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## ❖ *International Dharma Mahasammelan*

With the blessings of Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji's Varábhaya Mudrá, the 3-day International Dharma Mahasammelan (DMS) was inaugurated in Ananda Nagar on 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024. Devotees from various countries and nearly all states of India were present at the DMS. Key highlights of the three-day conference were:

- 1) An akhanda 72-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Samíkiirtana which was concluded with a kiirtan parikramá.
- 2) Spiritual activities like Guru Sakásha, Páñcájanya, and Prabhatferi with kiirtan, collective Iishvar Pranidhan were organized for spiritual practitioners every morning and evening.
- 3) Two spiritual lectures every day by Margaguru representative Ácáryá Bikashananda Avadhuta dada.
- 4) Distribution of blankets and clothing to over a thousand underprivileged individuals.
- 5) Organizing a midday meal on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, for the general public and Margiis present.
- 6) Daily provision of affordable meals twice a day for economically weak individuals.
- 7) Celebration of three revolutionary marriages. An Ananda Marga revolutionary marriage signifies a union free from caste, conventional religion, any dowry or national boundaries, or any kind of traditional conditions.
- 8) A grand fair was organized alongside the religious conference which brought in people from far and wide.
- 9) People from different countries came together, fostering cultural exchange among themselves.
- 10) Cultural programs based on Prabhat Samgita with Neo-Humanist approach organized every evening.



## ❖ *Blanket Distribution*



Keeping in mind the bitter cold that besets Ananda Nagar every winter, on 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, the Ananda Marga Universal Relief Team (Women's Wing) organized a blanket distribution drive in the premises of the Ananda Marga Women's College, Uma Nivas, Ananda Nagar.

## ❖ *Six-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Samíkiirtana*

On 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, , under the management of Mr. Apindranath Mahato, a 6-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Samíkiirtana was organized for the first time in Kalyanpur village, at the residence of Mrs. Shikha Mahato. Following the kiirtan, collective Iishvar Pranidhan, Svádhyáya, and finally Náráyaḁa sevá were arranged to conclude the event.



## ❖ *Child Naming Ceremony*



On 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, in Jiodaru village, Bhaskar and Sujata Mahato organized a 3-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Samíkiirtana and child naming ceremony for their first daughter. The ceremony and the rituals were conducted according to the Ananda Marga Caryácarya and the newborn baby was named "Chayanika".

## ❖ *Cashew Nuts Farming in Ananda Nagar*

In Anandnagar, Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji, has undertaken a comprehensive initiative to economically uplift the barren, and fallow lands of Western Rárh. Through multifaceted planning, the aim is to empower the local community economically. The Ananda Marga Pracárika Saṁgha resiliently works through various trials and tribulations in pursuit of this goal. To this end, Ananda Marga Farm Department, in collaboration with Mr. Nakul Saha, a retired senior official of the central government and a resident of Bangaigaon district in Assam, has established a plantation of five thousand cashew trees in Badamalka village. This initiative carried out annually, aims to yield blossoms and fruits from the cashew trees from this year itself.



## ❖ *Merit Scholarship Examination*

The Ananda Nagar Diocese, i.e. Joypur and Kotshila police station area, invites students from the fifth and ninth grades for the "Late Shambhunarayan Roy" Memorial Merit Scholarship Examination, scheduled to take place at Ananda Marga High School on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2024, at 12:00 noon. The top twenty student from the fifth grade and the top ten from the ninth grade will be awarded two thousand and three thousand rupees, along with certificates. The results will be declared on 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024. The event will be conducted by Ananda Marga Gurukul, Ananda Nagar.

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## ❖ *Vivakananda Birth Anniversary Celebration at Ananda Marga High School*

On 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, Ananda Marga High School in Ananda Nagar celebrated the 160<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda with a program featuring poetry, music, stories, speeches, and the distribution of certificates for boys participating in the Science Olympiad. At the end, the school's principal, Ácáryá Prajñanananda Avadhuta, addressed the students with insightful words.



## ❖ *Athletic Competition in Ananda Nagar*

On 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2024, an athletic competition will be organized by Spiritualists Sports and Adventures Club (SSAC), Ananda Nagar for boys from Jaipur, and Kotshila. The competitors will be divided in under-14 and under-17 age groups and the competition will include 100m, 200m, 400m sprints, high jump, and long jump. It will take place at the grounds of Central Ananda Nagar Ananda Marga Primary School.

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## ❖ *Vibrant Tussu and Tussu Chaurhol Fair*

Under the initiative of the Progressive Men's Spiritualist Association (PMSA), a vibrant Tussu and Tussu Chaurhol Fair was held on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at the PP Hostel Ground in Anandanagar. This annual event, traditionally held on the first day of the Maghá (middle of January to middle of February) month, celebrates and preserves the rich cultural heritage of Western Rárh.





The fair features competitions in Tussu music and Tussu Chaurhol, both steeped in social reformist themes. These captivating performances are a testament to the region's vibrant musical traditions. To add to the festive spirit, the fair also offers a variety of games and prizes for children and teenagers, ensuring their joy and participation.

The top three winners in the Tussu and Tussu Chaurhol competitions received cash prizes of 3000 rupees, 2000 rupees, and 1000 rupees, respectively, in recognition of their talent and dedication.



### ❖ *Foundation Day of Ananda Marga High School*

On 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, Ananda Marga High School celebrated its Foundation Day. It's noteworthy that in March 1963, the first primary school was established in Ananda Nagar. On 18<sup>th</sup> January, 1964, the Junior High School was founded, and on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 1965, the school received approval from the West Bengal Education Department and was certified as a Boys' School from January 1, 1964. Currently, the school has a student population ranging from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> grade, totaling 870 students. At that time, there were no junior high or high schools within a radius of twenty kilometer.



## ❖ *Ananda Marga High School Becomes Champions in Bankura*

On 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, Ananda Marga High School's under-16 boys' football team participated in a football tournament in Durlabhpur, Gangajalghati block of Bankura district. In this competition featuring eight high schools, Ananda Marga High School became the champions in the under-16 category.



In the quarterfinals, Ananda Marga High School defeated Chousal High School 4-0, and in the semifinals, they secured a 2-0 victory against Mejia High School. Ultimately, in the final match against Sukanta Smriti Bidyamandir High School, they emerged victorious with a 1-0 score.

## ❖ *Ananda Marga High School Champion Football Team Honoured*

On 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, the under-16 football team showcased exceptional self-confidence by clinching the Championship without conceding a single goal. The boys' remarkable performance and consistent training led them to victory. On 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, at Pundag Station, the school's principal himself received the footballers. Ananda Marg High School proudly secured all accolades, including the Champion Trophy, Best Player of the Tournament, Highest Goal Scorer, and Best Player in both the Semifinals and Quarterfinals. It's noteworthy that these footballers regularly practice at the SSAC, Ananda Nagar Football Academy.





### ❖ *Girls Proutist Aid Initiative*

On 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, at the Girls' Proutist building in Pogro village, Ananda Nagar, the annual Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Sańkiirtana took place. To alleviate the suffering of those less fortunate, the kiirtan was accompanied by distribution of blankets, saris, and other essential clothing to those in need, along with Náráyaða sevá.



### ❖ *Monthly 3-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Sańkiirtana*

On 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024, the monthly three hours Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam " Nám Sańkiirtana was organized at Baba Memorial. The kiirtan was followed by collective lishvar Pranidhan, Guru Puja, Svádhyáya, collective meal and finally Náráyaða sevá.

### ❖ *Birth Anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose*

On January 23, 2024, the birth anniversary of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose was celebrated at Ananda Marga High School. The program included raising the national flag, discussions about Netaji, a football tournament among boys with a height of 4 feet 10 inches, and organizing a 3-kilometer cross-country race.



## ❖ Republic Day Celebrations

On 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, India's Republic Day was celebrated with great gusto in the various Ananda Marga institutions in Ananda Nagar including Ananda Marga High School, Ananda Marga Girls High School, and Uma Niwas. The celebrations included hoisting of the national flag and performances of various patriotic songs and the national anthem.



## ❖ 3-hour Akhanda "BÁBÁ Nám Kevalam" Nám Samkiirtana

Volunteer's Social Service (VSS) organized a 3-hour Akhanda "BÁBÁ Nám Kevalam" Nám Samkiirtana in Badamtala Ananda Marga Ashram, Ananda Nagar. The kiirtan was followed by collective meal and Náráyaða sevá.



## ❖ *Distribution of Provisions at Ananda Nagar Children's Home*

On 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, with the assistance of Shri Bholanath Ray from Shyamnagar, North 24 Parganas and other well-wishers from Chandannagar in the Hooghly district, bed sheets and school bags were distributed at Ananda Nagar Children's Home.



## ❖ *Birthday Celebration*

On 28<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, the third birthday of Sarthak, the first child of Prama, the only daughter of Deshbandhu Maiti, a resident of Chandannagar in Hooghly district, was celebrated at the "Anand Rekha" building in Ananda Nagar.



## ❖ *Farewell to the Students of Ananda Marga High School*

On 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2024, a farewell ceremony was held for the 162 students of Ananda Nagar Ananda Marga High School who appeared for the 2024 Madhyamik Examinations. The event commenced with Prabhat Samgita. Departing students expressed their experiences. Principal Acarya Prajinnananda Avadhuta extended wishes for everyone's well-being and future endeavors.



Each outgoing student received a token of blessings, a pen, a clipboard, admit card cover, and a packet of sweets. It's worth noting that last year (2023), 154 students appeared for the examination, and all successfully passed the final exam.



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