A SEMINAR ON
GITA
IN DAY TO DAY LIFE

dēnāndīn jīvan mēn ġītā
derīvē vāčānām tāvā

Saturday, December 17, 2016 (05:00 pm onwards)

Venue: Yogi Sabhagruha Hall, Swami Narayan Temple,
Opposite Dadar Central Railway Station (East), Mumbai-400 014
Program at a Glance:

- Soulful Pragya Songs
- Keynote Address by HH Dr. Pranav Pandya, Chancellor, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya & Head, All World Gayatri Pariwar
- Address by Revered Swamini Vimalananda of Chinmaya Mission
- Address by Sister Revered Shivani - Brahmakumari
- Address by Shri Prasoon Joshi
- Cultural Program

Why Gita?

Since last 5,000 years, Gita has been showing way to humanity. Great personalities like Mahatma Gandhi, Vivekananda, Vinoba Bhave, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan etc. all found solace in Gita whenever they faced any difficulty in life. It is relevant even in contemporary times if approached in the correct manner and if the spirit is moulded righteously. It can be considered to be a manual to lead life. There is a dire need to give a contemporary perspective to Gita in order to connect an average individual of today to its perennial teachings. By way of this seminar, an attempt is being made to give a right contemporary perspective to the teachings of the Gita, hoping that maximum people will take the advantage of its timeless teachings, which has the capacity to transform an individual.

In the Bhagavad Gita, there is no long discussion, nothing elaborate. The main reason for this is that everything stated in the Gita is meant to be tested in the life of every man; it is intended to be verified in practice.  
-Vinoba Bhave
What Gita is?

Gita is not merely a dialogue or a sacred text, but a quest, a journey which can unravel a lot of mysteries of life. It can be said to be a summary of the Upanishads. It contains the deepest spiritual knowledge. Apart from the law of karma, a lot of fundamental questions, such as the nature & purpose of human existence, the nature of real self, prarabdha (destiny), detachment to people, things & situations, key to lead a stress-free life etc. are explained. These are concepts which, if applied in day to day life even in the bustling life of a city like Mumbai, can help an individual change his perspective towards life. Gita can show us the way to lead a quality life.

An individual’s situation in modern times is no different from Arjun. Arjun was faced with an emotional & relationship-based existential crisis. He was confounded to the extent that he did not know what was right & what was wrong for him. In such a situation, he offered total surrender to Krishna, who has been called Jagadguru (“Krishnam Vande Jagad Gurum”). If we too surrender to the Divine and the teachings contained in this song celestial like Arjun, it will show us a way ahead to tackle our day to day problems.

There are two major stresses that have arisen on account of challenging lifestyles, i.e., professional & emotional. Both are interrelated and one can cause the other. A wanton desire to amass causes professional distress which eventually hampers our relationships leading to emotional stress. Likewise, emotional stress can hamper professional growth as well. Gita can help us tackle both professional stress and emotional stress, by way of some of its following teachings, which are perennial, irrespective of time and space:

- **Body is temporary, soul is permanent**
- **Anger can cause delusion, remain calm**
- **Be moderate in life, do things with equanimity & avoid extremities**
- **Try and be selfless, it can bring immense joy**
- **Recognize the Divine Supreme within you**
- **Always engage in Action (Karma)**
- **Remain detached with the result of the effort**
- **Overcome desires, keep the mind in tune with godly consciousness**

‘No one should abandon duties because he sees defects in them. Every action, every activity, is surrounded by defects as a fire is surrounded by smoke.’
This seminar is a unique attempt that can provide inspiration and guidance for converting energy of masses and nation into a transformative and constructive force. It can provide and guide the participants with ideals, values and attitudes, resulting in collective inner and outer growth. It can help us alleviate one’s consciousness to a level where one can perceive the higher dimensions that exist around us. Gita teaches us to be spiritually grounded so that we are not affected by criticism or praises that are heaped upon us at our work place, amongst peers, in friend circles or even family.

The dialogue between Arjun & Krishna in the battlefield of Kurukshetra lasted only for about 3 to 4 hours. In such a short span of time, the teachings of Gita showed a way to the entire humanity to come out of impertinent existence and understand the true meaning of life. This seminar is another chance for all of us to reflect upon the eternal sutras of Gita and understand them in a manner which can help us alleviate the quality of our lives and make it worth-while.

YOU ARE ALL CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE.

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“Sri Krishna said: You have a right to perform your prescribed duty, but you are not entitled to the fruits of action. Never consider yourself the cause of the results of your activities, and never be attached to not doing your duty.”
Yugrishi - A sage who rekindled, reinforced and revived the spirit of the ancient sages like Rishi Vishwamitra, Bhagirathi, Yagyavalkya, Valmiki, Parshuram, Charak, Kanaad, etc.

Yugvyas - Translated the oldest scriptures, the Vedas followed by 108 Upanishads, Shad Darshan, 24 Geetas, 20 Smritis, 18 Puranas and made it available to the common man.

Author - As an unparalleled author, Pt. Shriram Sharma has authored more than 3,200 books covering all the aspects of human life and offered solutions to a vast spectrum of problems which haunt mankind.

Freedom Fighter - Famously known as ‘Shriram Matta’, Acharya Shriram Sharma played a critical role in the freedom movement of India and shared prison space with Mahatma Gandhi, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya and Rabindranath Tagore.

Spiritual Scientist - Pt. Shriram Sharma is the pioneer of Scientific Spirituality. Way back in 1946, he coined the term ‘Vaigyanik Adhyatmvad’ (Scientific Spirituality) and has offered scientific validation of spiritual practices. His supreme work, ‘Super Science of Gayatri’ is a marvelous piece of introduction for all those who wish to investigate the science behind spiritual practices. In the year 1979, he institutionalized a laboratory for conducting investigations on spiritual practices, named as ‘Brahmavarchas Shod Sansthan’.

A brave revolutionary who pioneered a Great Spiritual Revolution - ‘Thought Transformation’ – A brave and compassionate spiritual thinker who challenged mankind that he would transform the entire era and defined the divine plan as ‘Yug Nirman Yojana’ (Creation of a new eon planning). His humble attempts, full of courageous conviction has touched more than 11 million people, across 80 countries. The ‘Yug Nirman Yojna’ is involved in bring a revolutionary change and has touched countless lives, families and societies.

Yugdrashta - ‘Drashta’ is one who can envision the future. Yugrishi could envision the dawn of a new era and through his penance and austerities, he strongly proposed the arrival of golden age and gave the slogan of - “21st Century, A Bright Future”.

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‘The meaning of Karma is in the intention. The intention behind action is what matters.’
Endearingly known as Vandaniya Mataji, Mata Bhagwati Devi Sharma, the spiritual consort of Yugrishi Pt. Shriram Sharma Acharya, complimented his role on this earth. The simple life which she led and the motherly love that she showered on all the parijans who came into her fold is only the tip of the iceberg. Only a few close associates knew her as Shaktiswaroopa (the incarnation of Shakti).

DIVINE BIRTH & PARENTAGE
Born in a Brahmin family of Shri Jaswant Rao and Smt. Rampyari, she was the youngest and the most beloved child in the family. Before the birth of Bhagwati, her mother Rampyari used to have many divine experiences which she shared with her husband. Jaswant Rao was a deeply religious person. Many a times, when he sat for 'Japa' (Meditation) and pranayam, he felt that Mother Bhagwati in the form of a child was sitting on his lap. Bhagwati was born on 20th September, 1926. One day Jaswant Rao was gazing at the baby sitting on his lap when a neighbor came and enquired, "What is so special about your baby that you are so enchanted by her?" To this Jaswant Rao replied, "This girl is very fortunate. She is going to feed thousands of people because she is the incarnation of Mother Bhagwati". Thus was she named as Bhagwati.

AT AKHAND JYOTI SANSTHAN, MATHURA
After her marriage she came to Akhand Jyoti Sansthan, Mathura where she got transformed into "Mataji". From the very beginning, at Akhand Jyoti Sansthan, she had to shoulder the responsibility of looking after three children in the family, Akhand Jyoti and the countless parijans visiting their place. Later, she had to take the responsibility of assisting Gurudev in his multifold activities, especially Akhand Jyoti magazine work and writing letters to Parijans.

It was also the time when the construction of Gayatri Tapobhumi at Mathura was in full swing. After buying the land there was no money. Knowing that asking others for financial help was against the principles of Gurudev's life, Mataji gave away all her jewellery for the project. Gurudev firmly believed that the beauty of women lay in their character and not in ornaments and expensive clothing. In later years, she had to shoulder heavy responsibilities of the fast growing Gayatri Parivar and its multiple activities. Mataji's life has been wholeheartedly surrendered at the feet of her Aradhya Dev. Although she was a highly advanced spiritual ‘sadhika’ (practitioner) in her own right; she preferred to be called the first disciple of Acharyashree.

ANNAPURNA MATA
There were never enough grains or utensils in her kitchen but she still managed to feed everyone. Even if Gurudev brought anyone, at any odd time of the day; Mataji had food in her kitchen to feed. Perhaps she had something like the ‘Akshayapatra’ (Infinite food bowl- that is never empty of food) of Draupadi. Those helping her in the kitchen very well knew that she had an iron ‘tasala’ (griddle), which was given to her by Gurudev as a wedding gift, which she kept with her till the very end.
Conferences & Workshops:

- Between 1990 and 2005, he undertook extensive tours in India and abroad to organise large-scale programs to disseminate knowledge on spiritual aspects of Indian Culture with scientific reasons. He established branches of the Gayatri Pariwar abroad in USA, Canada, UK, Japan, Denmark, Norway, Australia, Fiji Island, New Zealand, South Africa and Kenya.
- Presented scientific aspects of Indian Culture to the World Parliament of Religions held in Chicago (USA) in 1993 and in Cape Town (Republic of South Africa) in 1999.

Honors and Accolades:

- Honored by National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the world famous American Space Centre in 1996 as a distinguished scientist and reformer for worldwide dissemination of scientific aspects of Indian Culture.
- Conferred the "Gyan Bharati" award in 1998 by Prabhu Premi Sangh, Ambala, for distinguished services to the society.
- Achieved the "Hindu of the Year" award in 1999 by Federation of Indian Association and Federation of Hindu Association for dissemination of Indian Culture abroad.
- Awarded with "Bhai Shri Hanuman Prasad Rashtra Seva Samman" by Bara Bazar Library Organization of Kolkata in 2001.
- Won “Life Time Achievement Award” at the National Symposium on Science of Holistic Living by ‘Sevagram’, Wardha.
- Exalted with the “Devi Ahilyabai Rastriya Samman” award in 2011 by Ahilya Utsav Samiti-Indore, for distinguished services to the society.
- Honored as National Icon for Youth and conferred the “Tarun Kranti Puruskar - 2013" at Jaipur.
- Nominated as ‘Swachh Bharat Ambassador’ by Govt. of India in 2015.
- ‘Pride of India award’ was bestowed for his contribution to the fields of spirituality, social service, disaster relief aid and education at British Parliament in 2015.

For details visit: http://www.awgp.org/presentmentor-guides/drpranavpandya/
Swamini Vimalananda is an ardent follower of Swami Chinmayananda. The journey from an architect to an Acharya is an interesting one. Her simple and arresting style of communication captivates the young and the intellectuals. She spearheads the activities of Chinmaya Education movement. Be it a corporate or an academic campus, her talks have transformed lives. She stands out as a woman of strength, conviction and a patriot. She has delivered talks on management topics to corporate bodies, management institutions and seminars. She has authored many books and one of the most-critically acclaimed book is ‘In Indian Culture – Why do we?’. Her creativity flows through everything she does…be it decorating flowers on altar, designing cover page or writing a poem.

Award: ‘An Architect Achievement in another field’ in 1999 by The Architects Association of India.

Key Note Speaker: International Baccalaureate (IB) Conference in Hanoi Vietnam, 2006 on “Values & Internationalism”.

For more detail Please log on: http://www.chinmayamission.com

Revered Shivani-Brahmakumari
An inspirational, articulate speaker, is associated with Brahma Kumari’s World Spiritual University. Her leading role in the Television series "Awakening with Brahma Kumari’s", is a huge hit and aired daily on Aastha channel. She has been a crusader for organ donation as well. An electronic engineer by profession, she strikes a chord with her audiences. Sister Shivani stands out because one can actually see that she has attained what she advocates. The interactive training programs and workshops conducted by her present a logical yet comfortable way of getting answers to the most complex questions. Her sincere efforts to create beautiful relationships with oneself and others is an attempt to make the world
Shri Prasoon Joshi

Shri Prasoon Joshi is a renowned Indian lyricist, screenwriter and an Advertising and communication icon. Current CEO of McCann World group India and Chairman (Asia Pacific), a subsidiary of global marketing firm McCann Erickson. He knows the real Indian pulse. A string of highly acclaimed advertisements created by him reflects a strong sense of music and culture. Prasoon is deeply respected for his major contribution in shaping the Popular Culture and public consciousness in India through his work and content creation across the fields of Advertising, Poetry, Song writing and Cinema. Offered his services for public service campaigns, which include socially relevant campaigns like Malnutrition and Polio eradication, National Literacy campaign, Anti-HIV, Women empowerment and many more. His recent poem dedicated to the successful girls of the Indian Contingent for the Rio Olympics is an-eye opener and an inspiration for many.

Awards
- Padma Shri by Government of India for his contribution towards the field of Arts, Literature and Advertising in 2015.
- First Asian to be the Chairman of the Cannes Titanium Jury,
- The National Film Award for Best Lyrics twice, once for his work in Taare Zameen Par (2007) and Chittagong (2013).

It is better to strive in one’s own dharma than to succeed in the dharma of another. Nothing is ever lost in following one’s own dharma. But competition in another’s dharma breeds fear and insecurity. By fulfilling the obligations he is born with, a person never comes to grief.

- Sri Aurobindo
Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya

“There is a need for an educational institute which could mould its students into noble, enlightened, Selfless, warm hearted, compassionate and kind human beings.”

- Kulpita: Pt. Shriram Sharma Acharya

Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya (“DSVV”) is a foundation-funded residential University founded in 2002, in accordance with the vision and wishes of Revolutionary Seer and Saint, Pt. Shriram Sharma Acharya. It is UGC Recognised, ISO 9001:2008 Certified & NAAC Accredited. The University makes up one component of a larger platform for helping human culture transition to meet the global social, political, environmental, and economic needs of the 21st century. For the past 14 years, the University has admitted exceptional students with an overriding drive to benefit society, without regard to caste, economic status, religion, national origin or gender.

Located in Haridwar, Uttarakhand, DSVV offers the Graduate and Post Graduate degrees to an enrollment of approximately 2500 students & scholars in 24 streams, currently coming from 24 provinces and many foreign countries. With a student-faculty ratio of 8 to 1 and a commitment to support scholar-teachers of the highest distinction, the teachers challenge and support students as they thrive to reach their full spiritual and intellectual potential. In addition to offering undergraduate, post-graduate and doctoral programs in a wide array of subjects such as Yoga and Human Consciousness, Clinical Psychology, Computer Science, Tourism Management, Indian History and Culture, Journalism and Mass Communication, Environmental Science, Education, Sanskrit, Hindi, etc., the University offers diploma and certificate programs in Theology, Animation, Holistic Health Management, Rural Entrepreneurship and Development, etc.

Under the mentorship & guidance of its Chancellor, Dr. Pranav Pandya and Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Chinmay Pandya, DSVV is recognized for the breadth and depth of its knowledge of the ancestral wisdom of India and its ability to apply this knowledge to the cultivation of students of exceptional skills and character for the benefit of society. While the University prizes the values and high-minded character traits of its student body the most, it also understands well that a thorough and broad education in a field of specialization is a crucial resource for agents of change and social servants in the modern world. Regular classes are conducted on Meditation & Bhagwad Geeta by Hon. Chancellor.
The spiritual development of each student through value based teaching is the University’s primary focus. Opportunities for active engagement in social service are facilitated by the outreach work of DSVV’s parent organization, the All World Gayatri Pariwar. The spiritual life of each student is cultivated through internship programs, private consultation with their professor-mentors and through a series of spiritual practices and rituals carefully designed to cultivate the intellectual faculties of the students that are integrated into a set daily routine of each day.

Recently, Asia’s first Baltic Centre was set up and inaugurated at DSVV. The first of its kind, this Baltic Centre is likely to strengthen the ties between India and the Baltic nations.

In a nation wide survey by an English daily The Pioneer, DSVV was ranked A+ among the top private universities of India. The Pioneer in joint collaboration with Mainline Media Pvt. Ltd. did a nationwide survey among the recruiters, academicians and professionals and asked them to rate the top private universities on the basis of its brand reputation. In the survey the university emerges as a top class facilitator of ancient knowledge with added modernity and a guiding light for the youths of the nation. This shows that DSVV is now becoming a top choice for students and other related masses especially youths as well.

In addition to Haridwar, DSVV is planning to spread its campuses across the country with a vision to establish consciousness based learning centers. In this regard, steps have already been taken to establish a University at Chhattisgarh.

For more details please visit: http://www.dsvv.ac.in/
India is poised in the mission of transforming itself into a developed nation by the year 2020. The youth in India, which constitutes a sizeable, vibrant and resourceful segment of our society, has a burning desire to scale great heights. There is a dire need to channelize the energies to unleash a momentum that will propel the nation towards the ideal goal of equitable and sustainable development.

Keeping in mind the above objectives, Divine India Youth Association or “DIYA”, a pioneer movement of 21st Century directed at renaissance of Youth in the country was formed. The concept of DIYA was conceived by Dr. Pranav Pandya and former President Late Shri A.P.J. Abdul Kalam when the latter visited DSVV on its second convocation program. DIYA was formed to harness the innate potential of the youth and direct it towards the path of development through self-refinement.

Amongst the primary objectives of DIYA, protection of environment, creating awareness about deaddiction, conducting camps on Yoga and stress management, skill development programs etc. are at the forefront. In essence, the purpose of DIYA is to give youth a vision to create a new era, create healthy, self-reliant, educated, sensitive and noble youth, directing youth towards holistic individual, familial & societal development, instill idealistic thinking and social responsibilities in youth, motivating youth to join the Thought Revolution Movement, which is the vehicle to bring the new era, nourish the young minds and give them strength to take idealistic decisions in the course of their lives.

DIYA is dedicated to meet its objectives with due consideration of the needs, rights, expectations and potential of Youth.

Five Fold Objectives of DIYA
• Educated Youth as they are the foundation of a Developed Nation.
• Healthy Youth as they are the strength of a Powerful Nation.
• Self-reliant Youth as they are the yardstick of a Prosperous Nation.
• Cultured Youth as they are the life-force of a Happy Nation.
• Sensitive Youth as they are the mark of a Superior Nation.

For more details please visit: diya.net.in
Activities of All World Gayatri Pariwar (AWGP)

All World Gayatri Pariwar under the aegis of Shantikunj, has always worked on societal issues for the public, by involving them and bringing in a sense of ownership in the projects undertaken. These mass movements in various domains have transformed the mindset of people across India. Each of these movements are invariably based on the PPP model- Positive People Participation. There are movements which effect masses in day to day life and change the way they perceive or think. Following are some of the key projects of public importance, initiated by AWGP, which have made a positive impact on the masses:

Addiction Free India

AWGP intends to fight and has successfully fought addiction of every kind, be it alcoholism, drug abuse or tobacco related addiction. The mission has worked hard to create awareness amongst masses. A glaring example is the State of Gujarat, where exhibition on awareness of de-addiction and ill effects of addictive substances was organized in about 3000 Tehsils. 1000 schools & colleges were covered, where presentation and videos were used to create awareness. More then one lacs books on the topic were distributed throughout Gujarat. As a result whereof, a lot of villages have become addiction free. In addition to this, by way of Yagnas pledge is taken from participants to quit their various addictions. Close to 2 lacs families are benefitted from this every year. On 31 May 2016, nation-wide de-addiction rallies were conducted and a Memo was submitted to the Hon’ble Prime Minister for taking steps towards creating awareness on de-addiction. DIYA plans to conduct 108 exhibitions by way of films to create a mass-level awareness on de-addiction.

For more details please visit: http://diya.net.in/social_initiative/social_projects/vyasn_mukti_abhiyan

"Science describes the structures and processes; philosophy attempts at their explanation. When such a perfect combination of both science and philosophy is sung to perfection that Krishna was, we have in this piece of work an appeal both to the head and heart." -Swamy Chinmayanand.
Swachh Bharat- Swachh Mann

Nirmal Ganga Abhiyan & Cleaning of Other Rivers
River Ganga which is serving 40% of the population of our country is facing a tough time. Industrial wastes & ritualistic practices are converting it into a large reservoir of filth and garbage.

AWGP has revitalized around 21 regional and national rivers including the Bagmati River of Nepal. It has strategized a phase-wise plan for enlivening the lifeline of the nation, Maa Ganga. It’s not a project, it’s a Movement. The 5 phased project covers the 2525 kms. long belt of Ganga, out of which the fourth phase was concluded recently. The 4th phase which has began on 20 September 2015 saw cleaning of ghats from Gomukh to Gangasagar. A herculean 217 ghats were cleaned and adarsh pravaah (ideal flow) was ensured. The 5th phase will ensure a policy for the next 10 years of conserving and maintaining the achieved levels of success. This is a bottom-up approach of involving the masses and then escalating it up in order. Unless the 40 crore Indians, who are directly surviving on Ganga, get awakened and involved, the fate of the river can’t be changed.

For more details please visit: http://diya.net.in/social_initiative/environmental/nirmal_ganga_jan_abhiyan

Cleanliness Drives
Nation vide cleanliness drives have been launched in villages as well as cities, to create a healthy and conducive environment. In order to propel the same, cleaning of Housing societies, Schools, Colleges, public places like Railway Station, Bus Stands, Hospitals etc. been taken up aggressively and at a massive scale. It is not necessary to take huge steps but starting slowly and gradually by our nearest areas of concern.

Indecency Eradication- Swachh Mann
This year a unique movement was launched wherein the festival of Holi was celebrated as “Indecency Eradication Day”. Designed under the Swachh Bharat Campaign, Swachh Mann means cleansing & purification of mind. Unfettered access to internet has resulted in easy access to pornography and children are exposed at a young age and minds of children are corrupted at a young age. This is reflected during all festivals when playing of obscene songs, indecent behavior under the influence of alcoholism and spiritual degradation is at its peak. Shraddhey Dr. Pranav Pandya has emphasized that “minds” need to be cleaned so as to truly ensure “Swachh Bharat”. In consequence thereof, a nationwide movement was launched to burn indecent/pornographic material. Children, teachers and parents were sensitized by way of direct contact through rallies and walks.
Adarsh Gram Yojana

India’s soul lives in villages. Formation of real India is possible through an Individual to family, family to village & village to country. The Indian village is a place where one will find rest and peace. Our Indian culture of cooperation & coexistence is seen in villages. Unfortunately, this glory has been spoilt by global culture penetration, political & market forces. It results in illiteracy, dependence, unhygienic conditions, lack of unity & migration to cities. Now villages are leaning and cities inflating. In order to address these problems, the Adarsh Gram Yojna contemplates idealizing 1008 villages in India and replicating that model in the rest of the country. In the initial phase 410 villages have been chosen and 3 national workshops have been conducted on the same. 258 villages have been registered till date out of which 28 villages are already nearing the adarsh (ideal) threshold. The plan also contemplates establishing 24 Shriram Aranyaka and 24 centers of self-reliance & training. Developing local pilgrim & health centers in the villages, creating awareness about the program by way of documentaries & publications are the proposed steps for future.

For more details please visit:
http://diya.net.in/social_initiative/social_projects/rural_management
Yuva Kranti Varsh- A Year Dedicated to Youth Awakening

On the Birth Anniversary of Swami Vivekananda this year on 12th January 2016, AWGP declared the year 2016 as the “Yuva Kranti Varsh”. By the year 2020, a major chunk of our population will be between the age group 18-35 and therefore, if channelized, this youth force can become our biggest strength. Gayatri Pariwar aims to channelize this youth forces in activities of nation building, some of which have been described in the previous sections. For sensitizing & inspiring youth, “Bhavishya Nirmata Sansad” (Future-building faculty) is being conducted at the headquarter Shantikunj as well as at regional level. As on date, as many as 256 Yuva Mandals (Youth Divisions) are formally registered. In a bid to stimulate the youth, in this Yuva Kranti Varsh, 3 singing competitions called “Voice of Pragya” (inspirational & devotional) songs have been conducted, Divine Workshops in 367 colleges & universities have been conducted. Additionally, weekly sessions on personality refinement & swadhyay (self-study) have been initiated at 23 places including Patna, New Delhi, IIT Roorkee, IIT BHU, Bhopal etc. 7 big and 26 district level programs have been conducted on the theme of Youth Awakening. In total, 1074 programs have been planned in the year 2016 for creating awareness amongst youth.

For more details, visit: http://www.awgp.org/event/2016/yuva_kranti_varsh
The environmental protection program of Shantikunj is named as **Vriksha Ganga Abhiyan**. As the name suggests, the plan is to plant saplings to the extent that it looks like a green river belt in not just rural but urban areas as well. This involves a unique concept called ‘Taru Mitra’ or ‘Taru Putra’. It means adopting a tree as a friend or son. The Vriksha Ganga Abhiyaan further envisages converting overlooked and ignored gardens into health oriented Upvans. These are no ordinary parks but offer a one stop health option to the city dwellers with juice corner, acupressure pathway helping in fighting lifestyle disorders like diabetes, cholesterol, obesity, tiredness, nausea and headache. The light setting & soft music emanating out of fountains create a serene environment as well as rich ambiance in mornings & evenings.

Under the Vriksha Ganga Abhiyan scheme, from 2011-2015, about one crore trees have been planted. 150 hills in the entire country have been made green by plantation of trees. Some of the prominent ones are Burhanpur, Khandwa, Sendhva, Shajipur etc. **Construction of 108 Sriram Smriti Upvan** is underway and at some places substantial completion has been achieved. This project contemplates establishing 1008 such upvan in total in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Mahrashtra, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan & Chattisgarh. In the year 2016, already 2.5 lacs saplings have been planted throughout the country.

Notably, DIYA Kolkata team celebrated their 300th Sunday on 31 July this year and have also been nominated in ‘Limca Book of Records’ for their efforts in the field of environment.

Direct contact by way of 500 bicycles is proposed under this scheme which includes contact in 2500 villages and taking sankalp (pledge) from 2,50,000 families. Additionally, 500 Shriram Sarovar (lakes) are proposed to be built, out of which 100 of such lakes have been initiated by the name of Harit Sarovar in the State of Chattisgarh.

For more details please visit: 
http://diya.net.in/social_initiative/environmental/tree_plantation_movement
TOWARDS CREATING A BETTER INDIA

‘Ek Kadam Swachhata Ki Aur’ - Cleanliness drives at BARC and at Juhu Beach after Ganpati Visarjan

‘2nd International Yoga Day Celebration in Mumbai’ – 13 programme conducted & prominent among are at BARC, Heavy Water Board & Bandra Terminus

De-addiction (Vyasan Mukti) – Awareness rally at BARC and Malad

6th Annual Tree Plantation Drive (Vriksha Ganga Abhiyan)- at Village Mohbudruk, Wada, Yeoer Hills, Thane, Bhiwandi and Plantation on Special Days
TOWARDS CREATING A BETTER INDIA

Cultural Renaissance -(Eco Friendly Celebration of Ganpati) at Bhiwandi & Independence day Celebration at Savroli Village

‘Healthy Youth’-Naturopathy Camp at Yeoer Hill and Thane and Daily Pragya Yog at BARC

‘Swachh Mann Campaign’- Celebrating Holi as Indecency Eradication Day at Ambernath

Baal Utkarsh- Weekly Bal Sanskar Shala at BARC

DIVINE TOUCH

Project 'Smile'- Bicycle, School Kit and Cloth Distribution at Gram Panchayat Schools in Vasai Taluka
Divine Touch

10th Annual Mega Blood Donation Drive (Rakt Daan Yagna) at BARC, Badlapur and Thane

Project 'Samvedana' - • Musical programme at Old Age Home Vasai, • Makar Sakranti Celebration at Rescue Foundation, Palghar, • Relief initiative in fire ashed shanties at Kandivali, • Sanskar Samvardhan & Deep Yagna at Rescue Foundation- Palghar, • Visit to Anugraha (home of destitute children) Ambernath to celebrate Diwali.

Supporting Women Entrepreneurship - Self Reliance Project at Trombay

SWADHYAY AND SATSANG

Monthly Satsang at Thane and Dahisar and Weekly Swadhyay at BARC and Kandivali
THOUGHT REVOLUTION & WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

‘Ikhisavi Sadi Naari Sadi Deep Yagna Series’ at BARC, Lokhandwala and Dahisar

Project ‘Drishtikon’- Book Stall at Bhavans College, Ambernath and Goregaon

Cultural awareness thru Project Drishtikon during Festivals and Installation of Inspiring Quotes
SEMINAR BY SHRI KALICHARAN JI SHARMA,
SHANTIKUNJ, HARIDWAR

‘Guru Purnima Celebrations’- ‘Guru Gita’ at Gadkari Rangayatan Hall, Thane

Seminar on Safal Dampatya Jeevan Ke Sutra at BARC

Seminar on Stress Management for Calm Mind at Ruia College of Arts and Science

Seminar on Human Excellence at S M Shetty College of Science, Commerce & Mgmt. Studies, Powai and Tarapur Atomic Power Station, Boisar

Seminar on Youth Excellence at Tarapur Vidya Mandir & Junior College, Boisar and AEES, BARC
ARCHITECTING GENERATION NEXT
Seminars, Workshops and Interactive discussions

- Role of Teachers in Nation Building at PES Law College Dadar,
- Panna High School - Badlapur,
- Excellence in Professional Life for SIDBI Staff at Andheri,
- Spirituality at Corporate Culture,
- Rashtriya Chemical & Fertiliser - Thal and Chembur Plant,
- Adhyatama - Behtar Karya Nispadan Hetu at BARC,
- Learning from Swamivivekanand thoughts at TMNC School, Thane,
- Stress Management for SIDBI Officer at Andheri,
- Human Excellence at GNIMS,
- Lifestyle Modification at SIDBI, Matunga and
- Women Empowerment at GNIMS.
INDOMITABLE SPIRIT
Seminars, Workshops and Interactive discussions

Excellence in Corporate Culture at Reliance Energy Management Institute on 10th Feb., 2006

Seminar on 'Nari Shashaktikaran' at NCPIL Auditorium -BARC on 2nd February, 2008

Seminar on 'Holistic approach to Medical Science' at Tata Memorial Hospital on 3rd February, 2008

‘Gayatri Sandhya’ at Yogi Sabha Griha, Mumbai on 23rd April, 2011

मैं किसी के भाग्य को नहीं बनाता हूँ, हर कोई अपना भाग्य खुद बनाता है, तुम आज जो कर रहे हो उसका फल तुम्हें कल प्राप्त होगा और आज जो तुम्हारा भाग्य है वह तुम्हारे पहले किए गए कर्मों का फल है। सत्कर्मों द्वारा प्रारंभ काट सकते हो !
- भगवान श्रीकृष्ण
Indomitable Spirit

Seminar on ‘Science and Spirituality - The way ahead’ at Central Complex, Auditorium- BARC, Mumbai on 6th December, 2013

Seminar on ‘Utkrishtata’ (Human Excellence) at Yogi Sabha Griha on 14th December, 2013

Seminar on ‘Vichar Kranti’ (Thought Revolution) at Yogi Sabha Griha on 13th December, 2014

Seminar on ‘Women Empowerment’ at Yogi Sabha Griha on 9th January, 2016

108 Kundiya Gayatri Maha Yagna & Virat Vysan Mukti Deep Yagna at Bhiwandi
**Indomitable Spirit**

*Kanya Kaushal Shivir* at Badlapur

**2nd International Yoga Day Celebration** at Chandigarh

*International Conference on ‘Yoga for Body and Beyond’* at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi

*‘Vichar Mahakumbh’* at Simhasth- 2016, Ujjain

"Inner Engineering Through Vivekananda" at IIT Kanpur
Mumbai to get a Center for Gayatri Consciousness (Chetana Kendra)

What started as a vision in 2010 is turning into a reality. In the last few months, the development of Gayatri Chetana Kendra has been expedited with the subtle blessings of our Master Yugrishi Pandit Shriram Sharma Acharya and inspiration & guidance of revered Dr. Pranav Pandya. The foundation up to the level of plinth has been completed. This includes excavation of the plinth area and building of the foundation with stone and concrete.

Since ages, spiritual masters, saints and scholars of Vedic knowledge have regarded Gayatri Sadhana as a preeminent source of mental purification, enlightenment, and discreet wisdom that generates unshakable inner peace and bliss. It leads to awakening of the soul. It is an expression of propagating the vision and message of harmony. The proposed center will become the foremost place for upliftment & development of millions of humans and will instill a zeal of holiness in them. They will selflessly serve the whole of humanity through ‘Man Making and Nation Building’ project.

As we keep abreast with the progress of the Chetana (Conscious) Kendra, let us ensure that we develop a Consciousness within ourselves and aim to progress expeditiously in the right direction, so that we can actualize Yugrishi’s dream.

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