

Bharat Sevashram Sangha
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One hundred years of Service to Mankind.
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History: Bharat Sevashram Sangha, one of the largest monastic mission of India was originally founded by Acharya Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj. The Journey first began at the remote village of Bajitpur, Bangladesh, in the year of 1917. Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj was a Yogi, a tapasvi, a visionary, philosopher, a patriotic saint, nation builder and a social reformer. He wanted to see that the great Indian nation regained its ancient lost glories and lead the world unto the path of universal awakening, universal friendship, universal brotherhood and universal emancipation. To reach this great goal, he himself did intense 'tapasva' and then trained the youths to carry out his golden mission. Today, after one hundred years, the Sangha has hundreds of well trained educated monks and innumerable centers all around working silently, building moral character of the people and preaching the ancient spiritual and cultural treasure of India.

'Bharat Sevashram Sangha' is also well known for its philanthropic activities for the less fortunate people. It does massive relief works at the time of any kinds of natural disasters, at various religious festivals and at large social gatherings. The Sangha also runs many schools, colleges, hospitals, hostels for boys and girls, orphanages, accommodations for cancer patients, yoga training centers, leprosy eradication projects and many other kinds of village development projects to help the needy one. There are hundreds of guest houses at almost all holy places of India, which give shelter to the hundreds and thousands of visitors.

To honor the one hundred years of foundation day, the Sangha took multifarious projects, including but not limited to preaching the ideals and aims and objects of the Acharya Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj, building many permanent educational and cultural centers all around.

Preaching missions at different parts of the world

Florida: It is a state in the Southeastern United States of America bordered by Alabama, Georgia, the Atlantic ocean and the gulf of Mexico. Swami Amarnathananda of the New Jersey chapter of the Sangha went to Florida State for a preaching mission for seven days. Florida is famous for its beautiful weather, greeneries, farming, beaches and world famous Disney Land in Orlando. In this seven days of preaching, Swamiji visited Jacksonville, Tampa, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, West Palm beach and Miami city. Introducing great life of Acharya Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj, explanations of aims and objects of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha, lecturing on Sreemad Bhagavad Geeta, Upanisad and performing Havan ceremony for world peace were some the activities performed in Florida.

Toronto, Canada: Toronto is the capital city of Ontario province of Canada. It is located on the northwestern shore of famous lake Ontario. Five days discourse on 'Guru Geeta' was organized

by our ashram in Toronto. Swami Pushkaranandaji Maharaj, the head of our Toronto ashram took initiative to make this program a successful. It is to mention here that the construction work is already started to build a beautiful temple at our Toronto branch.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Located at the center of the State of North Carolina of the United States, Raleigh is one of the beautiful place to live. Covered with green forest, very quiet and very clean place Raleigh immediately can steal the mind of anybody. It is a place of serenity and peace. With the invitation of Raviji, whose entire family is completely dedicated at the lotus feet of Pujjya Swami Nigamananda Saraswatiji Maharaj, Swami Amarnathananda from New Jersey ashram attended the annual gatherings of the followers of Swami Nigamananda Saraswati at their newly built beautiful ashram at Raleigh. While meeting the devotees, he introduced 'Bharat Sevashram Sangha' and its aims and objects to them.

Boston, Massachusetts: It is the capital and largest city of Massachusetts State of the United States of America. Situated at the mouth of Charleston river on Boston bay, it is the home of Boston college, Boston University, Harvard University, Harvard Business school, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Berkley college of Music, Northeastern University and many other colleges and universities. In fact, Boston is a pilgrim site for all who are related to education and culture.

Swami Amarnathananda from New Jersey ashram visited Boston for a preaching mission for five days. Staying at different places, Swamiji gave lectures on Hinduism, its deep and rich spiritual wisdom and introduced the aims and objects of Bharat Sevashram Sangha. He also conducted private prayer services, performed 'vedic Shanti yajna' and Sri Sri Guru Puja at various devotees houses.

San Diego and Los Angeles, California State: San Diego is a major port of entry in Southwestern California, on San Diego Bay. It is the second largest city in the State of California and the sixth largest city in the United States. In San Diego, Sunset Cliffs is one of the major tourist attraction area. Los Angeles is the city and the county seat of Los Angeles County in south western California. Located on the Pacific ocean, it is the second most populous city in the United States.

Swami Amarnathananda from the New Jersey ashram went for a preaching mission to San Diego and Los Angeles area for fifteen days. Bharat Sevashram Sangha has a beautiful center at the Carbon Canyon Road, Brea, in and around Los Angeles city. Meeting people, distributing Sangha-Vani, explaining the mission of the Sangha and giving discourses on various sacred texts were some of the works Swamiji did there.

Las Vegas, Nevada State: It is a city in Southern Nevada, known for mainly tourism and gambling. Los Vegas is full of hotels, resorts and casinos. Tourist come from all over the world at Las Vegas.

There was nothing much to do here, except distributing some of the Sangha-Vani to the curious people. It is to mention here that the 'ten divine messages' which is known as 'Sangha-Vani,'

given by Acharya Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj, are the summery of all forms of religious practices.

Austin & Houston, Texas State: After the completion of annual foundation festival at the New Jersey ashram, Swami Amarnathananda left for Texas State for another long preaching mission. First he Went to Austin city. It is the capital city of the state of Texas and also known for University city. Austin is situated in the south of the state, on the Colorado river. Meeting people, visiting devotee's houses, delivering discourses on Vedant philosophy, Naradiaya Bhaktisutra and Guru Geeta, participating private prayer Services, conducting havan Ceremony and explaining the aims and objects of the Bharat Sevashram Sangha, these were some of the activities of the Swamiji at Austin city. With the invitation of a devotee, Swamiji visited nearby Burnet city also for one day.

Houston is the fourth largest city of the United States of America. It is a major port and one of the chief oil centers. From Austin, Swami Amarnathananda went to Houston for thirteen days. Being the weather is very good here and not so cold, the city accommodate a large numbers of Indian community. Swamiji delivered couple of the lectures on Holy Geeta at various temples here. He spoke on Naradiya Bhaktisutras at home satsang, performed havan ceremonies, attended private prayer services at devotee's houses and in every opportunity, he spoke on the divine life and missions of Acahrya Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj.

Augusta, Georgia: Situated in east central Georgia state, Augusta is a city on the western bank of the Savannah River. Previously, it was known as Fort Cornwallis. Augusta Indian community invited Swami Amarnathananda to attend their annual Durga puja ceremony . He has been visiting Augusta to attend this puja almost last seventeen long years. Sitting at the holy feet of Goddess Durga, Swamiji recited slokas from Sri Sri Chandi, glorifying the divine mother. He also participated in worshipping the mother. With it, Swamiji also introduced Bharat Sevashram Sangha and its multifarious philanthropic activities worldwide to the people.

Atlantic City, New Jersey: It is a city situated in Southeastern New Jersey, on the Atlantic ocean. Atlantic city is known for its beautiful beaches and gambling.

America is a country of immigrants. People came and still are coming from all over the world for better life and to change their fortune. Atlantic city accommodate a large numbers of Bangladeshi community, specially people from Chittagong. They have built a beautiful 'Radha-Krishna' temple at the city. With the invitation of the members of the temple, Swami Amarnathananda visited Atlantic city of just for one day. Participating temple's monthly satsanga, Swamiji explained about the inner truth of Sreemad Bhagavad Geeta and he also explained about the great life of Acharya Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj, the founder of well known Bharat Sevashram Sangha.

Maryland, Washington D.C. & Virginia: Maryland is a state in the eastern United States bordered by Delaware, the district of Columbia, Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and the Atlantic ocean.

Washington D.C. is the national capital of the United States of America. Located at the confluence of the Potomac and Anacostia rivers, it is bordered by Maryland and Virginia states.

And the Virginia is a state in the United States, bordered by Maryland, the Atlantic ocean, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and the west Virginia.

Swami Amarnathananda from the New Jersey ashram went to all these states for a preaching mission for eight days. While visiting many houses of the devotees, he gave lectures on various ancient Hindu scriptures, attended private prayer services, spoke at various temples and met many new people. He also distributed a good quantity of 'Sangha-Vani among the curious people.

New York city: It is the most famous city and a major port in Southeastern New York state. Situated at the mouth of the Hudson River, New York is the most populous city in the United States of America. It comprises of Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Queens and Staten Island boroughs.

Swami Amarnathananda from New Jersey ashram went to New York city for a preaching mission. Visiting Brooklyn, Queens and Manhattan boroughs, Swamiji spoke on ancient Hindu scriptures at various devotees houses, temples and other public gatherings. He also explained to the people about the multifarious humanitarian services Bharat Sevashram Sangha offer for the less fortunate people of India and around the world.

Again in Florida: During the long winter season in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Massachusetts, Washington D.C. Virginia etc. areas are very cold. Being unable to bear this punishing cold, a large number of Indo-American People moved to Florida State. Invited by a group of well wishers, Swami Amarnathananda went to Florida for the second time in the year. This time the focused points were mostly in Orlando and Tampa areas. It was the end of the year of 2016. Joining with a large numbers of devotees at the Jalaram Mandir, Swmiji welcomed the new year 2017 and recited prayer for world peace. In this occasion, Swami Amarnathananda explained the Universal messages of Acharya Swami Pranavanandaji Maharaj, which Sri Sri Guru Maharaj gave almost a hundred years before. His Messages of Universal awakening, Universal brotherhood, Universal emancipation and Universal understandings were accepted by the people with great enthusiasm.

South Africa: South Africa is well known by the Indian people, specially for Mahatma Gadhiji's non-violent movements. Observing the plight and injustice towards the people in South Africa, Gandhiji led a movement against the then ruler for social justice and equal rights for everybody. The country is also known for diamond mines, cricket team and for its breathtaking landscape. But in modern day's history of South Africa, it is President Nelson Mandela who become immortal for his untiring fight for freedom of his motherland and for his people. President Nelson Mandela is an icon and a role model to all freedom fighters of this world. India as a nation, always supported him for his untiring fight against injustice towards his countrymen. There was a time hundreds and thousands of Indian people went to South Africa to work mostly in the sugar plantation. There was a group of Indian business men also went there for good business. Today, next generation of Indian people live all over South Africa.

During the year of 2014, Swami Amarnathananda visited African countries like South Africa, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania for a preaching mission. While he was traveling Johannesburg, Pretoria, New Castle, Durban, Richards Bay and other areas of South Africa, he felt there is a need of a center of Bharat Sevashram Sangha in South Africa. Since then he has been visiting the Rainbow Country South Africa and making efforts to start a center there. Finally, with the kind help of some of the noble minded devotees, the Bharat Sevashram Sangha recently registered as a Non Profit religious and philanthropic Organization with the government of South Africa. Hope and pray, with the divine blessings of Sri Sri Guruji Maharaj, we will be able to open a office for our ashram within the year of 2017.

Beyond of all of these, the New Jersey center of the Sangha become one of the most loved pilgrim site for all spiritually hungry people in and around the United States of America.