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ଜ୍ଞାନେନ ତୁ ତଦଜ୍ଞାନଂ ଯେଷାଂ ନାଶିତମାତ୍କନଃ । ତେଷାମାଦିତ୍ୟ ବତ୍ ଜ୍ଞାନଂ ପ୍ରକାଶୟତି ତତ୍ପରମ୍ ॥

GYaanena tu tadaGYaanaM yeshhaa.n naashitamaatmanaH . teshhaamaadityavajGYaanaM prakaashayati tatparam.h ||5.16||

ଏହି ଶ୍ଳୋକଟି ଭଗବଦ୍ ଗୀତାର *ପଞ୍ଚମ ଅଧ୍ୟାୟରେ* ବର୍ଞନା କରାଯାଇଛି । ଶ୍ରୀ ଭଗବାନ କହିଲେ – ଦିବସରେ ସୂର୍ଯ୍ୟ ଉଦିତ ହେଲେ ଯେପରି ସବୁ ଆଲୋକିତ ହୋଇଯାଏ, ଠିକ୍ ସେହିପରି ଯେତେବେଳେ ବ୍ୟକ୍ତି ଅଞ୍ଜାନ ବିଧ୍ୱଂସନକାରୀ ଜ୍ଞାନାଲୋକ ଲାଭକରେ, ସେତେବେଳେ ସେ ଜ୍ଞାନାଲୋକରେ ସବୁ ତା' ସମକ୍ଷରେ ଉଭାସିତ ହୋଇଉଠେ ।

Lord Krishna said Arjuna in Chapter 5 of Karma-Sanyasa Joga (Path of Renunciation) - Their knowledge, whose ignorance is destroyed by the Self-knowledge, reveals the Supreme like the sun (reveals the beauty of objects of the world). (5.16)

In Seven Years – Old, the Gold, and the New:

This will be our seventh year of Holi celebration. Bhajan program started just as a congregation and get-together for the prayer and in seven years the activities have through grown its institutional identity JOGA. Although seven years have passed, we still follow the old tradition of monthly bhajan program at Baltimore Jagannath temple while adding new ideas and services to greater community through JOGA. This year we started fundraising to help educational programs in Orissa. We also raised money for the Tsunami victims and the money was sent to Lions club in Colombo, Sri Lanka.



Our special thanks to temple priest Mahasakti prabhu and his wife for all the help they have rendered for the success of the bhajan program every month. We also thank Nrusingha Chaitanya prabhu and other temple priests for their good wishes and encouragement. It is our great pleasure to bring the fourteenth issue of this religious newsletter *CHIRANTANA*. This issue contains various articles, and news since the last issue published in August 2004. *CHIRANTANA* is a biannual religious newsletter published in the month of February and August. You can view this newsletter at our above JOGA webpage. We invite your active participation by sending the religious and educational articles to obhajan@yahoo.com by the end of January and July to be published in the February and August issues respectively.

ଆଜି ହୋରି ଖେଳିବି ବୃନ୍ଦାବନେ ବିଜ୍ଞାନୀ ଦାସ, କଲମିଆ, ମେରୀଲାଣ୍ଡ

ସଖୀ ମୋର କବରୀରେ ଫୁଲ ଦେରେ ସଜାଇ ଆଜି ହୋରି ଖେଳିବି ବ୍ୟାବନେ ଅଙ୍ଗେ ମୋର ଅଳଙ୍କାର ଦେରେ ଖଞାଇ ଆଜି ହୋରି ଖେଳିବି ବ୍ରହାବନେ ।ାଘୋଷା । ଅଗରୁ ଚନ୍ଦନ ଆଉ କସ୍ତୁରୀ ଭରି ସଜାଇ ରଖିଛି ମୋର ରଙ୍ଗ ପିଚକାରୀ । ଗଳେ କୁସୁମମାଳା ଲମ୍ବାଇ ଆଜି ହୋରି ଖେଳିବି ବ୍ୟାବନେ ॥୧॥ ଗାଉଥବି ଗୀତ ମୁଁ କେଦାରର ସରେ ଶ୍ୟାମସଙ୍ଗେ ନାଚ୍ଚଥିବି ମୃଦଙ୍ଗର ତାଳେ । ଶ୍ୟାମ ଅଙ୍ଗେ ଅବିର ଲଗା**ଇ** ଆଜି ହୋରି ଖେଳିବି ବୃହାବନେ ॥ ୨॥ ଶ୍ୟାମ ପୂଜା କରିବି ମୋ ପେମରଙ୍ଗ ଭରି ଭକତିରେ ସଜାଇବି ମୋ ମନର ଥାଳି । ଶ୍ୟାମ ପେମେ ମନ ରଙ୍ଗାଇ ଆଜି ହୋରି ଖେଳିବି ବୃହାବନେ ॥୩॥



ଆଜି ଆସିଛି, ଆସିଛି ହୋରି (March 19th, at Murugan Temple) Hori announcement in back side

Divine Justice: Ichhara Pruthibi: JOGA Thanks 2004:

Food For Thought: Holi on March 19:



Manoj Panda Shashadhar Mahapatra Naresh Das, Dhirendra Kar and Hemant Biswal

Divine Justice

Manoj Panda, Michigan

It was middle of a night during the war of mahAbhArata, almost to the end. Ashwatthama, the son of DroNa, was sitting under a banyan tree. With him were Kripa and Kritavarma. He was restless, angry, pensive and dejected. His father DroNa was already killed. MahArathI Karna was no more. He just came back from fatally injured Duryodhana whose thigh was broken by Vrikodara.

Suddenly they saw an owl came and started killing the numerous sleeping crows in the tree. This scene roused the evil thought of killing his enemies while sleeping, in the mind of Ashwatthama. Hence one should be very careful what the sense organs perceive with the help of mind. Nobler they are, better are the results.

He approached Kripa. But Kripa advised him no to do it. He quoted the shAstras as one should not slay kine, brAhmaNas, kings, women, friends, one's own mother, one's own preceptor, a weak man, an idiot, a blind man, a sleeping man, a terrified man, one just arisen from sleep, an intoxicated person, a lunatic and one that is heedless. But Ashwatthama was seething with revenge and was in no mood to listen.

Ashvatthama said, "Without doubt, it is even so, O maternal uncle, as thou sayest. The Pandavas, however, have before this broken the bridge of righteousness into a hundred fragments. In the very sight of all the kings, before thy eyes also, my sire, after he had laid down his weapons, was slain by Dhrishtadyumna. Karna also, that foremost of carwarriors, after the wheel of his car had sunk and he had been plunged into great distress, was slain by the wielder of Gandiva."

"Similarly, ShAntanu's son Bhishma, after he had laid aside his weapons and become disarmed, was slain by Arjuna with Shikhandi placed in his van. So also, the mighty bowman Bhurishrava, while observant of the praya vow on the field of battle, was slain by Yuyudhana in total disregard of the cries of all the kings! Duryodhana too, having encountered Bhima in

battle with the mace, hath been slain unrighteously by the former in the very sight of all the lords of earth. The unrighteous and sinful Pancalas, who have broken down the barrier of virtue, are even such. Why do you not censure them who have transgressed all considerations?"



"Having slain the Panchalas, those slayers of my sire, in the night when they are buried in sleep, I care not if I am born a worm or a winged insect in my

next life. That which I have resolved is hurrying me towards its accomplishment. Hurried as I am by it, how can I have sleep and happiness? That man is not yet born in the world, nor will be, who will succeed in baffling this resolution that I have formed for their destruction."

Ashwatthama conveniently forgot what kauravas have inflicted on pAndavas. A selfish person only sees his own interest, which paves the path of destruction. Such was the fire of anger, which could put the angry person into ashes. It is said in Bhagavad Gita:

tri-vidham narakasyedam , dvAram nAsanamAtmanah kAmah krodhastathA lobhastasmAdetat trayam tyajet

It means that "Lust, anger, and greed are the three gates of hell leading to the downfall (or bondage) of jIva. Therefore, one must (learn to) give up these three."

The power of one's "karma" is very difficult to counter. Kripa, Kritavarma and Ashwatthama marched towards the camp of pAndavas. The gate was secured by three-eyed Rudra. When all his weapons failed to overpower, Ashwatthama supplicated him by worship. Then all three of them killed mercilessly the sleeping warriors, which included Dhristadyumna, Shikhandi, five sons of Draupadi by pAndavas (Prativindhya, son of Yudhishthira; Sutasoma, son of Bhima; Shrutakirtti, son of Arjuna; Satanika, son of Nakula; and Shrutakarma, son of Sahadeva), Uttamouja and many more.

pAndavas who were in another camp came to know about it later by the charioteer of Dhrustadyumna. Draupadi was inconsolable. All the five brothers were dejected.

Draupadi distressed at the death of her sons, brothers and father resolved to kill herself by fasting. Then Bhima, resolved, to please her; promised to kill Ashwatthama. The son of Drona from fear of Bhimasena and impelled by the fates and moved also by anger discharged a celestial weapon saying, 'This is for the destruction of all the Pandavas'; then Krishna saying. 'This shall not be', neutralized Ashwatthama's speech. Then Arjuna neutralized that weapon by one of his own.

Ashwatthama was captured and brought before Lord Krishna. Bhimasena had promised to kill him already. But Lord said:

Brahmabandhurn hantavya AtatAyI vadhArhaNah | (Srimad Bhagavatam)

It means that "Even a fallen brAhmaNa ought not to be slain and a ruffian surely deserves to be killed. I have said that. Hence carry out both these commands of Mine. Also redeem the promise you made while consoling your beloved consort; at the same time do

what is agreeable to Bhimasena and Draupadi as well as to Myself."

It was a tricky situation. Commands are contradictory to one another.

Arjuna could understand the mind of Sri Hari. He instantly cut-off the gem on Ashwatthama's head with his lock. After that he expelled the brAhmaNa from the camp. Shaving of the head as a token of disgrace, seizure of property and expulsion from the place where one happens to be, is a form of capital punishment for the BrahmaNas.

In this way "dharma" was preserved – the Blessed Lord's sayings were respected, Bhimasena's vow was kept. And thus divine justice was dispensed.

The delineations of shAstras are very often difficult to understand if followed literally. Hence it is best to follow the life of great Masters who are living examples of shAstra. "mahA jana yena gatasya panthAh" – That is the path, which is blazed by the Realized.



POEMS/STORIES/ESSAYS:

ଇଚ୍ଛାର ପୃଥିବୀ

ଶଶଧର ମହାପାତ୍, ମେରୀଲ୍ୟାଞ



ମୁଁ ମୋର ଦାସ, ମୁଁ ମୋର ପ୍ରଭୁ ମାରୁଛି ପ୍ରତି ମୁହୁର୍ତ୍ତରେ ମୋର ଇଛାମାନଙ୍କୁ, କଂସଭଳି ଶିଳାରେ ପିଟିପିଟି ଦେବକୀର ପୁତ୍ମାନଙ୍କୁ । ସମାଧି ଦେଉଛି ପ୍ରତି ମୁହୁର୍ତ୍ତରେ ମୋର ଚିନ୍ତା ଓ ଚେତନାକୁ ।

ଏ ଅନ୍ଧ ଦୁନିଆରେ ନେତ୍ଥାଇ ମୁଁ ଅନ୍ଧ, କାନଥାଇ ମୁଁ ବଧିର, ହାତ ଗୋତଥାଇ ମୁଁ ମାଦଳ, ମୁଁ ଜୀଇଁଥାଇ ବି ମରୁଛି ପ୍ରତି ମୁହୁର୍ତ୍ତରେ, ମୋ'ର ଶବ ସଂୟାର କରିବାକୁ ପ୍ରସ୍ତୁତ କରୁଛି ପୋଟୋମାକ୍ ନଈକ୍ଳରେ ।

ସମୟଙ୍କ ଭଳି ମୁଁ ଦିନେ ଦିବାରାତି ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ଦେଖୁଥିଲି ମୋ'ର ଜୈଶୋରର ମୋ'ର ଯୁବାବ୍ୟାରର ମୋ'ର ବୈବାହିକ ଜୀବନର ଗୋଟିଏ ଛୋଟିଆ ସଂସାରର ଏକ ସ୍ୱୀର, ଏକ ପୁତ୍ର, ଏକ କନ୍ୟାର ଏକ ମଧୁମୟ ସଂସାରର ଏକ ସାର୍ଥକ ଜୀବନର । ସେ ସ୍ୱପ୍ନସବୁ ଏବେ ଅନିୟବତ ହୋଇ ହୁଗୁଳିଯାଇ କି ପଘାଛିଡେଇ ବୁଲୁଛନ୍ତି, ସ୍ୱପ୍ନ ଦେଖିବାକୁ ବାରଣ ନାହିଁ ପଶ୍ନ ଉଠେ, ସ୍ୱପ୍ନସବୁ ସତ ହୁଏକି ? ପଶ୍ନ ଉଠେ, ଆମେସବୁ ଖୁସିକି ? ଯଦି ଏବେ ନୁହେଁ ତେବେ କେବେ ? ଏ ସବୁ ପ୍ରଶ୍ନ ବିବତ କରେ, ଜୀବନ ପରିପୂର୍ଣ୍ଣ ହୁଏ ନୂଆ ଚ୍ୟାଲେଞ୍ରେ ନାନା ପ୍ରତିବନ୍ଧକ ସୃଷ୍ଟି ହୁଏ, ସମସ୍ୟା ବଢେ, ଚିତ୍ତା ବଢେ ହାର୍ଟବିଟ୍ ବଢେ ଉତ୍କତାପ ବଢେ ।

ବନ୍ଧୁଗଣ !
ଏ ବୟସରେ ମୁଁ ଚାଲିଛି ଏକାଏକା
ଆଗକୁ କିଏ ? ନାଁ ପଛକୁ କିଏ ?
ନଇଁ ପଡିଥିଲେ ନିୟତି ବିଧାଏ ଦିଏ ।
କାହିଁଗଲେ ମୋ'ର ସଖା, ସହୋଦର ?
କାହିଁଗଲେ ?
ଯେଉଁମାନେ ଗଛଚଢାଇ ଦିନେ ହସୁଥିଲେ,
ବିବାହ ବେଦୀରେ ଶଙ୍ଖ ଫୁଙ୍କିଥିଲେ,
ଲୁଚିଲୁଚି ହୁଳହୁଳି ଦେଇଥିଲେ,
ମୁଞ୍ଚରେ ସିନ୍ଦର, ଚନ୍ଦନ ଲେପିଥିଲେ,
ଧୋତି ଓ ଚାଦର ପିନ୍ନାଇଥିଲେ
କାହିଁଗଲେ ?
କାହିଁଗଲେ ଯିଏ ଦିନେ ଢିଲା ପଡିଯାଇଥିବା
ସମ୍ମର୍କକୁ ଶକ୍ତ କରିବାର

ପ୍ରତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ, ମୋ'ସାଥେ ହସିଥିଲେ, କାନ୍ଦିଥିଲେ ଥଟ୍ଟାତାମସା ଖେଳିଥିଲେ କାହିଁଗଲେ? ଏକ ପରେ ଏକ ହୋଇ ହଜିଗଲେ, ଏକ ପରେ ଏକ ହୋଇ ମିଶିଗଲେ ବିଧାତାର ଦରବାରେ, ଧୂଆଁଭରା କୁହୁତି ଭିତରେ ।

ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଇଚ୍ଛାର ପୃଥିବୀ ଏବେବି ଖୋଜୁଛି ସେମାନଙ୍କର ଅତୃତ୍ତ ଆତ୍ମା ଏବେବି ବୁଲୁଛି ମୋ'ର ସନ୍ଧାନରେ ଆମ ଗାଁ ମଶାଣି ଭୂଇଁରେ, ମୋର ଅଭୁଲା ସ୍ଥୃତି ସବୁ ଚିରକାଳ ମିଶିଯାଉଛି ସେମାନଙ୍କର ରୂପରେ, ଅରୂପରେ ।

ସେଉଁମାନେ ମୋତେ ସାଙ୍ଗ ହୋଇ ଚାଲିବାର ଅନେକ ପତିଶ୍ରୁତି ଦେଇଥିଲେ, ମୋ ସହିତ ହସିଥିଲେ ଓ କାନ୍ଦିଥିଲେ, ସେମାନଙ୍କ ମଧ୍ୟରୁ ଅନେକ ଚାଲିଗଲେଣି ଏବେ । ତାଙ୍କରି ଶ୍ୱାଦ୍ଧ ଦିବସରେ ଏକ ଲୁହର ଆଞ୍ଚଳା ମୋ ତରଫରୁ ।)

JOGA Thanks 2004

Naresh Das. Columbia. MD

Like previous years, 2004 brought many successes to JOGA's effort to serve the community. Many successful programs including teachers refresher course in Keonjhar district of Orissa in the first half of the year have been reported in August 2004 issue of Chirantana. Some of the programs we are reporting here are:

- 1. JOGA New Board Members for 2004-2007
- 2. Fund Raising Event
- 3. Bhima Bhoi Blind School Project
- 4. Tsunami Relief
- 5. Talent Search Scholarship
- 1. Nominations for various JOGA boards of directors were invited among the members. As we grow, JOGA needs more directors with broad range of expertise. We are very happy that many talented members have volunteered. We invite you all to cooperate with the board members for successful programs. New board members for the next three year term are: Dr. Naresh C. Das, Chairman; Mr. Hemant Biswal, Education; Dr. Biswanath Gouda, Health Education; Mr. Dhirendra Kar, Membership Development; Dr. Joy Gopal Mohanty, Projects; Dr. Shashadhara Mohapatra, Finance and Dr. Meenakshi Sahu, Fund Raising. The detail contact information for the above volunteers is available at our website: www.jogaworld.org
- 2. First fund raising event organized on Decemebr 12th 2004, was a huge success. Though it was organized within short notice. the attendance was moderate. We \$4050.00 could raise support many JOGA projects. Highlights of the fund raising events are: a) Participation of children in cultural program

and b) Volunteering by student volunteers (NHS students) Sachi Gross, Audrey Goldberg and Owen Greeley from Hammand High School. Here is the list of people contributed to our fund raising event. The individual contribution ranges from \$20.00 - \$500.00. Pictures show parts of the event.

Mr. Pradyut and Sanghamitra Behera

Mr. Dilip Bhagat, MD

Mr. Hemant Biswal, VA

Mr. Debaki and Anjana Choudhury, MD

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Drs. Kailash and Meena Sahu, MD

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Mr. Gatikrushna and Jangyaseni Tripathy, MD

Mr. Hens H. Wegner, MD

3. One of the main missions of JOGA is to support educational programs. Bhima Bhoi school for blind students in Bhubaneswar, Orissa, requested JOGA to



help to erect boundary around ladies hostel. JOGA sanctioned Rs. 19,600.00 for the project. The picture of the school with fenced wall is also available at our

website. We are also in the process of establishing talking library where blind students can learn using computers with audio programs. If you would like to

support this library project for blind school please contact any of the JOGA board members.

4. Like many international organizations, JOGA raised funds to support Tsunami relief effort. We thank all those who have contributed to this relief fund. Initial donation of \$600.00 was sent to Lions Club in Colombo, Sri Lanka. JOGA also has plans to adopt orphan children and

provide monthly support. We are in the process of identifying various organizations in Sri Lanka supporting children orphaned by the Tsunami disaster.

5. JOGA is supporting the scholarship fund instituted by Maheshwar memorial trust in Bhadrak district. Like previous years, an objective type test was conducted on 13th December at Ichapur High School in Bhadrak. Approximately 150 tenth grade students

participated in the examination from various high schools in the district. Fifteen needy and talented students from various schools were given Rs. 1000.00 scholarship which they will use for their college admission. We have received many positive feedbacks from the previous awardees that the scholarship money had helped them for college admission and other initial college expenses.

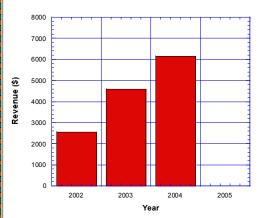
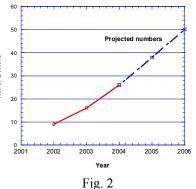


Fig1. JOGA revenue growth for 2002-2004

We are very happy to report here the continuous growth of JOGA funds as well as number of donors. Here we show the bar diagram of funds received for JOGA educational projects. The amount does not include the contribution of members for Holi celebration and monthly sponsorship for bhajan program.

We also see a continuous growth of our donors list. We thank all our donors for their support as well as their unconditional faith on our missions. Figure 2, shows the graph of number of donors for last three

years. We believe this trend will continue for many years to come. We invite all those who would like to be new donors and assure you that all your donation will be used for the assigned projects with zero overhead charge.



May Lord Jagannath bless you and your family!

You may contact any of us for further information: Mr. Hemant Biswal, Herndon, VA (703) 481-3148 Dr. Naresh C. Das, Columbia, MD (301) 498-3729 Mr. Dhirendra Kar, Boston, MA (781) 762-1878 Dr. Devi Mishra, Huntsville, AL (256) 883-5499

Bhajan Program sponsors:

Thanks to all the families for their participation and contribution for the success of the bhajan program. Our heartfelt thanks to the following families for sponsoring feasts on different months:

Anjana and Debaki Choudhury, MD Bigyani and Naresh Das, MD Bandita and Nrusingha Mishra, MD Meera and Shashadhar Mohapatra, MD Ila and Arun Ojha, Columbia, MD

Food For thought:

"In the midst of movement and chaos, keep stillness inside of you."

-- Deepak Chopra.

Bhajan Schedule: 3rd Saturday of Every Month (Excluding March for Holi)

Place: Jagannath Temple, 200 Bloomsbery Ave, Catonsville, MD 21228. Tel: (410) 744 1624

6:00 - 6:30 PM - Children's Bhajan

6:30 - 7:00 PM - Bhajan by Adults

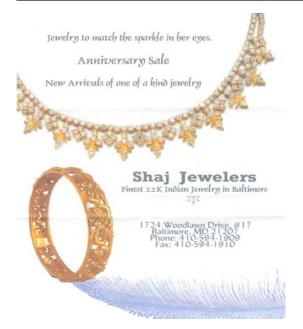
7:00 - 7:30 PM - Arati

7:30 – 8:15 PM - Bhajan by Adults continued

8:15 – 8:40 PM – Prabachan (or Bhajan cont.)

8:40 - 9:30 PM - Prasad

9:30 - 10:00 PM - Cleaning and Leave





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Donations: Family-\$20, Single-\$10 (If you confirm by March 4); Family-\$25, Single-\$15 (After March 5, 2005) If you would like to sponsor Holi, please contact any of the volunteers.

Balabhadra Sponsorship: \$200.00 Subhadra Sponsorship: \$150.00, Jagannatha Sponsorship: \$100.00

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Day: 19th March 2005

Time: Saturday, 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM Place: Murugan Temple Auditorium 6300 Princes Garden Parkway

Lanham, MD 20706,

http://www.murugantemple.org

Ph. (301) 552-4889

Program:

- Holi procession of Deities
- Arati and Bhajan
- Cultural: Songs, Dances, Children's Drama: Draupadi, Plays by Adults: "Saradha Bali Kanduchi" and "Khola Chithi", Talent shows, Door Prizes, 50/50 Prize
- Prasad/Dinner

Special Presentation: Odissi Dance by Meera Das (Director, Gunjan Dance Academy, Cuttack, Orissa)

Contacts:

Please confirm your participation by March 4, 2005 to any of the following volunteers. For participation in the cultural program, please confirm by February 28.

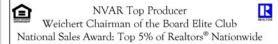
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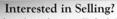


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