CLA stands as bridge between East and West, past and present, science and spirituality, and pundit and public.

Pujiya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda
Founder, Chinmaya International Foundation
There is a popular verse in Sanskrit, which states that the trees bear fruits for others, rivers flow to oblige all beings, the clouds shower heavenly nectar for the welfare of others; similarly, great people are born to bless us all. Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda is one such Mahātmā who helped us in numerous ways.

Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF), an academia for study, research and dissemination of Sanskrit and Indic studies, established by Gurudev in 1989 can boast of having reached hundreds and thousands of Sanskrit scholars, spiritual seekers, and students across the globe in the past three decades. Despite the challenging times during the pandemic, CIF could conduct the online webinars and camps for interested people in 2021. In fact, the whole world came closer through the digital platform, which enabled CIF to organise more online camps.

Commencement of the Vedanta Sadhaka Course in October 2021 could be regarded as the best example of starting an onsite camp in the trying times, with Government restrictions and fear of pandemic in the atmosphere. An ardent urge of the seekers to learn Advaita Vedānta from the masters and the dedication of competent Ācāryas have proved complementary to each other. This has set a precedent of a success story of CIF in crisis management, time management and logistics. CIF has more than 21000 students from 150 countries doing various Home Study Courses, and Svadhyaya Series. Making available the text-based Shravana Mangalam audio-visual recordings on-demand in the online platform is an addition to academia. In a short time, CIF could produce 86 titles in Shravana Mangalam.

CIF has always taken pride in quality publications. Recently we published the Acharya Trilogy consisting of biographies of three great philosophers of India – Śaṅkarācārya, Rāmānujācārya and Madhvācārya. Nārāyaṇīyam is another star publication. CIFSS, the research wing of CIF, hosts a number of manuscripts, and together we wish to publish the unpublished manuscripts on various IKS subjects. With the grace of God and blessings of Gurus, CIF wishes to rise to higher levels and serve humanity.

We extend good wishes to all our stakeholders for a fulfilling and spiritually rewarding year!

Prof. Gauri Mahulikar
Academic Director, CIF
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SVĀDHYĀYA AND SĀDHANĀ CAMPS

Valmiki Ramayana with the fragrance of Kamban and Kalidasan (3-part Camp)  
5 June 2021 to 27 March 2022

**Mode:** Online

**Facilitator:** Swami Ramakrishnananda, Chinmaya Mission, Nagapattinam

**Text:** Vālmīki’s Rāmāyaṇa

**No. of participants:** 332

In this 3-part camp, Swami Ramakrishnananda expounded on Maharṣi Vālmīki’s Rāmāyaṇa with references to Kamba Rāmāyaṇam, a Tamil epic that was written by the Tamil poet Kamban during the 12th century.

The camp was attended by over 300 avid seekers from over 15 countries all over the world.

The three-part camp had sessions every Saturday and Sunday.

Part 1: Bāla-kāṇḍa, Ayodhyā-kāṇḍa  
Date: 5 June to 29 August 2021

Part 2: Arāṇya-kāṇḍa, Kiṣkindhā-kāṇḍa  
Date: 18 September to 12 December 2021

Part 3: Sundara-kāṇḍa, Yuddha-kāṇḍa  
Date: 1 January to 27 March 2022

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A Study of Vedic Suktas (Part 1)  
11 to 20 June 2021

**Mode:** Online

**Facilitator:** Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Academic Director, Chinmaya International Foundation

**Text:** Vedic Sūktas

**No. of Participants:** 191

Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF) and Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth (CVV) jointly organised the online camp ‘A Study of Vedic Sūktas’. The camp was facilitated by Prof. Gauri Mahulikar (Dean of Faculty, CVV). The 10-day camp was inaugurated by Pūjya Swami Viviktananda, the Regional Head of
Chinmaya Mission, Kerala. The camp aimed to introduce the participants to the 14 Vidyāsthānas, a brief idea of the Vedic idols, Vedic sūktas praising Agni, Indra, Varuṇa, Viṣṇu and Rudra. Prof. Mahulikar also expounded the translations and the various interpretations.

Isavasyam Idam Sarvam
25 June to 25 July 2021

Mode: Online
Facilitator: Br. Ved Chaitanya
Text: Īśāvāsya-upaniṣad with Śāṅkara-bhāṣya
No. of Participants: 80

In this online camp, Br. Ved Chaitanya laid the foundations by explaining the structure of the Vedas, classification of Knowledge therein, different schools of thought and the four meanings of the word ‘Upaniṣad’. Īśāvāsya-upaniṣad is positioned in the Mantra or Saṁhitā section of Śukla Yajurveda. Therefore, it is also known as Mantropaniṣad or Saṁhitopaniṣad.

An important part of this camp was the meaning of the famous mantra, which is also the śānti-mantra of Śukla Yajurveda:

ॐ पूर्णमदः पूर्णममदं पूर्णत ् पूर्णमुदच्यते। पूर्णस्य पूर्णम्द्य पूर्णमेव्वमिष्यते॥ ॐ ि्म्तः ि्म्तः ि्म्तः ॥

This Upaniṣad, consisting of 18 mantras, ends with an ultimate prayer asking the prāṇas to merge with the Infinite, the mind to remember what it did and offering our best salutations to the Lord!

In this way, the Upaniṣad which started with Īśa, Lord, also concluded with prostrations to that Īśvara. Br. Ved Chaitanya cleared all the doubts of the students using simple terms, day to day examples and references.
Kena Upanisad with Sankara-bhashya
5 to 19 August 2021 and 5 to 19 September 2021

**Mode:** Online  
**Facilitators:** Br. Ved Chaitanya  
**Text:** Kena-upaniṣad with Śāṅkara-bhāṣya  
**No. of Participants:** 62

Br. Ved Chaitanya expounded on the Kena-upaniṣad with Śaṅkara-bhāṣya (commentary by Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya) in this 2-part camp.

On 5 August 2021, the online seekers began their journey into ‘something different from the known and beyond the unknown’.

Citing a lot of examples, Br. Ved Chaitanya, guided the participants through the four khaṇḍas, or sections of the Kena-upaniṣad, supported by Śaṅkara-bhāṣya, a detailed commentary on the text.

The first khaṇḍa or section leads to an enquiry into the nature of that effulgent Principle which drives the senses, mind, etc. In the second khaṇḍa, teacher checks the student’s understanding of the knowledge. The third khaṇḍa glorifies knowledge through a beautiful story of Yakṣa and Indra, Agni, Vāyu, while the fourth khaṇḍa gives the upāsanās to be undertaken for preparing for the Self-knowledge.

The lucid and easy-to-follow discourses along with doubt clarification sessions left the participants with a conviction that one who gains the Knowledge as given in this Upaniṣad, destroys ignorance and becomes established in the supreme Brahman.

Kalidasa’s Literature Part 1 – Dramas
22 to 28 August 2021

**Mode:** Online  
**Facilitator:** Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Academic Director, CIF and former Dean of Faculty, CVV  
**Text:** Mālavikāgnimitram, Vikramorvaśīyam and Śākuntalam  
**No. of Participants:** 62

The online camp on ‘Kālidāsa’s Literature Part 1 – Dramas’ was jointly organised by CIF and CVV as part of the ‘Sanskrit Month 2021’.
The camp was inaugurated with an address by Swami Ramakrishnananda (Chinmaya Mission, Nagapattanam), author of CIF’s Easy Sanskrit Home Study Courses.

During the camp, Prof. Mahulikar:

- Introduced the participants to Mahākavi Kālidāsa and his literary classics such as the three plays – Mālavikāgnimitram, Vikramorvaśīyam and Śākuntalam.
- Discussed the constituents of a drama according to Nāṭyaśāstra.
- Enabled the participants to appreciate Kālidāsa’s rich Sanskrit language.
- Guided the participants through literary criticism of selected verses, mainly based on Rasa and Dhvani theories.

The camp concluded on 28 August 2021. Dr. Sunitha Grandhee, Director of IKS Centre for Application at CVV, was the Chief Guest at the Valedictory Function. In their feedback, the participants conveyed their joy at being a part of the camp and said that they looked forward to the next edition.

**Guided Meditation Series**

4 September to 6 November 2021

**Mode:** Online  
**Facilitator:** Pūjya Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission  
**Text:** Nirvāṇa-Ṣaṭkam  
**No. of Participants:** 526

In the second camp in the series of Guided Meditation camps, Pūjya Swami Swaroopananda took the avid seekers through mediation sessions based on Nirvāṇa-ṣaṭkam. A total of 526 participants from 24 countries attended the online sessions to experience the bliss of discourses and meditation.

**A Study of Vedic Sūktas (Part 2)**

12 to 18 December 2021

**Mode:** Online  
**Facilitator:** Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Academic Director, Chinmaya International Foundation  
**No. of Participants:** 55

CIF and CVV jointly organised the online camp ‘A Study of Vedic Sūktas Part 2’. After the success of the first Part held in June 2021, this was the second part in the series and the camp received a good
response from the participants. The 7-day camp was inaugurated by Swami Mitrananda, Chinmaya Mission Chennai.

The camp aimed at introducing the seekers to the 14 Vidyāsthānas, especially the Ṛgveda, brief idea of the Vedic deities, personification of natural phenomena, Vedic Sūktas praising Parjanya, Uṣā, Rātri, Sūrya and other solar forms and Aranyāni the forest deity, and an etymology, and translations of the above Vedic Sūktas and various interpretations.

Kathopanishad with Sankara-bhashya
7 March 2022

Mode: Online
Duration: 6 months
Facilitator: Br. Ved Chaitanya
Text: Kaṭhopaniṣad with Śaṅkara-bhāṣya
No. of Participants: 92

The online camp on Kaṭhopaniṣad with Śaṅkara-bhāṣya, which began in March 2022 and culminated in July 2022, was an introspective voyage into Death, Life and purpose of Existence.

Starting with the story of how little Naciketas actually went to Yamarājā’s abode, rejected all temptations and chose Knowledge over material wealth, the first section glorifies Brahmavidyā.

Śaṅkarācārya’s Bhāṣya was the key to decoding the cryptic mantras of this treatise. Br. Ved Chaitanya’s mastery over Sanskrit and his simple explanations steered the students through the six vallīs or sections of this Upaniṣad.

Metaphor of the chariot as the body, mind its reigns, buddhi the charioteer and the senses as horses, defines clear goals for the seekers – Self knowledge and Liberation.

Another metaphor – the Aśvattha tree with its roots above and branches downwards–gives the students 21 points about how this saṁsāra-vṛkṣa with all its sprouts, leaves, branches and fruits can actually be severed with the weapon of detachment.
On the last day, after patiently clarifying all doubts, Br. Ved Chaitanya took all the participants on a virtual tour of Adi Sankara Nilayam.

The camp concluded with an informal meet where participants shared their spiritual journeys, experiences, association with Chinmaya Mission and learnings from this great Upaniṣad.

This online camp was coordinated by Sri Abin R., who presented the Vote of Thanks.
addressing each and every question of the teachers, with most meaningful examples and colourful graphics, despite the virtual presence, the messages were ‘loud and clear’ and the teachers benefited very much from their content. Swamiji’s simple, easy-to-follow down to earth tips and encouraging words, resonated with many to step back and look at the larger picture, while teaching grade school students.

The CM centres in Indiana and Madhuvan also had their programmes in April. It was overwhelming to see the response in the online mode of talks as well. Topics covered were ‘Sri Rama – The Ideal Man’ and ‘Controversial Topics from our Purāṇas’ respectively. The talks were indeed very interesting and participants had all their doubts clarified on various topics.

The topic for the yajña at CM Pittsburgh was ‘Leadership from Ramayana’ and was held in June. The yajña was very well received and Swamiji’s simple and captivating style of presentation kept all the participants wanting for more.

From August to December the following centres organised the online Yajñas: New Jersey, San Jose, Atlanta/Alpharetta, Vancouver, Ann Arbor, Washington, Chicago and Kansas. Various topics like Gītā Chapter 15, Avadhūta-gītā, Bhikṣu-gītā, Praśnottara-ratnamālikā, Leadership from Mahābhārata, Tattvabodha, Pañcadaśī were covered.

Average 200 to 400 participants attended the sessions in each of the centres. There was a group of participants who followed all the sessions of Swamiji, irrespective of the centres where the programme was organised. Such are the benefits of having the programme virtual.

As can be seen in the pictures, all the participants enjoyed the learning in the most fun way and Swamiji also equally enjoyed exploring the topics with his unique presentations through the smart board.

The question and answer sessions at the end of each class were indeed the special time the members had with Swamiji and they together cleared all their doubts with total clarity.

Overall, the US virtual tour 2021 was a grand success.

The entire CIF team expresses our sincere gratitude to Swami Ramakrishnananda for taking these sessions year on year. The unstinted support of Pūjya Swami Shantananda and CMW is the backbone for conducting the programme in the US and Canada. Our humble pranams to Swamiji. Our thanks to sevaks Sri Shankar Edamadaka and Sri Venugopal Nagaraj for coordinating the programmes in the US. We look forward to another innovative year in 2022.
The Mendicant said:

These men are not the cause of my enjoyments and sufferings; it is neither divinity, nor the self, nor any star, nor Time. The mind alone is the sole cause for turning this wheel of Samsara, according to the views of great men.
**Sambhashana Samskritam – Introduction to Basic Sanskrit**

*6 November 2021 to 6 February 2022*

**Mode:** Online

**Facilitator:** Sri Avinash Chavhan, Ph.D. Scholar, CVV

**No. of Participants:** 14

In this three-month long online course, students were introduced to the nuances of basic Sanskrit. The main objective of the course was to train the participants to communicate in Sanskrit and to enable them to form simple sentences in Sanskrit. Basic Sanskrit structure with an introduction to present, past and future tenses were discussed. The camp was interactive with lots of fun exercises.

**Basic Sanskrit for Beginners**

**Special Course on Sandhi-prakarana**

*6 November 2021 to 6 February 2022*

**Mode:** Online

**Facilitator:** Sri Avinash Chavhan, Ph.D. Scholar, CVV

**No. of Participants:** 18

In this short course on basic knowledge of Sanskrit languages students learnt to develop an understanding of the basic concepts of Sandhi-prakarana. Participants were able to identify, split and join the sandhis, and also were able to read treatises such as Rāmāyana, Bhagavad-gītā, Bhāgavata, etc. independently.
Chinmaya International Foundation is providing a great service to the Hindu diaspora in starting a programme on training Hindu Spiritual Care Providers, another name for Hindu Chaplains, to serve the Hindu community around the world. Chaplains of all religions are in great demand in the West, and serve those in the universities, hospitals, hospices, military, correctional institutions and other environments. Whereas Christians, Jews, Muslims, and even Buddhists are well represented, there have been relatively few Hindu Chaplains to date.

With the blessings and guidance from Pūjya Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission, and Swami Advayananda, CIF developed an online training programme with two graduate-level courses. The course was taught by Hindu chaplains in the United States, for a period of 20 weeks, six hours a week.

Fifty students enrolled in the programme. The students were mostly from the US/Canada, as well as from India, New Zealand and Botswana.

The pre-requisite for the course was a strong foundation in Hindu studies and sādhanā, as well as a Bachelor’s degree in any field. The students submitted applications citing their background in Hindu studies, sādhanā, and seva, and a letter of recommendation from their spiritual guide. At the conclusion of the course students were given Certificates of Completion.
Chinmaya International Foundation and School of Vedic Maths successfully completed the 13th annual camp ‘Vedic Mathrix’ based on the history of Indian mathematics in an online mode. 20 students participated in the online camp from different parts of India and Singapore.

The faculty, Sri Vinay Nair, covered the topic of Magic Squares from ancient India and explored the topic of Prime numbers and creating Magic Squares with prime numbers. The participants enjoyed exploring prime numbers and various types of pan diagonal magic squares created by the first century alchemist Nāgārjuna and 14th CE mathematician Nārāyaṇa Paṇḍita.

Along with the explorations in magic squares and numbers, the participants also got a taste of puzzles and teasers in sessions held by two girls who are alumni of Vedic Mathrix Camp – Hetvi Pethad and Saee Patil. The campers were exposed to Magic Squares, its history and evolution and also received insights into bringing creativity in mathematics through Nārāyaṇa Paṇḍita’s exploration of various other magical shapes. The 4-day camp was a ‘mathmerizing’ experience for the participants.
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The first Vedanta Sadhaka Course, organised by Chinmaya Mission in association with CIF and CVV was inaugurated on the auspicious occasion of Vijayadaśamī, 15 October 2021 in the august presence of Pūjya Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission and also the Mukhya Ācārya for the one-year residential course. Also present on the occasion were the resident Ācāryas of the Vedanta Sadhaka Course, Swami Advayananda and Swami Sharadananda, Swami Viviktananda (Regional Head of Chinmaya Mission Kerala), and Prof. Gauri Mahulikar (Academic Director of CIF).

The one-year residential course is being conducted at Adi Sankara Nilayam, the maternal birth-home of Śrī Ādi Śaṅkarācārya and has 67 students from India and overseas. The course is also offered as a Diploma and Postgraduate Diploma in Advaita Vedanta by CVV.

Prof. Gauri Mahulikar welcomed the gathering. Swami Advayananda shared the details of the course and his insights on the significance of pursuing Vedānta. Pūjya Swami Swaroopananda rendered the inaugural address. Swami Viviktananda delivered the felicitation address. Swami Sharadananda presented the Vote of Thanks after which the students of the course were given the Course Kit by Pūjya Swami Swaroopananda.

The programme concluded with the chanting of the śānti-pāṭha and the Chinmaya Mission Pledge.
**Guru Purnima Celebrations 2021**
24 July 2021

Guru Pūrṇimā or Vyāsa Pūrṇimā is the day to celebrate and pay our gratitude to our Guru-paramparā. CIF and CVV jointly celebrated the auspicious occasion of Guru Pūrṇimā on 24 July 2021 at Adi Sankara Nilayam.

Br. Ved Chaitanya performed Vyāsa-pūjā on the occasion of the Jayanti of the great sage and Guru Śrī Veda Vyāsa. Prof. Nagaraj Neerchal, the Vice chancellor of CVV and Brni. Devaki Chaitanya spoke on the importance of Guru in everyone’s life.

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**Ramayana Month**
17 July to 16 August 2021

The pious month of ‘Karkkiṭakam’ is celebrated in Kerala with the daily ritualistic reading of the Rāmāyana. At Adi Sankara Nilayam, this holy month was celebrated in the Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa Temple with several pūjās and rituals.

Brni. Devaki Chaitanya delivered satsaṅgs on the Rāmāyana during the month-long celebrations. The discourses were streamed LIVE on CIF’s YouTube Channel and were watched by seekers from across the globe.
Chinmaya Aradhana Day
3 August 2021

28th Chinmaya Ārādhanā Day, the day when Pūjya Gurudev attained Mahāsamādhi, was observed in CIF with Pāduka Pūjā by Br. Ved Chaitanya and Gurusmaranam by Prof. Gauri Mahulikar, Academic Director, CIF. A short video on Pūjya Gurudev titled ‘Many Moods of the Master’ was shown during the celebration to the devotees. Sadya (feast) was offered to all the devotees.
Krishna Janmashtami
30 August 2021

Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī is an annual festival celebrating the birth of Lord Kṛṣṇa, the eighth avatāra of Lord Viṣṇu, who incarnated to maintain Dharma on the earth. The birth of Lord Kṛṣṇa on the eighth day (aṣṭamī) of the Kṛṣṇa-pakṣa (dark fortnight) in śrāvaṇa is observed as the Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī.

Chinmaya International Foundation celebrated Kṛṣṇa Janmāṣṭamī at Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa Temple in Adi Sankara Nilayam.

Śrī Kṛṣṇa Avatāra Pūjā was performed by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati and attended by members of staff and faculty of CIF and CVV.
Navarātrī festival was celebrated in full devotion and reverence at Adi Sankara Nilayam from 12–15 October 2021 led by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati. Śrī Durgā and Lalitā Tripurasundarī Pūjās were LIVE streamed through Chinmaya YouTube Channel daily.

Navarātrī is associated with the prominent battle that took place between Durgā and the demon Mahiṣāsura, and signifies the victory of good over evil. During this joyous festival of nine nights, Devī is worshipped as Sarasvatī, Mahālakṣmī, Durgā and Lalitā Tripurasundarī. She also has a special form and name on each day.
Diwali
4 November 2021

Divālī, the festival of lights, was celebrated with full festive fervour at Adi Sankara Nilayam on 4 November 2021. Special Mahālakṣmī Pūjā was performed by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati with Benediction by Pūjya Swami Swaroopananda, Global Head of Chinmaya Mission. The programme was streamed LIVE on the Chinmaya Channel (YouTube).

Gita Jayanti
15 December 2021

Mārgaśīrṣa Śukla Ekādaśī is celebrated as Gītā Jayantī, the day Gītā was rendered by Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa to Arjuna. It is also celebrated as Tapovana Jayantī, the birth anniversary of Śrī Swami Tapovan Mahārāj and Guruvayur Ekādaśī. This auspicious day of confluence was celebrated at Adi Sankara Nilayam on 14th December 2021.

Pūjā was performed by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati to Lord Śrī Kṛṣṇa, Śrī Tapovan Mahārāj and Śrīmad Bhagavad-gītā. This was followed by Sampūrna Gītā Pārāyaṇa, recitation of the entire Bhagavad-gītā. The program concluded with Swami Advayananda highlighting the importance of this day in the spiritual life of seekers.
Adi Sankara Nilayam witnessed a spectacular Lakṣmī Nārāyaṇa Yajña and Pūjā on 15 January 2022, on the auspicious occasion of Makara Saṅkrānti. It is an annual event at Adi Sankara Nilayam that presents an opportunity to express gratitude to donors and patrons of Chinmaya Vishwa Vidyapeeth and Chinmaya International Foundation. The programme included a Ṣoḍaśopacāra Pūjā of Śrī Lakṣmī Nārāyaṇa, followed by a havana with Viṣṇu-sahasranāma and Sūktas. This grand event was led by Swami Sharadananda Sarasvati.

Swami Advayananda, Brahmacharins, Yajamāns of the pūjā, students of the Vedanta Sadhaka Course, residents of the āśrama and devotees from in and around Ernakulam were in attendance. The event was also streamed LIVE for the benefit of those who could not join the event in person.
Punah Pratishtha of Nagaraja in Swayambhu Ayyappa Temple
27 January 2022

Punaḥ Pratiṣṭhā of Nāgarāja and Viśeṣa Pūjā was performed in Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa Temple on 27 January 2022 (1197 Makaram 13th according to the Malayalam calendar), under the guidance of Ameda Tantrī Śrī Sreedharan Tirumeni and Śrī Subrahmanian Tirumeni. All devotees of CIF, CVV and the Vedanta Sadhaka Course students participated in all the pūjās and Punah Pratiṣṭhā.
Mahā Śivarātrī is a festival that resonates the compassion, love and grace of Lord Śiva towards His devotees.

It was celebrated at Adi Sankara Nilayam with Catur Yāma Pūjā. In each Yāma of the night, Śrī Śāmaka Parameśvara was worshipped with Rudrābhiṣeka, Ṣoḍaśopacāra Pūjā, Chantings and Bhajans. Pañcākṣarī and Rudra Homa were also performed to invoke the grace and blessings of Śrī Parameśvara. Staff and students of CIF, CVV and Vedanta Sadhaka Course took part in this worship and were blessed by Bhagavān. The pūjā was streamed LIVE on Chinfo Channel (YouTube).
Uttaram Mahotsavam
16 to 18 March 2022

Uttaram Mahotsavam is an annual festival celebrated on the Janma-nakṣatra of Lord Ayyappa, at Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa temple in Adi Sankara Nilayam.

As every year, this year too, the festival was celebrated with traditional programmes like Tiruvātira Kali, Kathakali, Kalam Pāttu and so on and several pūjās and rituals at Chinmaya Svayambhu Ayyappa Temple, Adi Sankara Nilayam.

Ṛgveda Sūkta Japa and Arcanā, Kalaśa Pūjā to Lord Ayyappa and other special pūjās were also performed to invoke the grace and blessings of Lord Ayyappa.
This year, Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti was celebrated on 6 May 2022. This auspicious occasion was marked by offering special pūjā at the main vigraha in the Melpāzhūr Mana illom that houses the birth room of the great proponent of Advaita Philosophy. The Pūjā was streamed LIVE on Chinmaya Channel (YouTube). Several competitions were conducted for the children as part of Ādi Śaṅkara Jayanti. Ādi Śaṅkara Sammelanam was inaugurated by Hon. MLA of Piravom, Sri. Anoop Jacob. All the devotees of Ādi Śaṅkara from different parts of Kerala attended the programmes.
This year Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda’s nakṣatra jayāntī as well as date of birth coincided and the auspicious occasion was full of festivities at CIF.

The proceedings began with the Sampūrṇa Kalaśa Pūjā for all deities at the Chinmaya Swayambhu Ayyappa Temple. This was followed by Pujya Gurudev’s Pāduka-pūjā, performed by Br. Ved Chaitanya. The Pūjā saw students of Vedanta Sadhaka Course and CVV along with the entire Chinmaya family in attendance. There was Bhīkṣā Annadānam after the pūjā. The festivities ended on a great note with the release of the CIF publication ‘The Ācārya Trilogy’ authored by Dr. Prema Nandakumar, which was released by Swami Advayananda.
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देशे काले च पात्रे च तहदानं सात्त्विकं स्मृतमः॥ १७.२०॥

That gift which is given, knowing it to be a duty, in a fit time and place, to a worthy person, from whom we expect nothing in return, is held to be sattvic. (17.20)

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