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Chinmaya International Foundation
The Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF) is a crown jewel among the spiritual organisations of this country, nestled in the green carpet of a valley surrounded by hills in the Ernakulam district of Kerala, God’s own country. It is here that Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya, the spiritual commander who changed the destiny of humanity was born, in his mother’s home at Veliyanad. The name of the village ‘Veliyanad’ denotes the birth of the light that removed the ignorance of humanity! A nearby town is called ‘Piravom’ meaning the birthplace of a leader of spiritual odyssey who had an urgency to complete his avowed pursuit as quickly as possible.

Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda a great spiritual visionary saw the divinity whispering in this remote birth place of Śrī Ādi Śaṅkara and wanted that whisper to become a clarion call to the universe. He envisioned CIF that could bridge the gap between the East and West, pundit and public, science and spirituality.

We are living up to that great standard set by these two masters. We are reaching out to thousands of students across the globe through our online and postal courses. We are conducting regular camps which attract hundreds of students and our penchant to appease spiritual thirst is growing unabated.

Then came the corona pandemic like a bolt from the blue which changed the mindset of human beings. It is a real testing time. We faced the brute bravely and decisively. We started many online programmes and reached thousands of them with new awareness campaigns which are not entirely spiritual. By this, we could recruit many new aspirants. They showed keen interest in these eternal teachings that has stood the test of time, like the Himālayas and the Ganges of our country have.
Social media and digital technology are blessings for us, so that we are not mentally isolated. Humanity is connected using a single thread called social media. We reach thousands of you through the tips of your fingers, vibrations through earphones and videos that stun you with their exalting content. Spirituality, the science of peace and tranquillity, now reaches everyone in the comfort of their homes. We continue to have our robust publications wing, which is a treasure trove of more than a hundred print and digital materials based on Indic Knowledge Traditions.

You may be surprised to know that the most astounding and innovative ideas have dawned to us during these days of confinement. We have started an ingenious Sanskrit Course for beginners by Swami Ramakrishnananda. We had many problems transporting accessories to his place, which is in another state. It is a joy that we did it. The adverse circumstances are enticing us to take up daring new experiments. It is all for you. We want you to be blessed with this knowledge and help you beat the perennial ignorance that is bothering you.

We can only live with nature. At CIF, we have been very successful in growing our own vegetables and getting connected with nature by undertaking conservational measures like water harvesting and soil conservation.

Stay safe during the corona outbreak. Avoid touching your face because it is through our orifices that the virus enters our body. Wash your hands like a mad person. You will be alright.

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Academic Director
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Svādhyāya and Sādhanā Camps

Amrtam Gamaya

Date: 6 – 12 August, 2019
Facilitators: Pūjya Guruji Swami Tejomayananda; Swami Advayananda
Texts: Advaita Makaranda; Vedānta Decoded

Advaita Makaranda is a prakaraṇa grantha authored by Śrī Lakṣmīdhara Kavi, a disciple of Swami Anantananda. A prakaraṇa grantha is a foundation text that teaches the basics of Advaita Vedānta. Pūjya Guruji summed up the basic principles of Vedānta in a simplified manner and explained the various steps that Vedānta enjoins on a seeker to attain Liberation. The first session was followed by a group discussion.

Swami Advayananda gave a lucid discourse on Vedānta which is the ultimate knowledge and can be presented in great detail. But here, Vedānta is decoded in a unique and concise manner in one verse, half a verse, three words, one word, and its truth that is truly beyond words.

The camp was an uplifting and an enlightening experience for the campers, and as its name suggests, took them a step closer to Self-realisation.
Vedanta Unveiled 2019

Date: 20 – 30 October, 2019
No. of Participants: 124
Facilitators: Pujya Guruji Swami Tejomayananda; Swami Advayananda
Texts: Harimdh Stotram; Drk-drsha-viveka
Other Dignitaries: Dr. R. N. Sreenathan, Academic Director, CIF; Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, Vice Chancellor, CVV; Sri N. M. Sundar, Executive Secretary, CVV Trust; Sri Sunil Kumar, Promotions and Marketing Lead, CIF.

This ten-day camp attracted more than a hundred participants from across the world. In addition to the discourses and presentations, there were daily satsangs by various Swamins of the Chinmaya Mission.

Diwali, the festival of lights, was celebrated with a special Mahalakshmi pujja performed by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati. On this day, Devi Mahalakshmi is worshiped in her eight forms known as astalakshmi. This pujja was streamed live on YouTube for those who could not attend in person.

The following titles of pendrives were released during the camp:
Jivanmuktiviveka – Chapter 4, Siddhantaleasaangraha of Appayya Diksita – Part 3, Navya Nyaya Levels 1-3, Vedanta Decoded and Sivananda Lahar
Vedanta for Yuva

Date: 15 – 17 November, 2019
Facilitators: Swami Advayananda; Br. Sudheer Chaitanya
Texts: The Chinmaya Mission Pledge, as envisioned by Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda
Other Dignitaries: Dr. R. N. Sreenathan, Academic Director, CIF; Śrī Vinod R. R., Assistant Professor, School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems, CVV.

Sixty-five vibrant youngsters from various locales attended the camp on-site and there were 30 campers who joined the online streaming platform. On the first day, ice-breaking activities in the form of interesting games were conducted. The camp comprised meditation sessions, group discussions and workshops which allowed the campers to put into practice the different concepts of Vedānta.
Advaita Vedanta Immersive

Date: 25 – 31 December, 2019
Text: Māṇḍūkya Upaniṣad

The Advaita Vedanta Immersive camp, based on the Māṇḍūkya Upaniṣad held at Adi Sankara Nilayam, was inaugurated by Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Dean of Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth (CVV). In addition to the elucidation of the Upaniṣad by Swamiji, other important Vedāntic concepts were covered by the assistants through blissful satsangs during the course of the camp.

The campers also joined the CIF family to welcome the New Year with an elaborate Viṣṇu-sahasranāma pūjā, led by Br. Ved Chaitanya.
To make the lockdown days engaging, informative and spiritually uplifting, CIF conducted live sessions on its Facebook and Instagram pages, covering a wide range of topics in different languages, viz., English, Hindi, Marathi, Malayalam and Tamil. 100–150 participants attended the live discourses for both the seasons on a daily basis.

**The topics covered in Season I were:**
Duty v/s Rights, Dhyānasvarūpam, Sanātana Dharma, India – The Jagat Guru, Sādhanā, Spirituality in Professional Life, Udāsī Se Mukti, Important Concepts of Hinduism, Nirogī Jīvan, Q&A on Contemporary Challenges and Ancient Solutions, Q&A on Rāmāyaṇa and Mahābhārata, Q&A on Prārabdha, Puruṣārth āṇī Īśvarkrupā

**The topics covered in Season II were:**
Thirukural and Hindu Scriptures, Jñāna Sāram, Śrī Ādi Śaṅkara – The Legend, Vedānta – The Vision of Life, Śrī Ādi Śaṅkara – The Visionary
**Gita Jnana Yajna**

**Date:** 16 – 21 May, 2020  
**Mode:** Online  
**Facilitator:** Swami Viviktananda, Regional Head, Chinmaya Mission, Kerala  
**Text:** Karma-yoga, Bhagavad Gītā Chapter 3

Hosted by CIF, this was a series of talks in Malayalam held every evening for an hour. Close to 150 devotees from different places participated.

The third chapter of the Bhagavad-gītā expounds the importance of doing one’s duty with the right attitude. Karma-yoga explains that any action can become a glorious sacrifice when dedicated to the Lord. Such an action performed with a selfless attitude and with devotion brings purity of mind and prepares one for Self-knowledge.

**Twenty-20 Balavihar Camp**

**Date:** 25 May – 13 June, 2020  
**Mode:** Online  
**Text:** Hanumān Cālīśā

CIF and Chinmaya Yuva Kendra (ChYK) successfully conducted a 20-day camp for children from all over the world. There were more than 10 faculty members who facilitated the sessions. The camp also included chanting of stotras, bhajans, interesting talks on lesser-known facts about India, and multiple activities including drawing, games and online quizzes.

The main text was Hanumān Cālīśā. Kids have always looked up to Lord Hanumān as a friend and a superhero. Composed by the great saint Gosvami Tulasidas Hanumān Cālīśā is one of the most popular texts on the glory of the Lord and is chanted by millions all over the world. It is considered that the mere chanting of it will save the devotees from all kinds of troubles. A Hanumān pūjā was performed during the camp and all the kids participated in it from their homes as per the instruction given by the facilitator.
Ancient Indian Mathematics Camps

Vedic Mathrix 2020

Date: 9 – 14 April, 2020
Mode: Online
No. of Participants: 43
Facilitators: Śrī Vinay Nair
Topic: Interdisciplinary – Mathematics, Computer Science and Linguistics

Chinmaya International Foundation and School of Vedic Maths conducted the 11th annual Vedic Mathrix 2020 Camp, based on ancient Indian Mathematics. Forty-three participants from three countries had joined, where the youngest participant was 11 years old and the oldest 67. The theme of the camp was the connection between Mathematics, Classical Music, Sanskrit Poetry and Algorithms. Śrī Vinay Nair explained algorithms that were even 2300 years old and used binary logic for listing, sorting and generating permutations and combinations. Some of the participants who were good at programming wrote computer programmes for these ancient algorithms. The topic also gave an opportunity to discuss some fundamental theorems in number theory based on which many of the algorithms worked. It was interesting to see how students could pick up college level Mathematics even at school level when presented in a non-routine way of mixing Mathematics with other branches of studies.
Chinmaya International Foundation and School of Vedic Maths organised the annual camp Simpli5 on the history of Indian Mathematics. Twenty-four participants from four different countries participated in the 6-day camp. Śrī Vinay Nair used Magic Squares to explore properties pattern in primes, etc. He also introduced Arithmetic Progressions, Generalisations, Sequences, and so. The young participants were astonished to know that Magic Squares has a history as old as 2000 years in India and finds its appearance in a text written by Nagarjuna (an alchemist) in the 1st century CE. They also enjoyed manipulating squares into other shapes as explained by a 14th century mathematician, Nārāyaṇa Paṇḍita in his famous text Gaṇita Kaumudi.

The campers enjoyed playing with numbers and solving puzzles on magic squares. They took home some research articles for further study.
Overview of Šad-darśanas (Six Āstika Schools of Indian Philosophy)
Language: English
Speaker: Prof. R. Balasubramanian

Pratyakṣa Pariccheda
Language: English
Speaker: Prof. Revathy Sukumar

Six Pramāṇas
Language: English
Speaker: Prof. Revathy Sunkumar

Śivānanda Lahari
Language: English
Speaker: Swami Advayananda

Tattvabodha
Language: English
Speaker: Swami Advayananda

Siddhāntaleśasāṅgraha of Appayya Dikṣita (Part 3)
Language: Sanskrit
Speaker: Prof. V. Kutumba Sastr

Vedānta Decoded
Language: English
Speaker: Swami Advayananda

Viṣaya Pariccheda
Language: English
Speaker: Dr. Goda Venkateswara Sastry

Vākya-Vṛttī
Language: English
Speaker: Swami Advayananda

Advaita-saṅgrahaḥ of Rāmapaṇḍita
Language: English
Editing & Translation: Dr. T. Narayanan Kutty
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Advaitānyamatakhaṇḍnam, Advaitavijayah and Advaitāmṛtām
Language: Sanskrit and English
Author: Shri. Bellamkonda Ramayakavi
Editor: Dr. Dilip Kumar Rana
Gurudev’s Mahāsāmādhi Day

Date: 3 August, 2019

On this day Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda attained Mahāsāmādhi, and it is commemorated as sādhanā day. The highest level of sādhanā is to ever remain in total union with the God – the Self. In Pujya Gurudev’s words, “Alert and vigilant loving is the greatest sādhanā!” On this special occasion, pādukā-pūjā was performed in memory of Pujya Gurudev at Adi Sankara Nilayam. The programme included the chanting of Chinmaya Aṣṭakam. At the end, Swami Viswananda from Chinmaya Mission Neeleswaram, shared some of the qualities of Pujya Gurudev that inspire us and many more devotees all around the world.
73rd Independence Day

Date: 15 August, 2019

CIF and Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth (CVV) jointly celebrated the 72 years of Independence at Adi Sankara Nilayam. The National Flag was hoisted by Dr. Gauri Mahulikar (Dean of CVV) in the presence of Swami Advayananda. After the flag hoisting and national anthem, participants chanted Vande Mataram, recited the National Pledge and sang other patriotic songs. Swami Advayananda talked about the hardship of Indian freedom fighters that led to the triumph of good versus evil under British rule. The programme concluded with kulagitam of CVV and the distribution of sweets.
World Sanskrit Day

Date: 20 – 21 August, 2019

To commemorate World Sanskrit day, CIF Shodha Sansthan (CIFSS) organised a two-day programme inviting students of different age groups to participate in various competitions. The competitions included chanting of Medhā-sūktam, Viṣṇu-sahasranāmam, Bhagavad-gītā, Madhurāṣṭakam and Gīta-govindam. After the inauguration, Dr. Dileep Rana (Director, CIFSS) released a book titled Advaita-anyamata-khanḍanam, authored by Śrī Bellamkonda Ramarayakavi.
Date: 23 August, 2019

Janmāśṭamī celebrations for the birthday of Bhagavān Śrī Kṛṣṇa began with a nāmasaṅkīrtanam at the Illoom. Śrī Kṛṣṇa is one of the most important incarnations of Bhagavān Viṣṇu. In the Hindu calendar, this festival is celebrated on Kṛṣṇa Pakṣa Āṣṭamī of the Śrāvaṇa month.

Brahmacārīs, students of Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth and other CIF family members joined in the nāmasaṅkīrtanam from 6 am to 6 pm, followed by the pūjā and janmotsavam at midnight.

The Rāmāyaṇa is a source of great inspiration to all Hindus. On the occasion of Rāmāyaṇa month, CIF and ChYK organised a programme at Adi Sankara Nilayam. This year a District Level Rāmāyaṇa competition was organised for students and adults all across Ernakulam. The programme included pencil drawing and painting, quiz competition and Rāmāyaṇa pārāyaṇa (chanting of verses).
Gaṇeṣa Caturthī Celebrations

Date: 2 September, 2019

The Gaṇeṣa Caturthī festivities began at 6 am with Aṣṭadravya Mahā Gaṇapati homam at Chinmaya Swayambu Ayyappa temple followed by Mahā Gaṇapati pūjā and Atharvaśīrṣa abhiṣeka at illom. The pūjā was performed by one of the Brahmacārīs of the Kerala Sandeepany.

On this occasion, Dr. R. N. Sreenathan, Academic Director of CIF released CIF’s annual newsletter of 2019, handing over the first copy to Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, Vice-Chancellor of Chinmaya Vishwavidyapeeth.

The programmes continued with Mahābhogam in the afternoon, special melodious bhajans and āratī in the evening. CIF-CVV family and visitors from outside attended the program.

Oṃam Celebration

Date: 12 September, 2019

Oṃam or Thiruvonam is believed to be the day on which Lord Vishnu incarnated as the Vamanamurti. It is also celebrated to commemorate the annual visit of King Mahabali to the homes of his subjects, the people of Kerala. CVV and CIF arranged a cultural programme in the morning and concluded the celebrations with a traditional lunch called Oṃasadhyā.
Mahā Cāṇḍikā Havan and Navarātri Celebrations

Date: 7 October, 2019

Mahā Cāṇḍikā Havan is one of the most powerful rituals performed in order to invoke Devī Cāṇḍikā, the combined form of Sarasvati, Lakṣmī and Pārvaṭī. As a befitting conclusion to Navarātri, Mahā Cāṇḍikā Havan was performed on the Mahā Navamī day. Conducted in the central courtyard of the ilom, the havan was performed by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati, and was witnessed by more than 50 devotees on site and by around 800 devotees online.
Lakṣmī Nārāyaṇa Yajña

Date: 15 January, 2020

Makara Saṅkrānti is celebrated all over India as Pongal, Lohrī, Uttarāyaṇa and the like. The 10th Lakṣmī Nārāyaṇa Yajña and Pūjā marked the Makara Saṅkrānti celebrations at CIF. The Yajña and pūjā was performed for the material and spiritual well-being of the devotees by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati and were attended by Swami Siddhananda of Chinmaya Mission Pennsylvania, Chinmaya Mission Sevaks, CIF and Chinmaya CVV family and other devotees.

Republic Day of India

Date: 26 January, 2020

The celebrations for the 71st Republic Day of India began with the hoisting of the Indian flag by Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, Vice Chancellor, CVV. The Republic Day Address was delivered by Dr. R. N. Sreenathnan, Academic Director, CIF and Dr. R. Sreevalska Kumar, HoS (PPSH) & Director (IQAC), CVV. The event concluded with patriotic songs sung by the students of CVV.
Mahā Śivarātri Celebration

Date: 21 February, 2020

Mahā Śivarātri was celebrated at Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa Temple with special pūjās at the shrine of Vettakkorumakan. Vettakkorumakan is son of Kirata Śiva (Śiva in His hunter form). He is the tutelary deity and the eldest counsel of the Melpazhur Mana (Adi Sankara Nilayam), the maternal birth home of Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya.

The special pūjās were performed from 8 to 11 in the morning by the temple priest, and in the evening and night at the iliom by Br. Ved Chaitanya. The evening pūjās included Rudrābhiṣeka in both yāmas and the Mahā-ārāti, which was held between 10 PM and midnight. Abhiṣeka-s were accompanied by the chanting of Rudram-camakam and bhajans.

These pūjās were attended by the devotees from the vicinity of Adi Sankara Nilayam along with the CIF and CVV family and the Vasishtha Yoga campers.
Camp by Chinmaya Mission Mulund

Date: 17 – 24 September, 2019
No. of Participants: 62
Facilitators: Br. Nilesh Chaitanya
Text: Aitareya Upanisad

Chinmaya Mission Mulund organised a spiritual camp for a group of 62 campers. The camp was led by Br. Nilesh Chaitanya who elucidated the text over a span of 15 sessions. The teaching of the text were covered in great depth, which finally leads to an understanding of the mahāvākyas ‘Prajñānām Brahma’. Group discussions and self-contemplation were encouraged to concretise their understanding.

The campers had a great opportunity to attend satsaṅgs conducted by prominent Acharyas of CIF. Swami Advayananda spoke on Sādhana-catustaya and Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati on Bhāratiya Samskṛtiḥ. The campers also took part in a pādukā-pūjā led by Br. Nilesh Chaitanya.

A unique satsaṅg in a houseboat

After completion of the camp at Adi Sankara Nilayam, the campers went to Alappuzha for an outing on a houseboat. A unique satsaṅg was conducted in the houseboat by Br. Ved Chaitanya.
Chandogya Upanisad Camp

Date: 16 – 23 December, 2019
Facilitators: Swami Abhedananda, Chinmaya Mission, South Africa
Text: Chāndogya Upaniṣad, Viṣṇu-śatpaṭī-stotram

The Chandogya Upanisad camp facilitated by Swami Abhedananda of Chinmaya Mission South Africa was held at Adi Sankara Nilayam. Around 35 campers attended the camp. The camp included satsaṅgs, bhajans and discussion sessions. Presentations on CIF and CVV were also held during the camp. The inauguration and valedictory functions were attended by Swami Abhedananda and the campers.
Chinmaya Seva Nidhi Distribution

Date: 30 October, 2019

The fund raised by CIF as part of the Chinmaya Seva Nidhi to help the victims of Kerala floods of 2018 was distributed at Adi Sankara Nilayam by Pujya Guruji Swami Tejomayananda. The 60 beneficiaries were residents located in and around Piravom. This was part of a venture by CIF to support the people who were affected by the floods, physically challenged and the homeless. The beneficiaries were selected after a thorough survey by the CIF team. CIF has provided welfare to about 300 people under the Chinmaya Seva Nidhi scheme.
Bike Rally

Date: 11 – 12 January, 2020
Flag-off: Adi Sankara Nilayam

Chinmaya Yuva Kendra (ChYK) Kerala, organised a two-day bike rally to commemorate National Youth Day, celebrated in honour of Swami Vivekananda.

The theme of the rally was ‘Sankara to Vivekananda’, and thus it started from Adi Sankara Nilayam (the maternal birth home of Šrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya), and culminated at Vivekananda Rock Memorial in Kanyakumari.

The rally, with 36 riders, was flagged off by Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Dean of Faculties at CVV. Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati, Acharya, Kerala Sandeepany, addressed the bikers where he spoke about the vision and mission of Ādi Śaṅkarācārya.

The rally was aimed at empowering and educating the youth to draw inspiration from Šrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya and Swami Vivekananda, who were great spiritual and philosophical contributors to the country as well as to the whole world, at a very young age.
Launch of CIF’s Malayalam YouTube Channel

Date: 15 January, 2020

Chinfo Malayalam Channel, the Malayalam YouTube channel of CIF was launched by Swami Siddhananda, Chinmaya Mission Pennsylvania. Śrī K.K Rajan, Chief Sevak of CIF, Śrī. Rajesh Patel, Treasurer, CIF, Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Dean, CVV and Br. Sudheer Chaitanya were present at the launch. Subscribe to the channel to receive notifications. Visit: https://www.youtube.com/chinfomalayalamchannel

Go Green Grow Healthy

Date: 22 January, 2020

The organic vegetables grown as part of the ‘Go Green Grow Healthy’ project were harvested on 22 January 2020. This project is a joint venture of CIF and CVV towards an ecologically sustainable way of living.

The team led by Śrī C.K. Sivasankaran Nair, Manager, CIF and Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, Vice Chancellor, CVV harvested the crops that were planted in the vicinity of CVV’s Annakshetra. The harvested vegetables included spinach, snake gourd, ladies’ fingers and beans.
**Blood Donation camp**

**Date:** 30 January, 2020

CIF, CVV and Indian Medical Association (IMA), Cochin, jointly organised a blood donation camp. The Chief Guest, Dr. Philip, Medical Officer, IMA, Dr R. N. Sreenathan, Academic Director, CIF, Sri C. K. Shivasankaran Nair, Manager, CIF, Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, Vice Chancellor, CVV and Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Dean, CVV inaugurated the event.

The camp was part of a venture to create awareness on the importance of blood donation among the public. Over 60 people participated in the camp.

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**Inauguration of Renovated Annakshetra**

**Date:** 5 February, 2020

The renovated Annakshetra (dining hall) at CIF was inaugurated by Swamini Shivapriyananda, Chinmaya Mission Toronto and Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati, Acharya, Kerala Sandeepany. The event started with the āratī performed by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati which was followed by the prasad distribution. The event was attended by the members of the CIF family.
Announcement of the Interested in Vedanta Campaign Winners

**Date:** 29 February, 2020

The Lucky Draw of the much awaited Interested in Vedanta global campaign was held at CIF. The winners were selected through the draw by Śrī C. K. Sivasankaran Nair, Manager CIF, and other members of the CIF family. Each of the ten lucky winners received a copy of Pūjya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda’s The Holy Geeta, (a CCMT publication).

The campaign that ran for four months gained much popularity among the audience, resulting in entries not only from India but across the globe. It is part of CIF’s vision to spread the word of Vedānta. For the past many years, CIF, through its Home Study Courses, has been imparting the timeless concepts of Vedānta to enthusiastic seekers.
Hosting Others

Kriya Yoga

Date: 28 – 30 June, 2019
No. of Participants: 150
Facilitators: Pujya Swami Paramahamsa Prajnananada, Prajna Mission, Kerala

A hundred and fifty devotees from India and abroad attended the camp where they were blessed with the experience of learning and practicing the different aspects of Kriya Yoga. The campers also spent their time in meditation at the birth room of Bhagavan Adi Śaṅkaraśārya.
Vasishtha Yoga Camp

Date: 15 February – 15 March, 2020
Facilitators: Ācāryas Saji and Sajesh

Ācāryas Saji and Sajesh were back at Adi Sankara Nilayam with the annual Vasishtha Yoga camp. The 30-day camp was inaugurated by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati, Ācārya of Kerala Sandeepany on 15th February, 2020. The camp was attended by 28 yoga students from across Europe. The campers had a month-long experience of intensive yoga training.
CIF Felicitated

Doctor Harisingh Gour Vishwavidyalaya (DHGV), Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, had organised an International Conference on Acharya Shankara’s Advaita Vedanta: Philosophy of Oneness, from 8 to 10 December 2019. The event brought together a distinguished congregation of 25 most acclaimed speakers from academic as well as spiritual world, covering eight thematic areas of Advaita Vedāṇṭa, with invitees from across the globe.

The focus of the Advaita Utsav conference was the celebration of the core of Advaita’s Philosophy of Universal Oneness. During the inaugural function, Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF) was felicitated in recognition of its worldwide initiatives towards the preservation and propagation of Śrī Ādi Ṣaṅkarācārya’s Advaita Philosophy. Pujya Swami Swaroopananda, the global head of Chinmaya Mission, had nominated Swami Advayananda to represent CIF at the conference and receive the felicitation conferred upon CIF on his behalf.

As one of the invited speakers, Swami Advayananda was the Chair for the presentations on ‘Pre and Post Philosophical Development of Śrī Śaṅkara’s Advaita Vedāṇṭa’ and ‘Transmission of Śaṅkara’s Advaita Vedāṇṭa in Contemporary Spiritual Traditions’.
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