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MAGA MASSA :

A month-long spiritual activity during the auspicious month of 'Magh' was held at Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu. The activity



commenced from the 13th of January, 2017 and culminated on the 10th of February, 2017 i.e. on "Kaw Purnimashi". The activity was held from 5:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. daily. Despite inclement weather and severe cold conditions, hundreds of devotees participated daily in this activity during the auspicious month of Maga-Massa with zeal and devotion to receive the everflowing grace of Bhagawaanji. It is pertinent to mention that prior to migration, the Kashmiri Pandit community would circumambulate the Hari Parbhat hillock, the abode of Mata Chakreshwari during the month of 'Magh Massa' and now throng Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram with the same reverence and pay obeisance at the feet of the Master.

During this month about one and a half crore *vedic mantras* were recited for the welfare of mankind. Besides this, Shlokas from Mahimnapaar, Guru Geeta, Panchastavi, Maga Malla, Bhagvadgita were recited and 'Homa' was also conducted daily to uphold our cultural

heritage. The significance and importance of festivals including 'Thithis' falling in the Magh-Massa were explained elaborately to the gathering / devotees during this month. Such programmes and activities are held at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashrams / Sat Mandals across the country on regular basis to inculcate spiritual and moral values in the young and old.

HORA ASHTAMI :

Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust organized and celebrated the "Hora Ashtami" at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu on Sunday, the 19th of February, 2017. Hundreds of devotees thronged the Ashram for night-long Jagran and offered



prayers at the lotus feet of the Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji. An artists of repute viz Ravi Bhan, Sh. Iqbal Koul and others presented Bhakti Sangeet on this occasion. They held the audience captive and spell-bound and the whole atmosphere got spiritually charged. The hall reverberated with Bhajans and the devotees were enthralled. The audience was mesmerized and went into ecstasy in a spirit of true devotion to the Guru. The night-long prayers were offered for invoking the blessings of the "Mother Goddess" followed by mass

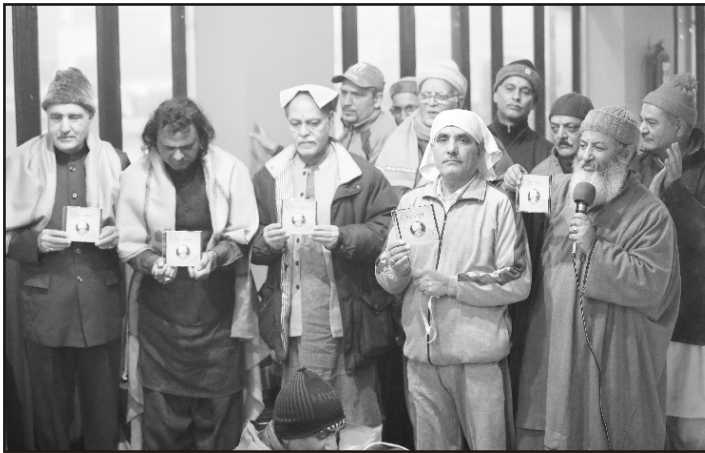
prayer for peace and the well-being of mankind.

The night-long Jagran concluded with Bhagawaanji's Aarti at 06:00 a.m. on Monday, the 20th of February, 2017.

It was also held at the Bhagawaanji's Ashrams at Kharyar-Srinagar-Kashmir, Pamposh Enclave New Delhi, Vikaspuri, West Delhi, Bengaluru, Pune, Maharashtra and also at various other centres and Satsang Mandals of the Trust across the country.

RELEASE OF GURU AMRIT CD :

Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust released a CD titled Guru Amrit priced at Rs. 50 containing Hindi Bhakti Bhajans composed by Sh. Sumitranand Pant, Sh. Pyasa Anjum and Sh. P.N. Kaul 'Sayil' in praise of the



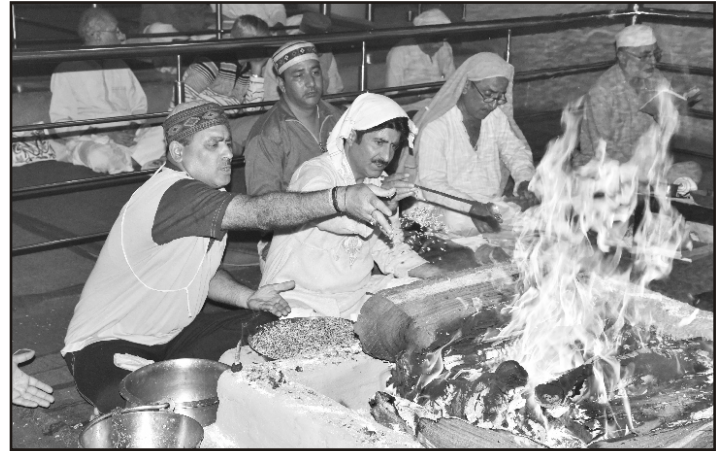
Bhagawaan and sung by a noted singer, Sh. Darmesh Nargotra supported by the chorus voice of Marina Manhas and Soniya Roy in an impressive function held at Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu on the 29th of January, 2017. Sh. Pyasa Anjum, Sh. Darmesh Nargotra and Sh. P.N. Kaul 'Sayil' were decorated with a shawl each by the Vice-President of the Trust on this occasion. He was all praise for the singers and the writers who contributed in the making of this CD.

CELEBRATION OF SALAM

Following Shivratri festival, 'Salam was observed on the 24th of February, 2017 at the Ashram/Centres of the Trust across the country with morning Aarti held at 10:00 a.m.

NAVREH CELEBRATION

To inculcate moral and spiritual values among the



masses, Bhagawaan Gopinathji Trust organized a nine-day long spiritual activity at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu during auspicious 'Navratras.' Thousands of devotees thronged the Ashram during these days and it was gratifying to watch the devotees participating in spiritual activities in a spirit of true devotion and humility. The Hawan actually started in the evening on the 27th of March, 2017 and Puran Ahuti was offered on the 05th of April, 2017 at 1 p.m. marking the end of the festival days. A huge gathering of devotees took part in recitation of about fifteen million mantras during these auspicious days for propitiating the blessings of Mother Goddess. Devotees prayed to Bhagawaanji for the well being of mankind.

Prasad was distributed among the devotees in the lush green lawn of Bhagawaanji's Vatika on the 5th of April, 2017.

It is pertinent to mention that such spiritual activities are held on a regular basis by the Trust at its various ashrams / centres spread across the country to inculcate spiritual and moral values in the young and old to preserve our rich culture and heritage.

GURU-GEETA RECITATION COMPETITION

A huge congregation of devotees attended the annual function held at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu on the 28th of March, 2017 to mark the first Navratra "Navreh celebrations". The function started at 2 p.m. sharp with the Guru Vandana. As usual, Guru-Geeta recitation competition was held on the occasion in which 50 competitors participated. This competition is held with a view to promoting Bhagawaan



consciousness in the youth. The competitors were categorized as Sub-Junior Group (upto the 5th Standard), Junior Group (beyond the 5th Standard and upto 8th Standard) and Senior Group (beyond 8th Standard and upto the 12th Standard). Sh. Kishen Ji Pandita Sh. Kamlesh Tufchi and Mrs. Girja Raina acted as the judges on the occasion. The participants who bagged 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize in the Sub-junior group are : Keshav Balalia, Divya Bhat and Vitasta Bhat respectively. In Junior Group : Bhavishya Saraf got 1st Prize, Miss Mishika Moza and Kartik Koul got second prize each and Namrata Bhat got 3rd prize. Nymphyea Raina, Simran Thusoo and Kumud Koul got 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize respectively in the Senior Group. Certificates and trophies were given to the position holders in each group. All other participants were given certificates.

The function was presided over by Sh. Maharaj Krishen Santosh. In his address, he was all praise for the organizers for holding such type of seminars which he said would have moral and educative influence on the youth. The programme was conducted by the Organiser of the Trust.

A vote of thanks was presented by the Vice-President of the Trust on this occasion. He threw light on the specific instances of the ways the institution is carrying forward the mission of Bhagawaan Gopinathji.

ZANGTRAI CELEBRATION

A festival of Kashmiri Pandit Community, Zangtrai, a day of great significance, was observed on Thursday, the 30th of March, 2017 at the Bhagawaan Gopinathji

Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu.

The organizer of the Trust introduced the Chief Guest, Dr. Phoola Kanth. The programme started with lighting of the Jyoti followed by Guru Vandana and with offering of flowers at Bhagawaanji's photograph kept on the podium in the lush green lawn (Vatika) of the Ashram. The *Sarswati Vandana* was presented by Smt. Sunita Jee and Pragati Jee. Thousands of ladies participated in the function who paid obeisance at the lotus feet of the Master. A great enthusiasm was noticed in the ladies who



were seen thronging the Ashram during the whole day.

Artists of repute viz. Sh. Iqbal Koul, Sh. Darmesh Nargotra and Smt. Nirmala Koul presented melodious devotional songs on this occasion ably supported by Smt. Aarti Razdan, Sh. R.K. Saproo, Smt. Neerja Raina. They held the gathering captive and each artist was greeted with thunderous applause at the end of their performances. The organizer of the Trust conducted the proceedings of the programme.

As a ritual, the Vice-President of the Trust alongwith a team distributed a small packet of salt and Rs. 5/- each among the ladies as a token of love and *Prasad* from Bhagawaanji. The ladies left the premises satisfied and in a state of bliss with visible joy on their faces.

Light refreshment was served to the gathering at the end.

At Kharyar, Srinagar Ashram :

An annual function 'Zangtrai' was also observed at Kharyar, Srinagar Ashram on 30th of March, 2017. Around 50 ladies took part in this function and were



served with Kashmiri Kehwa tea with Kulcha and were given a small packet of salt and Rs. 5/- each as a token of Prasad.

At Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi Ashram :

Annual Zantrai function was also observed at the Ashram at Pamposh, New Delhi in which a good number of ladies participated. There was a brief session of music on this occasion. All were served with a cup of tea and were given a packet of salt and Rs. 5/- as a token of Prasad. All were seen in spirit of devotion and jubilation.

It was also observed at the other Ashrams / Centres of the Trust viz : West Delhi, Pune, Bangalore and also at various Santsang Mandals spread across the country.

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TO OUR READERS

We plan to bring out the next issue of Shuddhavidya journal by the end of September, 2017. Writers are requested to contribute their article in English, Hindi and Kashmiri, that should reach us not later than July, 31st 2017. The articles should be typed neatly, leaving margins on both sides and space between consecutive lines. The scripts may please be mailed to the Secretary, Bhagawaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu-180018. We welcome comments and suggestions from the readers which will be suitably made use of and incorporated under the caption 'Readers Response' in the next issue.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Annual Mahayajnya of Jagadguru Bhagawaan Gopinathji is being performed at all the Ashrams and Santsang Mandals in India and Abroad on Saturday, the 27th of May, 2017. The Yajnya will start on Friday, the 26th of May, 2017 at 9 p.m. and Puran Aahuti shall take place on Saturday, 27th of May, 2017. at 1 p.m. followed by distribution of Prasad.

PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST

The amounts paid by the Trust to the needy under various categories ending March, 2017 are given as under :-

S.No.	Description	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	Education aid	6,46,000.00
2.	Destitute aid	10,95,000.00
3.	Medical aid	8,85,100.00
4.	Handicapped aid	1,48,000.00
5.	Free distribution of Medicines in OPD	2,62,637.00

TOTAL AMOUNT DISBURSED = 30,36,737.00

Donations to the Trust are exempted u/s 80G (5) (vi) of Income Tax Act 1961 vide Director Income Tax (E) order no. DIT(E) / 2011-2012/DEL-BE 22715-0806211 393 dated 08.06.2011 w.e.f. 2011-2012 onwards till it is rescinded.