiva Pratishtha utsav in Sadhana Ashram at Jakhan were arranged in a befitting manner. Besides, Akhand Ramayan path for 24 hrs. is arranged once in a month on Sunday in Kishenpur ashram.

(vii) Kalkaji Ashram in New Delhi: The location of Kalkaji Ashram is prehistorical. Ma indicated that Pandavas in Dwapar era had been associated to this place. Puja and bhog in the five temples in the ashram are arranged daily. Besides, five monthly functions take place which are largely attended by the devotees of Delhi. These functions are recitation of Matri Chalisa in chorus on second Thursday, Hanuman Chalisa on last Saturday, Akhanda Naam Kirtan from sunrise to sunset on Last Sunday, Kali puja on every black moon night and Matri diwas for Matri Satsang on second Sunday every month. Apart from this, 15 most important Hindu festivals are arranged here annually, out of which five functions – Ma's Janmotsab, Guru-Purnima, Kali puja in Deepawali night, Annakut and Saraswati puja are performed in large scale followed by big bhandaras attended by huge number of devotees. During Annakut about 1600 persons attended and took Prasad.

(viii) Naimisharanya ashram: 'Ramkatha' was held for 3 days from 13 to 15 November 2014 followed by singing of Sunderkand and Bhandara on 16.11.2014 with full enthusiasm. Devotees of Lucknow and neighbouring areas attended the function. In the

ashram, daily puja of Puran Pursh, Shiva puja in Shiva temple and Ma's puja at Matri niwas is done and Havan is performed daily in the Gayatri Yajnasala. Besides, recitation from Puran also takes place daily there.

(viii) Pune ashram: Daily religious programme in the ashram includes mangal arti, usha kirtan, puja in all the temples with arti and havan, samuhik satsang from 10.00 a.m. to 11.05 a.m. and evening satsang from 5.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m., sandhya arati and 15 minutes 'maun' in the night. Samyam day is observed in the last Sunday of each month. Various religious occasions (associated with Maa's parampara) was organized e.g. Sri Ram Navami Utsav, Shree Shree Ma's Janmotsav with Bhajan, kirtan, havan, Kumari puja and Matri Katha Pravachan by Sri Ashok Kulkarni, Jhulan Purnima Utsav, Guru Purnima Utsav, Janmashtami Puja & Bhagavat Saptah. Apart from this, Vishnu-sahasranaam path along with Gita and Saptashati path, Nama Sankirtan for peace to all the humanity, Shri Ganesh Chaturthi with special puja for Lord Ganesh with Ganesh Atharvasesh Parayan, Ma Durga puja in Navaratri, Laxmi Puja, Dipawali/Kalipuja, Maha Shiv Ratri Utsav with 4 Prahar Puja in the night, Chaitanya Mahaprabhu's Janmotsav and Holi Utsav with Akhanda Naam Sankirtan from sunrise to sunset performed by the Kirtan party of Vrindavan, were arranged.

(ix) Puri ashram: Ma's Birthday Celebration was organized very well. Mahatmas and heads of Giridhari Ashram, Jagabandhu ashram, Bharat Sevashram, Brajabandhu and other *Maths* were invited for mahaprasad. On 12th July, on the eve of Guru Purnima, Brahman seva was done by arranging seva puja of 5 Yajurvedi Brahmans and 3 Brahman students were offered Mahaprasad and Dakshina. Jhulan festival was celebrated from 9th to 11th August 2014 with much enthusiasm. Sadhu in-charge of Puri Ashram Sw. Golokanandaji completed 12 years in Puri. To mark the occasion, sadhu-seva of 12 sadhus was done with Bastra, Dakshina and Bhandara.

(x) Rajgir Ashram: Various religious festivals (associated with Ma's parampara) was organized, such as, Shree Shree Ma's Abirbhav Utsav, Guru Purnima, Sri Krishna Janmastami, Durga Puja, Maha Shiv Ratri Utsav, Vasanti Navaratra were arranged in a befitting manner.

(xi) Ranchi Ashram: Durga puja, Laxmi Puja, Shyama puja, Annakut, Samyam Saptah and all other prominent festivals were performed following Ma's *parampara*. Kali puja in Ranchi ashram is special. The devotees organized this occasion with elaborate Sattvik Tantrik Puja of the beautiful blue black statue of the smiling Mahakali, installed in presence of Ma who was known there as 'Manush kali' i.e. Ma Kali in human form. It was accompanied by melodious shyama sangit in praise of Ma Kali. Other religious festivals were also performed as usual.

(xii) Tarapeeth ashram: Maghi Purnima utsav on 3rd February was celebrated here in a befitting manner with Matri Adhibas, Puja, Yajna, Kumari Puja, Bhog, Chandi puja, Sadhu Bhandara, Matri Naam kirtan and Rudra-Avishek on "Tarapeeth Shivalinga" which was established earlier in Ma's presence, and discourses on Ma. Ma's Birthday Utsav and Gurupurnima Utsav were celebrated following Ma's parampara. The Ashram organized donation of books to the needy person and medical treatment to the poor people. The other festivals were also organized as per Ma's Parampara.

(xiii) Varanasi Ashram: Like every year the Vasanti Durga Puja was held in the Navaratri from 25 to 30 March, 2014 with great enthusiasm and grandeur. Many devotees from outside also attended the function. On the Mahashtami day, Ma Annapurna was worshipped with Sodashapachar Puja followed by a large bhandara. Ma's Janmotsab function was celebrated in a befitting manner in the Ananda Jyoti Peetham Temple. Guru Purnima was celebrated on 12th July with Ma and Didima's puja with full grandeur. From 5th to 10th August 2014 Jhulan festival was celebrated with full glory. On Jhulan Purnima,

Gopalji's special puja at night and Ma's self-initiation on the same day was observed with collective meditation at Maha Nisha(11.45 pm to 12.15 am) and kirtan for 15 minutes before and after meditation. Rakhi Purnima was celebrated by Gopalji's puja and Rakhi thread was offered to Gopalji by Kanyapeeth girls to renew the divine friendship.

The 60th year of arrival of the black stone statue of Gopalji in Kashi Ashram was celebrated with profuse merriment on 18th August 2014. Gopalji is said to be more than thousand years old. 60 Bal-Gopals were worshipped on this occasion. They were given bamboo flutes, crowns, yellow dress and Makhan-Misri. On Janmastami, at midnight, Maha-abhisek and sringar of Balgopalji were done. Sri Krishna Janmashtami was celebrated in Gopal Mandir and inside the temple in Kanyapeeth with love and devotion. At the stroke of midnight at the time of His manifestation on earth, Gopalji was brought down amidst Vedic chants from His sandalwood throne, bathed gently with milk, curd, ghee, honey and sugar and holy water of the Ganga. Thereafter, special puja was offered to Gopalji. The next day, Nandotsav was celebrated. In Kanyapeeth. Girls dramatized different lilas of Krishna from 21st to 23rd August in the hall. 1st September, on Lalita saptami day, Gurupriya Didi's Nirvan Tithi was celebrated with special puja and sadhu-bhandara. Special pujas were also arranged in the ashram on the occasion of Navaratri and thereafter Kojagari Laxmi Puja in the Purnima evening and Kali puja on the deepawali night.

Annakut function is the most prominent function of the ashram. Rice of one and quarter mund (About 50 kg) quantity with more than 108 varieties of food preparations is offered to Ma Annapurna on this day. Large number of devotees took Prasad after the puja. Saraswati Puja was performed on 25.1.2015 by Kanyapeeth Brahmacharni girls and teachers in the hall of Kanyapeeth which was decorated with mustard yellow cloth and huge garlands of flowers. The idol of Ma Saraswati was beautifully made and decorated. Maha Shivaratri was celebrated on a grand scale in Kanyapeeth. Ma's direction for the puja preparations as well as puja for the whole night was followed meticulously. Holi was celebrated on 5th March and it reached a crescendo when the devotees and specially Brahmacharinis of Kanyapeeth played Holi with Gopalji and the little Gopal was given the full treatment of cleansing and beautifying His body and all this amidst devotional songs and hymns. The day before this, the ritual of 'Chanchar Puja' was performed and was followed by the traditional lighting of the pyre of 'Holika' popularity known in Bengali tradition as 'Budir Ghor Jalano' (burning the house of the old lady). The success of all the pujas in the ashram was entirely due to loving prayerful hard work by the Ashram Kanyas.

(xiv) Vindhyachal ashram: Nitya Puja was offered to Shree Shree MA at Her room and to Shree Shree 'Narmadeshwar Shivalingam'. During each Sunday, Satsang was arranged in which Path, Dhyana, Prabachan etc. were performed. Shorashopachar Puja, Paduka Abhishek, Havan etc were performed in the mid night of 17/18 May on the occasion of Ma's Janmotsav . Prasad was distributed to a number of devotees in this occasion. Similar elaborate Ma's puja was arranged on the occasion of Guru Purnima Utsav and anna Prasad was distributed to the devotees and large number of local poor people and children. The functions on Sharad and Vasant Navratris, Geeta Jayanti, Maha Shiva Ratri were celebrated in befitting manner.

(xv) Vrindavan ashram: Most of the religious celebrations is arranged in this ashram round the year. Shree Shree Maa's Janmotsav on 19th Vaishakh with Shodashopachar Puja of Shree Ma at 3 a.m. along with Ved path, Vishnu Sahashra Naam, Gita Chandi Paath, Bhajan Kirtan, Stav-Stotra paath, etc. with 51 Baal Gopal and Kumari Puja, and Bhandara for all were arranged. Apart from this, various religious celebrations round the year were arranged in the ashram, amongst them the prominent festivals were Hanuman Jayanti in April, Daridra Narayan Seva by feeding 108 poods in June, Guru purnima

in July, Shree Radha Krishna Jhulan Utsav with 7 days' Raas Leela Programme, 108 Mohanta Seva and sun-rise to sun-set Akhanda Naam Kirtan and Shree Krishna Janmashtami Festival in August. Besides, Shree Radha-ashtami festival in September, Durga Navaratri Festival, Deepawali, Annakut Utsav in October, feeding of 51 Daridra Narayan Seva in November, and thereafter Geeta Jayanti, Mahashivaratri, Holi Festival with five days' Raas Leela Programme, Akhanda kirtan and 108 Mohanto Seva, and Bhandara were arranged.

(xvi) Uttarkashi ashram: Ma Kali is the presiding deity of the Ashram along with Pujya Ma, whose statue was installed on Akshaya Tritiya Tithi in 2009 in presence of Mahamandaleshwar of Bhologiri Ashram and Maharaja of Tehri. The then Governor of Uttarakhand Sri B.L.Joshi graced the occasion. To mark this occasion, Akshaya Tritiya is celebrated with special puja for Ma and prasada was distributed to all the assembled devotees. In accordance with the norms, a special puja of Ma Kali is performed on every Amavasya Tithi and Satyanarain puja on every Purnima day. The ashram celebrates two annual functions with great enthusiasm and they are Ma's Janmotsab and annual Kali puja in Diwali. In both the occasions with the help of the local devotees large bhandaras were organized for 800 odd people and 'Khari viksha' for about 200 sadhus on each such occasion. Didima's Sanyas Utsav was also celebrated and bhandara was attended by about 35 sadhus. Baba Bholanathji had been the eternal inspiration for Uttarkashi Ashram and a special puja was offered for him on Shukla Saptami tithi during Ma's Janmotsav celebrations. The annual Guru Purnima festival, Navratra utsav, Jhulan utsav etc. were celebrated similarly, but in a smaller scale. Devotees from all over India, though small in number, do visit the Ashram, especially in summer between Aprils to September each year.

MISCELLANEOUS ACTIVITIES / ACHIEVEMENTS

All the ashrams have tried to maintain spiritual and charitable services and various executions as best it was possible for them. We appreciate their endeavor in this regard. However, some of the achievements which needed special efforts are as follows.

i) Court cases won:

a) Legacy left by Sw. Virajanandaji Maharaj, the former Sadhu Pramukh of the Sangha: Sw. Virajanandaji left Rs. 14.19 lakhs in the SBI and in his will he donated it to Shree Shree Anandamayee Sangha. The amount was held up in the bank since he passed away in 2002. The bank demanded court order against the will to release the money. This case was recently perused vigorously for probate and the civil court Haridwar gave judgment on 30.4.2015 in favour of the Sangha and authorized the General Secretary to receive the amount on behalf of the Sangha. Accordingly, the Sangha submitted the claim papers to the bank and the bank settled the claim in favour of the Sangha. However, It is expected that this amount which was transferred earlier to unclaimed balance at the I.O.B. Central Office at Chennai, will be released shortly with due interest. Thus a financial contribution which remained pending since last 13 years, that problem is going to be solved.

b) 'Sadhana Ashram' Property case at Jakhan in Dehradun: After a long legal battle in last three four years, the court decided the civil case in favour of the Sangha on 20th Oct. 2014 and soon after the property with about 1.67 acre land has been taken in our possession. Thus the fight at the court ended after pursuing it for thirty years since 1985. Br. Pradeep and the Advocate Sri Kanwaljit Singh did a commendable job in this matter.

An inauguration ceremony of the Jakhan Ashram was arranged in a grand way on 23rd October 2014 which was attended by a large number of devotees. Necessary boundary walls / barbed wire fencing has been constructed there. However, we received the ashram building in pitiable condition. All the door and window shutters and electric wiring, electric

fixtures, internal water supply system and latrine seat etc. were stolen. With enormous effort, the ashram building has been renovated to a great extent from its pitiable dilapidated condition and the work is still continuing.

c) Civil Suit against Joshi: Nainital High Court gave judgment in favour of the Sangha in the Joshi embezzlement case and Mrs. Neelam Joshi was asked to deposit Rs. 32 lakhs at the District Court which she has complied. Now the District Court will give judgment regarding release of the deposited money after examining the concerning witnesses from the Sangha. We are expecting the court verdict will be in our favour.

ii) **Income tax refund to the Sangha:** With a lot of persuasion, the Income tax department refunded about Rs. 21.00 lakhs in three installments to the Head office for the year 2010-11, 2011-12, 2012-13 and 2013-14. These amounts have been now kept in FD. Sri Raman Pandya, Treasurer, had to do special effort for getting this refund.

iii) **Topographical Survey of various Ashrams / Institutions:** Presently most of the ashrams are not having index plan of their land areas to know details of land within ashram campus and constructions made therein. Therefore, the General Secretary initiated for proper topographical survey of each ashram within the Sangha. After great persuasion, a survey team of the company SVM CAD Solutions of Lucknow completed survey of eleven ashrams which are Naimisharanya Ashram, Puran Institute at Naimisharanya, Vindhya Ashram, Varanasi Ashram, Mata Anandamayee Hospital at Varanasi, Vrindavan Ashram, Kankhal Ashram and four Ashrams in Dehradun at Kishenpur, Kalyanvan, Jakhan and Raipur. The survey had been done with the help of most sophisticated theodolite instrument which gives accurate results. Prints of coloured index plans have been supplied by the company which looks similar to Survey of India maps. These will prove important records of various ashram properties which belong to the Sangha.

iv) **Publication:** Following six books have been reprinted as they were in great demand due to shortage of stock -

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| a) Volume - 4 & 5 of the book 'Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee' written by Gurupriya didi in Hindi language | ... | 1000 copies each |
| b) Volume -1 of the book 'Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee' written by Gurupriya didi in Bengali language | ... | 1000 copies |
| c) 'Amarvani' in Hindi and Bengali languages | ... | 1000 copies each |
| d) 'Sadvani' written by Bhajji in English language | ... | 1000 copies |

Translation in English language of Volume VI of the book 'Shree Shree Ma Anandamayee' written by Gurupriya didi has been completed in manuscript. It will go for printing after proper scrutiny.

v) **Kankhal Ashram:**

a) Kota Stone flooring within the 'parikrama' of Gayatri Yajnasala has been completed which improved the aesthetic view of the yajnasala and Ma's temple as well. The work was carried out from the donation given by Pandya family.

b) Renovation of the double storied building of Vidyapeeth and four storied building of the Guest House No. 4 could not be attended since more than a decade. These buildings have now been renovated and look excellent.

c) **Modernization and Upgrading of the Website Project in Kankhal Ashram :**

The work has been taken up in following phases -

Phase I - TV in the AJP temple: Two flat screen TVs have been installed in the AJP temple so that the devotees are able to see the daily morning and evening Arati conveniently. People seating in such places within the hall where the Samadhi is not visible due to existence of temple walls, can now see all the programmes in the TV screen.

Phase II – Live relay from Kankhal Ashram: Live relay of daily arati and main functions of Kankhal Ashram is almost ready. It will start through our website as soon as the technical availabilities are commissioned. Live arati cameras have already been installed in Ma's Mandir and in the Shankracharya Hall and are being connected to a link number temporarily. Thereafter the devotees will be able to see all the views at these places. Final linkage of the main website is expected to be developed very soon.

d) The ashram book stall in Kankhal Ashram collected Rs. 1.00 Lakh on sale of books on Ma in last one year. It could be possible due to untiring effort of Sadhanda, an ashramite, looking after the stall.

vi) **At Ma's Janmasthan in Kheora at Bangladesh:**

Work on construction of boundary wall around the additional land taken adjoining the land of Ma's janmasthan has nearly been completed. The Head office has donated Rs. 1.32 lakh for this purpose. Now Ma's janmasthan land area will look bigger and future development planning will be easier.

vii) **Agartala Ashram:** Lot of construction work is going on within the ashram campus as informed by the Secretary. A three storied building which was under construction is nearing to completion. It will accommodate old age home in the ground floor, guest house in the first floor and an Auditorium at the top floor. An Administrative Block is also under construction there to accommodate the office and rest room for the staff. One more building is under construction to accommodate the library in the second floor, sadhu guest house in the first floor and car parking in the ground floor. A four room guest house meant for ladies only is under construction where accommodation for female ascetics will be provided. Civil works of the aforesaid buildings have been almost completed. Besides a big kitchen, big dining hall and waiting place for the devotees have been constructed. Treatment plant for water supply has been provided. The boundary walls have been reconstructed with the provision of three gates. Banks of the existing pond has been renovated. Nat Mandir attached to Ma's temple and Chandi-Mandap is under construction. A conference hall has been added above the existing office.

viii) **Dehradun Ashrams:** Permanent sheds over the court yards in Raipur Ashram have been constructed under MLA fund. We are grateful to the concerning MLA for this contribution. In Kishenpur and Kalyanvan ashrams, white washing of main buildings has been done and repair of water pipe line, electric system and sewer manholes have also been completed.

ix) **Kalkaji Ahram at New Delhi:** A beautiful canopy covering the court yard in front of Matri Mandir, MaKali temple and Giriji Temple in this Ashram has been constructed to provide adequate shed over the courtyard where devotees sit during the functions. Special misty fans have been provided there so that Bhaktas can sit in comfort during pujas in summer months. Naam Brahma Mandir, dining hall and Homeopathic Dispensary buildings in the ashram has been renovated and few rooms in the guest house have been upgraded as AC deluxe rooms. Seeing frequent security threats during the night, boundary walls at appropriate places were raised and barbed wire fencing has been provided over the boundary walls. Besides, drainage system in the ashram campus has been improved.

x) **Naimisharanya Ashram:** The roof of main hall and the Puran Temple accommodating the invaluable books like 18 Purans and Vedas was leaking with rain water. The building has been water proofed from outside and the roof has been repaired. Besides, the interior was renovated with water proof paints. New electric wiring with electrical fixtures etc. replacing the 50 year old wiring has been completed. Painting of Ma's rooms and ashram hall also has been done.

xi) **Puri Ashram:** Nine rooms of the guest house are presently under construction which will be available for the donor-devotees. As per the approved plan, the guest house will consist of a three storied building where there will be five rooms of 10'x13.5' and two rooms of 10'x10' for the guests. All the rooms will have attached bath rooms. Besides, an office room, a book stall and a covered Satsang platform will be constructed in the ground floor. All the R.C.C. works and most of the brick works of the building and plastering of the surface have been completed. It is expected that the guest house will start functioning by October 2015.

As per the estimate, each bigger room will cost about Rs. 6 lakhs and each smaller room will cost Rs. 4.50 lakhs which will include cost of necessary furnishing of each suite as well. Donors willing to have a room for themselves should send their names to the Secretary of Puri Ashram at the earliest possible. The donors will have to sign an agreement with the Sangha before they are entitled to use their allotted room in the proposed guest house.

xii) **Rajgir Ashram:** Water supply problem in this ashram created due to dry up of the existing old well has been solved by boring a deep tube well within the ashram campus. In order to improve security of the ashram, height of the boundary wall in the south has been raised up to 10 feet height. Renovation of few old rooms and bathrooms and painting of the satsang hall have been completed with the help of the family of late Rama Saxena.

xiii) **Varanasi Ashram – Kanyapeeth:** The entire kitchen complex has been renovated. New flooring, electric wiring replacing the old one, roof repairing, painting etc. have been completed. Three new steel almirahs for keeping utensils and a water tank have been provided. Besides, other sundry repairing works elsewhere and essential provisions also has been made with the help of Sri Raghav and Vinita Saxena. The entire roof at the top of the Kanyapeeth has been repaired and renovated with the help of PWD of U.P.Govt.

(xiv) **Mata Anandamayee Hospital, Varanasi:** In the rainy season, the Hospital could be saved from inundation at its basement which occurs due to back flow of sewage from the city sewer, and thus the vexing problem which was continuing since last 3-4 decades had been solved permanently by introducing a pumping arrangement at its outfall sewer. Lot of improvement works in the hospital has been undertaken with the help of PSM (India).

xv) **Vindhychal Ashram:** The vacant plot of land behind the Ashram Buildings was cleared of all bushes and criss-crossed pucca pathways have been constructed. A sacred 'Panchavati' is under construction there with a pucca room for meditation.

xvi) **Bhimpura ashram:** A significant amount of Rs. 1.64 lakhs had been spent to fill in the ditch made by very serious flood of Narmada River in the previous year.

xvii) **Bairgarh Ashram, Bhopal:** Ma Anandamayee Goshala (Registered) is run by this ashram in memory of (Late) Sir Datar Singh, who was a renowned figure in the field of dairy farming in India and abroad. The Ashram gives shelter and all care to 97 old and ill cows that others avoid to look after.

CONCLUSION

The Sangha Management expresses its deep appreciation and gratitude to all those who have participated in the propagation of the noble aims and objects of the Sangha by donating physical, moral and financial help and assures to perform better in the coming years. We are also grateful to all those members of the Local Managing Committees and Members of the Governing Body who have cooperated and endeavored to improve the religious environment in our ashrams and participate in financial, educational, charitable, religious and other activities in a desired manner as could be possible.

We all offer our humble obeisance to the Universal Mother Ma Anandamayee. Jai Ma!

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