Dear Divine Atman,

“My body shall pass but my work shall go on and my spirit shall live on. Even when I am taken away, I shall work with you all for the deliverance of the world through the message of God.” These words of Gurudeva Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda express the promise that has continued to sustain and propel the organization he founded. This year marks the sixtieth anniversary of the mahasamadhi of our beloved Gurudeva. The tremendous growth of his work in these sixty years bears witness to the truth of the Guru’s words.

From a humble hut in Dihika in 1917, to an ever-growing family of members, Yogoda Satsanga Society of India has traversed ninety-five years. These two milestones combined with the 150th anniversary of the revival of Kriya Yoga, make the year 2012 truly unique. To commemorate these events, more than 85 monastic visits were held throughout India, and hundreds of devotees were initiated into the sacred Kriya Yoga technique.

As part of our service to our fellowmen, we have reached out to the poor and needy by offering free medical aid, educational scholarships, and emergency relief. However, spiritual service to mankind, through spreading Gurudeva’s divine teachings, remains our prime activity. Two hives of meditation were opened in Ismalichak and Palpara. A landmark event was laying the foundation for the new Administration Building in the Ranchi Ashram. For all of us who have been drawn to this path, this organization is the body and soul of our Gurudeva; and to support it by offering our selfless service and resources is the same as serving the Guru himself. Through this newsletter we would like to share with you the many forms of Guru-seva that have been made possible by your generous support.

Our Sanghamata Sri Sri Mrinalini Mata, encourages us thus: “Become a mooned personality, that your light may help dispel the world’s darkness and illumine the way for countless others. This is our message, our divine appeal.”

In divine friendship,

Yogoda Satsanga Society of India
Construction of the Administrative Building at Ranchi Begins

The ground breaking ceremony of the long-awaited Administration Building took place on January 31, 2012 — the birth anniversary of Sri Sri Daya Mata — with an hour long meditation led by Swami Lalitananda Giri.

Since then, the work is progressing rapidly, and the foundation work is complete. The finished building will be four storeys
high and will have a total floor area of 55,000 square feet. The building is supported by 93 columns. All the administrative and editorial departments will be eventually relocated to this building. It is hoped that this new edifice expected to be ready by early 2014 will take care of the growing needs of the organization for several decades to come.

New Residential Quarters (Gurusevadham) for Sevaks and Guests at Ranchi

The new six-storeyed building with a floor space of 23,000 sq.ft., located adjacent to the Ranchi Ashram, is in its finishing stages and is expected to be complete by early next year. It has individual living quarters for residential sevaks, and large dormitory halls where devotees will be accommodated during the annual Sharad Sangams.
New Dhyana Mandir in Ismalichak

A new Dhyana Mandir was dedicated on January 16, 2012 in Ismalichak—a small village situated on the outskirts of Moyna in Purba Medinipur. Swami Sri Yukteswarji used to visit this village to conduct satsangas and many of the residents had been initiated by him into Kriya Yoga. The large thatched cottage where he stayed during these visits is being carefully preserved by YSS as a heritage site.

New Dhyana Mandir in Palpara

The long felt need for a suitable YSS Dhyana Mandir as a hub for seva activities at Palpara, was fulfilled on January 19, 2012 with the inauguration of the newly constructed Mandir. YSS is running several educational institutions in Palpara ranging from Primary to University levels.

“Wake up in God! Realize He is here within us, and that at this very moment, and every moment of our existence, it is our divine duty — our divine privilege — to express Him: His qualities, His nature, His goodness, His divinity.”

— Sri Sri Mrinalini Mata 
Sanghamata and President
Extension of the Ranchi Sevashram Hospital

To better serve the increasing number of patients who come to the YSS Sevashram Hospital at Ranchi, a new medical block has been added, which was inaugurated on April 14, 2012. This new facility is an expansion and renovation of an existing building which used to house the Eye Ward and a Homoeopathy Clinic. The renovated rooms have better ventilation and a false-ceiling that keeps the rooms cool during the summer months. Ample covered waiting area has been provided for patients, and a new toilet block has been added.

Dihika Conservation Project

The small village of Dihika, situated next to the Damodar River in West Bengal, is the site where Gurudeva planted the seed of Yogoda Satsanga Brahmacharya Vidyalaya in March 1917. A meditation hall was inaugurated at this holy site last year; and this year, a two-storeyed Guest House with the capacity to house twenty-four guests, has been completed. In addition, a Smriti Sthal has been constructed at the very spot where our beloved Gurudeva sat and meditated during his visit to this place in 1935-36. The original floor on which Guruji sat is protected with a glass panel; and the pond that has existed since then, has also been repaired to preserve its original look. In addition, gazebos, meditation gardens, and pathways are being added to beautify the sacred environs.
Janmotsav, our Gurudeva’s birthday celebration, is the most important occasion for all YSS centres and Ashrams, and usually the programme continues for more than a day. This occasion sees the highest gathering of devotees who come together to honour their Guru by participating in the various programmes that are organized on this day: bhandara, long meditations, classes on the meditation techniques, prabhat feri, satsangas, and bhajans.

**VISAKHAPATNAM**

Swami Madhavananda leads Energization Exercises

**NAGPUR**

Swami Nityananda gives a public talk at Nagpur

**DAKSHINESWAR**

YSS monks and devotees participate in Prabhat Feri at Dakshineswar Ashram
Devotees participate in Janmotsav Special Satsanga

Swami Suddhananda and devotees at Nagendra Math of Saint Bhaduri Mahasaya, during the Prabhat Feri

Devotees participate in Janmotsav Celebrations at Dihika

Devotees and neighbours partake of prasad at Ranchi Ashram
Monks and devotees participate in Guru puja and sankirtan at the Shiva Mandir.

Monks and devotees participate in Prabhat Feri at Noida Ashram.

Brahmachari Achyutananda gives a spiritual discourse at Dakshineswar Ashram.
Yogoda Satsanga Society of India has been active in the field of education from the time of its inception, and today YSS runs many education institutions across India including primary and secondary schools, and colleges. YSS also awards several scholarships to deserving students pursuing professional courses, and to those studying in YSS institutions.

Scholarships

This year more than 35 students pursuing professional courses such as B.Tech, B.Ed., MBA, and Nursing received scholarships from YSS.

In some cases YSS also contributes to these students’ living expenses, when this is required. Suraj Rajak, whose father is a dhobi from Jamshedpur, secured a seat in the prestigious IIT. YSS not only pays his college fees, but also provides finances to take care of his living expenses. Five such students are presently receiving similar financial help.

A few orphan girl students from Hyderabad pursuing Nursing and B.Ed. courses also receive such scholarships and financial aid.
YSS also offers several scholarships to poor students studying in its own schools. In addition, every year YSS offers three scholarships worth ₹1 lakh each, to students pursuing professional courses, based on an examination on *Autobiography of a Yogi*. This year, ₹22 lakh were spent on all these scholarships and financial aid.

**Milestones at YSS Schools in Ismalichak and Payarachak**

Inspired by our Param Guru, and utilizing a generous donation of land by local devotees, a YSS Brahmacharya Vidyalaya for boys was established in 1938 in Ismalichak, West Bengal. A Kanya Vidyapith for girls was founded by YSS in the nearby village of Payarachak in 1962. These schools celebrated the Platinum Jubilee and Silver Jubilee respectively this year.

**Rain Water Harvesting in the Ranchi School**

YSS has undertaken rain water harvesting project on the 20-acre school premises of Jagannathpur Vidyalaya, Ranchi. This project was inaugurated by Sri S. K. Satpathy, Principal Secretary, Water Resources, Government of Jharkhand, who applauded YSS for taking this initiative.
Helping Slum Children in Noida

YSS recently took under its wing a support programme for slum children that was being carried on single-handedly for the last 10 years by Ms. Shobha Sood, a YSS devotee who lives in Noida. Under the name of “Paramahansa Yogananda Swarna Bal Vatika,” this programme has been supporting 88 slum children of ages three to sixteen. Ms. Sood, who has converted her own residence into a “home away from home” for these children, mentors these little ones in cleanliness, spoken English, moral education, and computer use, along with all their academic subjects. She trains the children in Gurudeva’s “How-to-Live” principles and also teaches them Cosmic Chants and meditation. When YSS came to know of this programme, it was more than happy to provide full financial support for it.

To mark the occasion of YSS’s formal endorsement of this programme, Swami Amarananda visited the house and donated school bags and water bottles to all the children who were starting a new academic year. He also gave prizes to children who excelled in academics, cleanliness, and discipline.

Week-long How-to-Live Camps for Children

Childrens’ Camp conducted at Noida Ashram, June 2012

Jagannathpur School Boys stay for a week at the Ranchi Ashram, March 2012

West Bengal School Boys stay for a week at the Ranchi Ashram, August 2012

Camp conducted for Children at Ranchi Ashram, May 2012
In 2011, Sangam was held in four different places to cater to the ever-increasing number of devotees who want to attend this function. Ranchi Ashram, where until now this event was being organized every year, was proving too small to hold Gurudeva’s growing family. With the addition of three more venues, namely Kuppam, Noida, and Igatpuri, more than 3,200 devotees were able to comfortably attend and benefit from these spiritual convocations.

Igatpuri

Kuppam

Noida

Ranchi
Inspiration to the Staff of SAIL

Swami Omkarananda spoke on “Value Orientation Towards All-round Success”, during the celebration of Vigilance Week of the Steel Authority of India (SAIL), Ranchi, on November 2, 2011. Swamiji’s motivating and inspiring talk was attended by a number of senior officials including the Chief Vigilance Officer of SAIL.

Participation at Sarva Dharma Sammelan

Swami Shraddhananda gave a talk on Raja Yoga during a special function called “Sarva Dharma Sammelan”, organized by Ramakrishna Mission Ashram at Morabadi on September 18, 2011.

Motivating IAS, IFS, and IPS Officers

In a joint venture by YSS and Department of Tourism, Government of Jharkhand, Swami Smaranananda gave a talk on “Scientific Meditation: An Antidote to Stress, Worry, and Anxiety,” to IAS, IPS and IFS officers of Jharkhand State on August 7, 2011.

Spiritually Orienting Prisoners

YSS sannyasis reached out to the inmates of the Jharkhand Jail, Ranchi to offer inspirational talks on right living and moral values. The sannyasis also helped them remould their lives by teaching them Energization Exercises and meditation. The inmates also enjoyed bhajans lead by the sannyasis.
On February 18, 2012 Swami Smaranananda Giri was invited to address a professional conference called TEDx that gathers the world’s most fascinating thinkers and doers, challenging them to give the talk of their lives in eighteen minutes or less. He spoke about maintaining inner peace and “Being Calmly Active and Actively Calm.”

**Officers Get Inspired**

At the invitation of the Director of Education, Jharkhand, Swami Ishwarananda addressed a gathering of the Block, Regional, and District Education Officers on December 2, 2011. The event was part of a week-long seminar organized by the Government of Jharkhand, attended by more than 500 officers of the Department.

**Striking a Chord with Fellow-Spiritual Organizations**

In April 2012, on the occasion of the first mahasamadhi anniversary of Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the Sai Organization held a colloquium at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh on ‘Experiencing the Divine — From Form to Formless.’ Swami Suddhananda represented YSS in this function which was attended by several spiritual organizations. He spoke on how YSS continues to grow even after Gurudeva’s passing from the Form to Formless state. The audience deeply appreciated his talk which was replete with examples of a Guru’s direct help to his disciples even after the Guru’s departure from this world.
Addressing Doctors

Swami Smaranananda addressed a group of 150 doctors from Department of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Jharkhand, on January 29, 2012 at the Ranchi Ashram. The doctors deeply appreciated Swamiji’s message of the importance of regular scientific meditation to overcome the stress of worry in everyday living.

Swami Ishwarananda’s Public Talk in Hisar

Swami Ishwarananda gave a soul-stirring public talk on: “Kriya Yoga: An Ancient Science for the Modern Age”, in Hisar on April 15, 2012. This talk was given to a rapt audience of around 600 people, as part of the 150th anniversary commemoration of the revival of Kriya Yoga. Swamiji led the audience in a visualization exercise where they experienced great peace, relaxation, and happiness.

The audience showed great interest in Guruji’s teachings, YSS Lessons, and publications. The programme was also captured by the local Doordarshan Kendra.

National Seminar on Yoga at Utkal University

Swami Lalitananda was invited to talk at the inaugural session of the National Seminar on Yoga, hosted by the Department of Sanskrit, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, on March 24, 2012. He gave a talk on “Sri Sri Paramahansa Yoganandaji’s Contribution to Yogic Wisdom.”
To mark the 150th anniversary of the revival of Kriya Yoga, many monastic tours were held across India in which satsangas, meditation technique reviews, and Kriya Yoga initiations were organized. Devotees also got an opportunity to meet sannyasis and receive spiritual guidance from them regarding their sadhana.
Coimbatore, **Tamil Nadu**, July 2012

Hurda, **Rajasthan**, April 2012

Bilaspur, **Chattisgarh**, August 2011

Pune, **Maharashtra**, February 2012

Jodhpur, **Rajasthan**, April 2012

Udaipur, **Rajasthan**, March 2012
Kolhapur, **Maharashtra**, February 2012

Thiruvananthapuram, **Kerala**, August 2011

Igatpuri, **Maharashtra**, March 2012

Hyderabad, **Andhra Pradesh**, July 2012

Cuttack, **Odisha**, July 2012

Vijayawada, **Andhra Pradesh**, July 2012

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Mangalore, **Karnataka**, March 2012

Hassan, **Karnataka**, March 2012

Cuddalore, **Tamil Nadu**, April 2012

Kochi, **Kerala**, May 2012

Kanpur, **Uttar Pradesh**, July 2012

Kannur, **Kerala**, May 2012
The Telugu translation of *Man’s Eternal Quest* was released in Visakhapatnam on January 1, 2012 at a public meeting attended by over 800 people. Swami Garimananda of Ramakrishna Mission Ashram formally released the first copy, while Sri Dronamraju Srinivas, Hon’ble member of Legislative Assembly, was the Chief Guest.

The Tamil translation of *Man’s Eternal Quest* was released on July 3, 2012, at a public function in Chennai. The event was graced by His Excellency, Dr. K. Rosaiah, Governor of Tamil Nadu, who released the first copy.
**In His Presence**  
by Sri Sri Mrinalini Mata

*Remembrances of Life with Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda*

A talk by Sri Sri Mrinalini Mata

Sri Sri Mrinalini Mata recounts uplifting and instructive reminiscences of her years with Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda. She shares the Guru’s vision for the ongoing fulfilment of the divine dispensation he brought to the world.

Contains brief rare footage of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda and Sri Sri Swami Sri Yukteswar.

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**Living in the Love of God**  
by Sri Sri Daya Mata

*An Evening of Inspiration at SRF Convocation.*

An informal talk by Sri Sri Daya Mata.

In this deeply encouraging video, recorded at the 1985 Convocation, Sri Sri Daya Mata offers encouragement on how to live with renewed strength, inspiration, and commitment to making God’s unconditional love a reality in one’s own daily life.
Audio CDs

Self-Realization: The Inner and the Outer Path
An informal talk by Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda, Sri Sri Rajarsi Janakananda and Dr. M. W. Lewis

My Spirit Shall Live On...
An informal talk by Sri Sri Daya Mata

Anchoring Your Life in God
An informal talk by Sri Sri Daya Mata

Finding God in Daily Life
An informal talk by Sri Sri Daya Mata

Loyalty: The Highest Spiritual Law
An informal talk by Swami Anandamoy Giri

Look Always to the Light
An informal talk by Sri Sri Mrinalini Mata
To mark the 150th anniversary of the revival of Kriya Yoga, several Pada Yatras were organized by the Dwarahat Ashram. During the Yatra, devotees retraced the path taken by Lahiri Mahasaya when he miraculously met Babaji for the first time at the holy cave in 1861. Several batches of YSS devotees and sannyasis enthusiastically covered this path of 26 kms in two days, chanting and singing God’s name all along the way.
Free Medical Aid

Free Multispeciality Medical Camps at Ranchi

This year on January 22 and March 11, prominent doctors from Ranchi provided specialty medical services for 500 patients in General Medicine, Dentistry, Orthopaedics, Pediatrics, Gynaecology, Surgery, Diabetology, and Ophthalmology. Free ECG, X-ray, blood, and urine examinations were done.

Reading glasses were provided to aged patients. Persons needing cataract surgery were identified and later operated on at our Sevashram Hospital in Ranchi. These camps were held within the premises of the Ranchi Ashram.
Free Eye Camp at Dwarahat

The bi-annual YSS Free Eye Camp was organized at the Dwarahat Ashram from March 16 to 18, 2012. A record number of 1,200 patients were examined and 322 were operated upon for cataract and Intra Ocular Lens implantation. Patients came from as far as Haldwani and Moradabad to avail of the free medical service provided by YSS. Another extension camp was organized at Gairsain, about 70 kms from Dwarahat, where 45 patients were operated upon. YSS also took care of all the arrangements for patients’ accommodation and food. In addition to free surgery, saris and shirt pieces were distributed to the patients. It was a joy to see the happiness on the faces of the patients, all of whom regained their lost vision.

Upgraded Medical Clinic at YSS Noida Ashram

A small charitable dispensary which has been running for the last couple of years at Noida Ashram, has now become a fully functioning free medical clinic for the poor and needy. On April 26, 2012, Swami Smaranananda Giri, inaugurated the upgraded charitable medical facilities in the Noida Ashram. Consultation services from allopathic and homoeopathic doctors, medicines, and laboratory investigations will now be given free to all patients through this dispensary. Specialty clinics for women and children are also part of the services being offered.
Other Charitable Activities

Relief in Cyclone-hit Areas Tamil Nadu

YSS extended its support to the cyclone-hit areas of Puducherry and Cuddalore in Tamil Nadu on January 13, 2012. The cyclone “Thane” claimed 46 lives while devastating many families. Relief packages containing 24 items of toiletries, food, and clothing worth ₹2,500 were distributed to 150 families at Pillaiyarkuppam village, Tamil Nadu.

Helping in Transportation of Mentally Challenged Children

Devotees at Hyderabad Dhyana Kendra have collaborated and helped a school for mentally challenged children called Anuraag, by donating an auto rickshaw costing around ₹1.9 lakh. This auto will be used to transport the children from their homes to the school on a daily basis, apart from being used for other related works of the school.

“Perform your daily duties with deepest happiness, thinking that you are not working for yourself alone but also for God and His children, all as a part of humanity and not apart from humanity. If you do this, undreamed-of power and happiness will come to you.”

— Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda
Water Cooler for Pilgrims Visiting Pahari Mandir, Ranchi

Swami Smaranananda inaugurates the water cooler donated to Pahari Mandir in Ranchi. Deputy Commissioner Sri Vinay Choubey was also present on the occasion. YSS also donated 200 plants for the beautification of temple environs.

Water Cooler Donated at Chutia, Ranchi

Municipal Ward Councillor, Sri Vijay Sahu inaugurates 320 litres capacity water cooler donated by YSS for the residents of Chutia, Ranchi.

Discount on Yogoda Satsanga Lessons Subscription

As a part of the celebrations of the 150th anniversary of the revival of Kriya Yoga, in order to further spread Gurudeva's sacred mission of disseminating the blessed Kriya Yoga teachings to all spiritual aspirants, we are happy to announce a 50% discount on the subscription to the Yogoda Satsanga Lessons during the period September 30, 2012 to March 31, 2013. The same discount is also being offered for renewal of subscriptions and enrolling of companionate students during this period.
Cycle Rickshaws for Temple Cleaning Project

YSS donated 10 cycle rickshaws to the Rajarappa Temple, near Ranchi, to aid in its cleaning project. These cycle rickshaws will be used to maintain the cleanliness of the temple by transporting garbage and other waste to an appropriate location.

Solar Lantern Distribution at Gosaba, Sunderbans

On March 10, 2012, solar lamps were distributed to 382 needy and meritorious students of Gosaba in West Bengal. This place is plagued by frequent power cuts, especially during the nights. These solar lights will now help the students to pursue their studies unhampered. YSS is happy that it was able to make a difference in the lives of these students who are pursuing their academic dreams against all odds.

Book Fairs

YSS participated in Book Fairs conducted at Kolkata, New Delhi, Chennai, Vijayawada, Puri, and Hyderabad, thus spreading Gurudeva's teachings.
Dear Friends,

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