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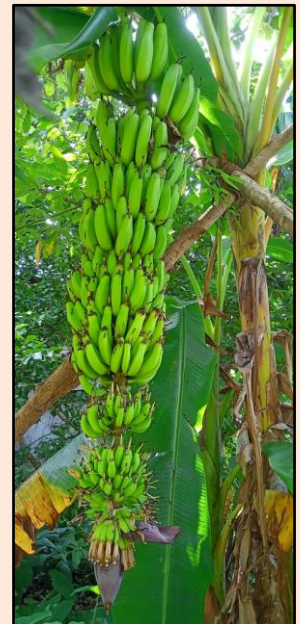
## ❖ *Monsoon in Ananda Nagar*



In 2024, Ananda Nagar has mostly experienced intermittent rainfall. When water was most needed for farming, there was no rain. Finally, from 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2024, Ananda Nagar saw sustained rainfall for the first time this season, bringing relief to everyone.

## ❖ *Fruit Cultivation in Ananda Nagar*

The soil in Ananda Nagar is ideal for growing a variety of fruits, including cashews, pomegranates, mangoes, jackfruit, lemons, custard apples, and guavas. Despite the challenging terrain and climate, dedicated efforts have enabled the successful cultivation of cashews, dragon fruit, grapes, oranges, and sweet limes. Ácáryá Sureshananda Avadhuta, the farm in-charge of the Banshgarah branch of Ananda Nagar farms, conducted experimental cultivation of apples, a temperate fruit. Initially, protecting the apple trees from the scorching summer heat was a challenge. After proper care and nurturing, the trees bloomed, but the fruits started dropping prematurely. However, the fruits eventually stabilized, albeit small in size. Ongoing efforts are focused on achieving normal-sized apples.



However, another challenge has arisen - parrots. Usually, ripe apples are everyone's favourite, but parrots prefer the immature fruits. It would be appreciated if anyone could suggest a solution to this problem.

Another success story in this regard is the cultivation of plantains/cooking bananas in the garden of the Uma Nivas Girls Volunteers Compound.

## ❖ *Discussion on the Cycle of Creation*



On Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August, 2024, Renaissance Universal Ananda Nagar organized its monthly study circle at Ananda Marga High School. The topic of discussion was the Cycle of Creation. Ácáryá Priyákrishnananda Avadhuta explained the mystery of the creation of the universe and its scientific interpretation.

## ❖ *Tree Plantation Project Continues in Ananda Nagar*

Over the past few years, tree plantation project has been ongoing in Ananda Nagar. The goal is to plant forty thousand saplings of various species that are compatible with the local climate in the Maramu and Guridi areas of Ananda Nagar. Due to delayed rainfall, the plantation process was postponed. However, after sustained rainfall in the first week of August, the tree plantation work was finally commenced in the Guridi area on 10<sup>th</sup> August. The saplings that were planted last year are growing healthily as well.



## ❖ *Annual 12-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Samíkiirtana in Damrughutu*



On 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the Ananda Marga Pracárika Saṁgha organized an annual 12-hour akhanda "Baba Nam Kevalam" Nam Samkiirtan in the remote "tribal" village of Damrughutu in southern Ananda Nagar. The kiirtan started at 6am and was followed by collective Iishvar Prañidhán, Varnárghyadán, Svádhyáya, a Tattva Sabha, and Náráyada Sevá.

## ❖ *Ácáryá Kirtinananda Avadhuta Rural Football League Concludes*

On 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the Spiritualists Sports and Adventures Club (SSAC) concluded its Rural Football League. This tournament was initiated with the aim of protecting the youth of Ananda Nagar from social degradation and to awaken the latent talents of the boys and girls of the various Ananda Nagar villages through various organized sports activities, like football.



The league was inaugurated on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024, by Ácáryá Kirtinananda Avadhuta. The final match took place on 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024, between SSAC-Ananda Nagar and Dambera Tyar. SSAC-Ananda Nagar defeated Dambera Tyar with a score of 2-1.

The following players received special recognition:

- Man of the Series: **Bullet Hansda**
- Man of the Match: **Gurupada Murmu**
- Best Goalkeeper: **Ravi Hansda**
- Highest Goal Scorer: **Ramesh Hembram**

## ❖ *Celebration of India's Independence Day*

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2024, the 78<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India was celebrated in all the educational institutions in Ananda Nagar, including primary schools and high schools (both boys' and girls'). The celebrations included the hoisting of the Indian national flag, speeches, and processions, sports, yoga, physical exercises, patriotic songs, etc.



## ❖ *Ácáryá Vivekananda Avadhuta Under-12 Knockout Football Tournament*

Every year on the 15<sup>th</sup> of August, Ananda Marga High School organizes a knockout football tournament for boys under 12 years of age. Since 2023, this under-12 football tournament has been held in the memory of late Ácáryá Vivekananda Avadhuta, the former headmaster of Ananda Marga High School.



This year, 16 teams participated in the competition. Boys from various villages, schools, and hostels enthusiastically formed teams and took part in the tournament.

The following 16 teams participated in the tournament:

1) Singhaghra, 2) PP Hostel, 3) Dokadi, 4) Upper Hostel, 5) Lower Hostel, 6) Udaipur, 7) SSAC-Anandanagar, 8) Chakudi, 9) JMD Boritar, 10) Chirkamu, 11) Baglata, 12) Bhaduri, 13) Jelatar, 14) JBBS Baburdi, 15) Sidhi, 16) Gopinathpur.

## ❖ *Self-immolation by Avadhutika Ananda Hitabadini Ácárya and Silent March Demanding Justice*

On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024, in Darid village under Petarbar Police Station in Bokaro district, Avadhutika Ananda Hitavadini Ácárya, Principal of Darid Ananda Marga School, sacrificed her life by self-immolation to protest the demolition of the school in Darid village. In demand for justice against those who provoked her death, a silent march was held on 17<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.

Ananda Margiis from Purulia, Bokaro, Ranchi, Hazaribagh, Giridih, and Dhanbad walked together in the silent march to protest against this injustice.



The march began at 10:30am from Naya More in Bokaro, then proceeded through Chas Checkpost, and culminated with the submission of a memorandum at the Bokaro District Magistrate's Office.

The march also demanded compensation before the acquisition of the school and ashram, protection for the ashram residents, and the provision of land to relocate the school. Eventually, a memorandum of demands was submitted to the District Magistrate. Nearly three thousand Margiis, volunteers, sannayasis, and sannayasinis participated in the march. A significant number of people from Ananda Nagar were attended the silent march.



## ❖ *In the Context of Avadhutika Ananda Hitabadini Ácárya's Self-immolation*

### **Master Unit Project:**

In late 1986, Gurudev Baba Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji began outlining detailed plans for the development of Ananda Nagar and intensified the urgency of their implementation. During the course of these plans and the extensive efforts in Ananda Nagar, in mid-1988, Baba introduced a plan to establish a Master Unit in each diocese of India and in every district within the Kolkata region. It was during this period that the Master Unit was elevated to the status of a department, which previously was a branch under ERAWS. Baba issued special directives to establish separate Master Units (Cakranemi) for both the men's and women's departments. He emphasized that the land area for these units must be not less than five acres. Until the final day of his life, 21<sup>st</sup> October 1990, Baba placed immense importance on this project, ensuring strict adherence to his directives. In addition to daily reports, a special reporting on the Master Units was conducted every Sunday. Due to Baba's persistent pressure, land for the Master Units was generally acquired in remote areas across various regions and dioceses in India, either through donations or, in some cases, purchased at a lower cost according to the local financial conditions.

### **The History of Darid (Datu) Master Unit:**

In May 1990, 4 acres and 98 decimals of land were purchased in the name of Ácáryá Sarvatmananda Avadhuta for the Didis' Master Unit in the Darid region of Darid village, located in Petarbar police station, Bokaro district, within the Muri Diocese. At that time, unlike today, it was not necessary for the buyer to be physically present during land transactions. Often, people wouldn't even ask under whose name the purchase should be made. However, in certain areas, there were strict rules for land transactions, and in such cases, local laws and regulations were followed. When Baba was informed about this land, He named the Master Unit "Ananda Shubhacetaná".

However, due to an error on our part, we started referring to it as Datu Master Unit, despite there being no actual connection to Datu. At that time, this region was remote and sparsely populated. From the very beginning, after acquiring the land, a Sannayasini from Ananda Marga women's department was posted to oversee and work on it.

From 2001 onwards, after Avadhutika Ananda Hitabadini Ácárya took responsibility, her tireless efforts, dedication, and sweet demeanor led to significant progress in the ashram's activities and in the education of the children of the local residents, as well as in various service-oriented projects. The work under the women's Master Unit division continued under the supervision of the Didis.

Recently, regarding the construction of the central government's national project "Bharatmala Sarani," a notice under Memo No. 28, Land Acquisition 2020-21, dated September 22, 2023, was sent in the name of Ácáryá Sarvatmananda Avadhuta. The required information and necessary documents were submitted as per the notice's instructions. The Circle Officer, being satisfied with the documents, forwarded them to the higher authorities for determining the value of the land and buildings in the name of Ácáryá Sarvatmananda Avadhuta. The higher authorities assessed the value to be ₹4,10,74,415. The problem began with this amount.

### **What Will Be Done with So Much Money?**

Even though this amount seems substantial, it will have to be used to purchase land elsewhere for the Master Unit. Additionally, proper buildings for the school and ashram will need to be constructed. With current market prices skyrocketing, it's uncertain whether this amount will suffice for buying land and fulfilling the other needs like building the ashram and school. However, some initial work, such as purchasing the land, building a boundary wall, and laying the foundation for the structures, could have started.

### **Involvement of a Malicious Group of People**

The role of government officers is to ensure all documents are in order and, once verified, provide the check to the rightful owner of the land. However, in this case, the then-District Land Acquisition Officer (DLAO) of Bokaro, Dwarika Baitha, and his associates did not follow legal procedures. Instead, they started making various excuses and demanded a hefty bribe. Ácáryá Ramendrananda Avadhuta attempted to influence the Circle Officer, District Land Acquisition Officer, and other officials by offering them more money. Due to these delays and manipulations, the one-year period for collecting the payment lapsed, and the matter was sent to the Land Acquisition Court without any notification to us or the rightful owner.

### **Forced to Approach the High Court**

Left with no other option, Ácáryá Sarvatmananda Avadhuta had to file a writ case (WPC No.1931 of 2024) in the Jharkhand High Court to claim compensation. A case was filed against the senior officials in the High Court. From their response, it was revealed that the matter had been referred to the Land Acquisition Court. Officially, a notice had been sent, but we never received it. Two hearings had already taken place in the High Court, and only the final hearing was pending. In such a situation, without any notice, on August 12, 2024, at 1:30 PM, the local Circle Officer, along with other senior officers, arrived with police forces (both male and female), bulldozers, JCB machines, tractors, and other equipment to demolish the school and ashram. When the Didi inquired about the demolition notice, she requested a week's time, pointing



out that the case was still pending in the High Court. She also expressed concern about the nearly 200 students in the school and their future. However, her pleas were ignored.

### **The Ultimate Sacrifice**

When it became clear that the officers were not listening to any reasoning, and all discussions with them proved futile, she made the extreme decision to protect the ashram and school with her own life. The idea of watching everything being demolished in front of her eyes without any compensation was unbearable for her. Around 2:30 PM, she doused herself in kerosene and set herself on fire. The police and officers present at the scene rushed her to the hospital while she was severely burned, but by then, it was too late; everything was over.

### **Deep-Rooted Issue – It's All for Money**

- 1) In Asansol, West Bengal, the first Master Unit for the Didis, "Ananda Sambodhi," was located in A-1 town. Ácáryá Nabarunanda Avadhuta from the Ranchi group, driven by greed for money, took the power of attorney from the then-General Secretary, Ácáryá Dhruvananda Avadhuta, and sold the land and property to land mafias for several crores. Not a single penny of that money was given to the Didis of Asansol, nor was it given to the Kolkata administration. Instead, the Kolkata administration filed a case in the Kolkata High Court to ensure that no one in India could sell Ananda Marga's land and property in the future.
- 2) Who is selling the mission's land and properties in different countries outside India? The very conspirators behind this are the ones who plotted to siphon off the money from Darid's, that is, the women's division's, "Ananda Shubhacetaná" Master Unit. The Didis were managing this Master Unit according to the regulations.
- 3) In Ananda Nagar as well, Ácáryá Swarupananda Avadhuta, who is no longer with us, was preparing to sell the mission's land purchased in the name of the Margiis in Pundag. I found out in time and called him to say that I would not allow the sale of that land. This early warning made it impossible for him to proceed with the sale.
- 4) The reason is that all the original and certified documents of the missions land in Ananda Nagar are with sub-sect of Ananda Marga in Ranchi. This is why records of the lands in Ananda Nagar and other places are either missing or cannot be resolved when problems arise.
- 5) The conspirators did nothing to develop the women's division's Master Unit Ananda Shubhacetaná, in Darid. Yet, Ramendranandaji continued to make every possible effort to misappropriate the funds. As a result, we have lost an idealistic, dedicated, and tireless worker like, Avadhutika Ananda Hitbadini Ácárya Didi, to a tragic end.

### **A Few Words about Didi Ananda Hitbadini**

When Didi completed her training as a sannyasini and came to Kolkata, her first posting was in Odisha. During her Brahmacháriní stage, her name was Hiranmayi Ácárya. At that time, I was serving as the Central Religious Propagation Secretary, and that's when we became acquainted through organizational work. Later, when it was time for her to receive Kapalika initiation, I recommended her name to Baba. Baba asked me for my opinion, and I told him, "She is very dedicated and devout in her work." Baba replied, "She loves me dearly, is very dedicated to her work, and is a good missionary."

Later, when I was posted to Ananda Nagar, I had the opportunity to work with her when she served as the Rector(L) of Ananda Nagar for some time. Subsequently, when she was serving as Ananda Hitbadini at the Ananda Shubhacetana (Darid) Master Unit in 2021, I visited the place several times regarding land matters. I tried to assist her with advice to the best of my knowledge and ability. I delivered the Ananda Vani for English New Year and Anand Purnima twice a year in that Master Unit. Occasionally, I also had to bring school exam papers from Kolkata for the school. Whenever there was a problem, she would inform and consult me.

### **After Hearing the News of Didi's Incident**

On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2024, when I heard the news of Ananda Hitbadini Didi's self-immolation, I couldn't believe it. I was already feeling unwell that day, and upon hearing the news, my condition worsened. I became so physically and mentally weak that it's hard to describe. My driver, Sanjay, had taken leave from me for 12<sup>th</sup> August the day before. As soon as I received the news, I called him urgently. Sanjay arrived, but the car's battery had drained, and the car wouldn't start. By then, it was evening. I couldn't sleep that entire night. I called a few familiar Margiis in the vicinity, asking them to visit Didi's ashram and check on the situation. Some of them went, gathered information, and reported back to me. I kept receiving detailed updates from them. The next morning, on 13<sup>th</sup> August, I reached there.

Seeing Didi's mortal remains, I felt how much love, affection, and pure devotion to the Guru one must have to make the ultimate sacrifice. A person who can sacrifice their life for the ideals and give themselves up in self-immolation is called a Dadhici. From now on, she will remain an eternal symbol of self-sacrifice for ideals in our eyes. She will be remembered as an uncompromising and courageous warrior who never gave up on her ideals. I offer my respectful salutations in memory of this Dadhichi. I pray that her soul finds eternal peace in the lap of the Paramapita Baba.

- Ácáryá Narayanananda Avadhuta,  
Rector Master, Ananda Nagar

### *❖ Pre-Shravani Purnima Nám Samíkiirtana*

On the auspicious occasion of Shravani Purnima in 1940, Shrii Shrii Anandamurtiji manifested himself as a spiritual Guru by creating spiritual vibrations on earth. To commemorate this, on 18<sup>th</sup> August 2024, a 3-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Samíkiirtana from 9 AM to 12 PM was organized at the ANDS Compound. The kiirtan was followed by collective Iishvar Prañidhán, Varñárghyadán, Svádhyáya, and discussions on the greatness of the Guru. Collective meals and Náráyada Sevá were also arranged for those present.



## ❖ *Auspicious Beginning of Ananda Marga*

Shravani Purnima is a significant day in the history of Ananda Marga. The Ananda Marga Pracárika Saṁgha was established in 1955 in Jamalpur, a railway town in the Munger district of Bihar. The founder of the Pracárika Saṁgha, Shri Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar, began his preparations on this auspicious day in 1939 while he was a student in the science department of Vidyasagar College in Calcutta. He transformed the life of Kalicharan Banerjee, who was known as the infamous Kali Dacoit at that time, by giving him spiritual initiation at Kashi Mitara Ghat on the banks of the Ganges in Calcutta one evening. Kalicharan Banerjee later became known as Kalikananda Avadhuta after getting initiated. Shri Prabhat Ranjan Sarkar, later known as Anandamurti to the devotees of Ananda Marga, appeared on earth for the first time by sowing the seed of spiritual initiation and appearing as a spiritual guru.



The practice of meditation, which was originally instructed by Taraka Brahma Sadashiva seven and a half thousand years ago, became completely extinct about twelve hundred years ago as it evolved. Anandamurtiji revived this extinct practice in a new way by introducing a time-appropriate and simple system of meditation in a scientific method. He presented meditation in a simple and easy way for the welfare of the entire human society. The specific name for the spiritual practice done by Ananda Margiis is "Rajadhiraj Yoga".

To mark this auspicious occasion of Shravani Purnima, a 3-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Saṁkiirtana was organized on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024, at the Anandnagar Bakul Vitan Ashram. Other than kiirtan, the celebrations of the day also included Náráyaḍa Sevá and talks on the explanation of the importance of Shravani Purnima.



## ❖ *Kiirtan at the Mid-Point of Rárh on the Occasion of Janmashtami*

On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2024, on the auspicious occasion of Krishna Janmashtami a 3-hour Akhanda "BáBá Nám Kevalam" Nám Sańkiirtana from 9 AM to 12 PM was organized at the Gurdih Ananda Marga Jagriti Bhavan. The kiirtan was followed by collective Iishvar Prańidhán, Varnárghyadán, and Svádhyáya.



Following this, a collective Kiirtan procession walked to the confluence of the Dakshina (Barki Goai) and Kunti (Kupia) rivers, which marks the mid- point of Rárh. Collective Iishvar Pranidhan was performed at this sacred site, blessed by the footsteps of both Sadashiva and Shrii Krishna.



### *Bhagwan Krishna and His Principal Contributions*

Bhagwan Krishna manifested himself approximately 3500 years after Lord Shiva. At that time, individuals had not yet begun to reflect their personal virtues in their social lives, nor had they achieved mastery in the art of living a social life. Bhagwan Krishna first taught such individualistic individuals the practical method of living in an ideal social life. For instance, in medicine, a specific term has a particular origin. Now, if such a person is placed in a responsible position in a medical college, his moral qualities gradually spread into social life.

This principle applies to other aspects of life as well. The same principle applies to various other aspects of life. Lord Krishna endeavoured to foster profound social harmony. During his time, the states of Anga, Bengal, Kalinga, Saurashtra, Magadha and others existed as separate entities in India. They engaged in war with one another; their lack of a common ethos was evident. He unified them under a single roof, strengthening a collective ethos to create the "Mahabharata". He established the principles of righteousness and justice through the conflict between Dharma and Adharma, representing the struggle between justice and injustice.

—Shrii Shrii Anandamurti

## ❖ *March to Ranchi Raj Bhavan Demanding Justice for Martyrdom of Dadhici Avadhutika Ananda Hitavadinii Ācārya*

On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2024, members of the Ananda Marga Pracāraka Saṁgha organized a march to the Ranchi Raj Bhavan to demand justice for the martyrdom of the selfless ascetic, Dadhici Avadhutika Ananda Hitavadinii Ācārya, who had been provoked into self-immolation. The protest sought punishment for those responsible, along with compensation and fulfillment of other related demands.



Margiis started arriving at the starting point of the procession from 10am. For those arriving early, there were arrangements for breakfast.

The march began at 10:30am from Poddar Dharmashala, near Ranchi Railway Station, and then proceeded through the main roads of Ranchi city, culminating at Raj Bhavan, where a memorandum was submitted to the Honorable Governor of Jharkhand.



## Our Demands:

1. Immediate punitive action against the government officials responsible for the instigation that led to the martyrdom of Dadhici Ácárya Ananda Hitavadinii.
2. Full compensation for the acquisition of the "Ananda Shubhacetaná" Master Unit in Darid village, Petarwar Police Station, Bokaro District, for the proposed Bharat Mala National Highway. The compensation must be transferred without delay to the legal landowners.
3. Provision of alternative land for the rehabilitation of the Ananda Marga School, serving the educational and welfare needs of the local community in Darid and the surrounding areas.
4. No acquisition of the Darid "Ananda Shubhacetaná Master Unit" or the ashram until all three demands are met.
5. Assurance of the safety of the women residing in the "Ananda Shubhacetaná Master Unit" and the ashram.



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