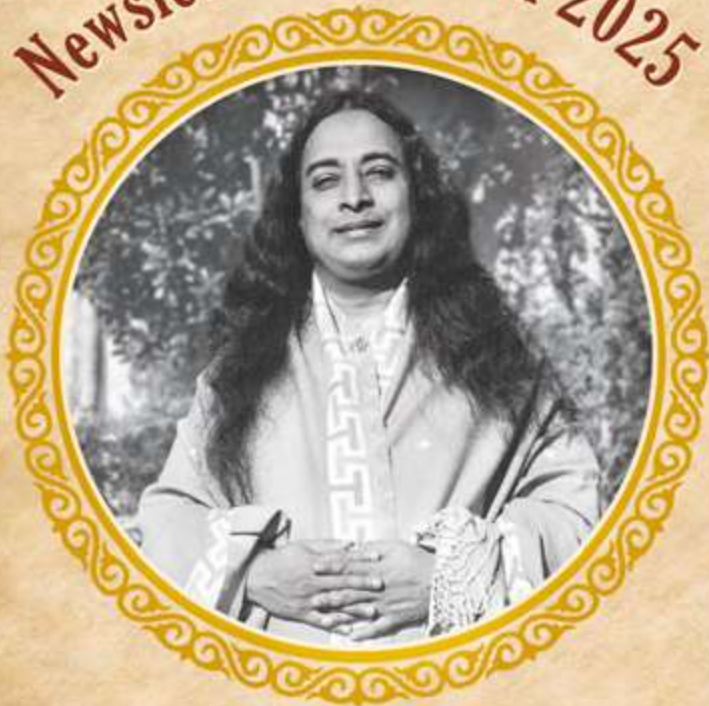


Newsletter & Appeal 2025



"I know it is God who speaks through my voice.
The voice of Self-Realization [Yogoda Satsanga] is the voice of God.
Follow it. Great souls, those who are hungry for God,
are following this path and drinking the nectar of His presence.
Practise these teachings, and you also shall see
how beautiful life becomes."

— Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda



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Swami Chidanandaji's India and Nepal Tour—2025



Dear Divine Atman,

Greetings and loving *pranams* from all of us in Gurudeva Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda's ashrams.

It gives us immense joy to share with you the many blessings that have unfolded this year through your prayers, goodwill, and steadfast support.

Among this year's many milestones are:

- ♦ the visit of our revered President and Spiritual Head Sri Sri Swami Chidananda Giri to India and Nepal;
- ♦ the development of a Master Plan for YSS Chennai Ashram, which will be a spiritual sanctuary for the whole of South India;
- ♦ the YSS camp at this year's Kumbh Mela, where thousands experienced the eternal joyous soul of spiritual India;
- ♦ the streaming of the 2025 SRF World Convocation for the first time at YSS ashrams, uniting devotees across India with our global family;
- ♦ the expansion of Online Dhyana Kendra into additional regional languages, bringing meditation and *satsanga* to a larger cross-section of devotees wherever they are; and
- ♦ new YSS publications in different Indian languages.

Alongside these, YSS continues its commitment to serve "mankind as one's larger Self" through: scholarships for deserving students; charitable medical initiatives and disaster relief; youth programmes that nurture the next generation in Guruji's "how-to-live" ideals. Each of these initiatives contributes to Gurudeva's vision of a world that is made better through balanced living, loving fellowship, selfless service, and communion with God.

All of this is possible only through the love and generosity of devotees like yourself. With heartfelt gratitude, we invite you to join us in partaking the joy of these achievements, and to continue the journey with us in carrying forward Guruji's divine mission of spiritually uplifting all humanity through his sublime Kriya Yoga teachings.

May the blessings of God and Gurus ever guide and strengthen you and your loved ones.

In divine friendship,
Yogoda Satsanga Society of India

Master Plan for YSS Chennai Ashram

Creating a Spiritual Sanctuary in South India

In September 2024, Swami Chidanandaji, our revered president, formally announced that the YSS Chennai Retreat would be developed into a full-fledged YSS ashram. Since then, the increased number of spiritual programmes offered there, along with a large participation of devotees has further confirmed the need for a spiritual sanctuary in South India — an ashram that will draw many truth-seekers, today and in the future to God-communion, fellowship, and divine inspiration.

To make this sacred vision a reality, a **comprehensive Master Plan** has been developed, using the expertise of accomplished architects and engineers. Our goal is to build a serene, verdant, beautifully landscaped campus where devotees can come to immerse themselves in deep meditation, study, and contemplation on Gurudeva's teachings — all while remaining in the lap of Mother Nature.

During his visit this year in February, Swami Chidanandaji personally toured the Chennai ashram, reviewed the Master Plan, and blessed this project.

Project Overview

Foundational Works (₹ 10 crore)

Land levelling, perimeter roads, walkways, storm water drains, and utility trenches.



The work of land levelling, highlighted in yellow in the map above, has begun. A truck unloads the soil for the levelling (left).

Phase I: Meditation & Accommodation Facilities (₹55 crore)

- ♦ A meditation hall for 1,200 devotees
- ♦ Accommodation for 100 devotees and 25 monks
- ♦ Kitchen and dining hall
- ♦ Children's Satsanga facilities
- ♦ Administration building
- ♦ Publications warehouse



Phase II: Expansion & Sustainability (₹45 crore)

- ♦ A smaller Satsanga Hall
- ♦ Additional accommodation for guests
- ♦ Sevak quarters
- ♦ Solar power and other utilities



The total financial requirement for the foundational works and Phase I of the project is ₹65 crore. We warmly welcome your support in bringing this divine vision to fruition.



Swami Chidananda Giri alongside the site architect at the YSS Chennai ashram

YSS/SRF President's India Tour

Swami Chidananda Giri visited India and Nepal in February–March 2025, touring Bengaluru, Chennai, Ahmedabad, and Kathmandu. At each location, a special one-day programme was held, which included a morning three-hour meditation conducted by Swamiji followed by an inspiring and soul-awakening *satsanga* in the evening.

These events were made possible by the dedicated efforts of many devoted volunteers, whose selfless service and commitment ensured its smooth execution. We express our heartfelt gratitude to each one of them for their invaluable support.



Shared below are a few testimonials from devotees who participated in these programmes:

Swami Chidanandaji's one-day programme was a transformative experience... three-hour meditation felt incredibly profound and peaceful... I felt an overwhelming sense of ease and trust, as if my doubts were dissolving. His visit was more than just an event, it was an awakening. His words, his presence, and the collective energy of the gathering created an everlasting experience.

– V., Tamil Nadu

Everything that Guruji and YSS stands for was reflected through the programme — compassion, orderliness, graciousness, serenity, to name a few. I came to the programme not really expecting anything other than the chance to see Swami Chidanandaji in person. I went back with a great many good things I had never imagined.

– A. D., Karnataka



A Sacred Gathering at Kumbha Mela



From January 10 to February 15, 2025, Yogoda Satsanga Society of India organized a spiritual camp at the Kumbha Mela in Prayagraj. Over 2,500 YSS/ SRF devotees from India and abroad visited and stayed at this camp during this period, enjoying divine fellowship in the sacred environs of the mela.

YSS *sannyasis* conducted daily meditations, *kirtans*, and *satsangas*, creating a small spiritual sanctuary for the devotees amidst the jubilant atmosphere of the mela. The camp offered a unique opportunity to devotees of Gurudeva's worldwide spiritual family to practise Gurudeva's *sadhana* in the setting of the Kumbha Mela. YSS ran a charitable medical clinic at the camp site where volunteer doctors attended to thousands of pilgrims and gave them free medicines. Many truth-seekers visited the YSS bookstall and found inspiration and solace through Guruji's writings.



One devotee who stayed at the camp shared: *"Coming to the camp felt like coming home. I was happy and peaceful with the love and warmth of our Guruji, and the whole experience was heavenly. Thanks to all the volunteer devotees who served with so much love — I could feel Guruji's presence in each of them. May God and Gurus bless them abundantly."*

Sadhana Sangams and Monastic Tour Programmes

Sadhana Sangams

This year, Sadhana Sangams held at YSS ashrams in Ranchi, Noida, Dakshineswar, Chennai, and the Paramahansa Yogananda Sadhanalaya at Igatpuri were attended by nearly 4,000 devotees from India and abroad — treasured occasions of spiritual renewal and deeper communion with God and Guru.



Monastic Tours

Sharing Yoganandaji's timeless wisdom more widely, YSS *sannyasis* toured more than 50 cities, conducting programmes that helped devotees apply Gurudeva's teachings in their daily lives. At many locations, public lectures introduced new seekers to the science of yoga meditation. Kriya Yoga initiations, for eligible students of the YSS *Lessons*, marked the happy culmination of some of these tours.

All these activities are made possible only through the prayers and loving support of devotees. Together, we are helping seekers draw closer to the Divine, while carrying forward Guruji's vision of a spiritually awakened world blessed by peace, harmony, and God's presence.





Hassan



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Thiruvavarur



Kathmandu, Nepal



Pokhara, Nepal



Jalandhar



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Kota



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Mandi

SRF Convocation Streamed at YSS Ashrams for the First Time

For the first time, YSS ashrams across India hosted devotees for screenings of the SRF World Convocation (June 23–29, 2025), allowing nearly 350 devotees to join in this sacred global gathering while immersed in the uplifting atmosphere of an ashram. Devotees immersed themselves in Gurudeva's timeless wisdom conveyed through inspiring talks and classes by SRF monastics which were streamed during the day. They also had opportunities to engage in daily group meditations led by YSS *sannyasis* and to receive from them personal counselling and guidance on Paramahansaji's teachings and spiritual practices. The highlights of the event were live-streaming of a three-hour meditation led by revered Swami Chidanandaji, and his *satsanga*.



Dakshineswar



Ranchi



Noida



Dwarahat

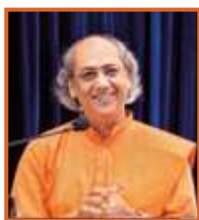


Chennai

Celebrations at Ashrams, Kendras, and Mandalis

YSS ashrams, kendras, and mandalis across the country reverently observed the Avirbhav and Mahasamadhi Divas ceremonies of our lineage of Gurus with heartfelt celebrations that included devotional chanting, *prabhat feris*, charitable activities, and *bhandaras*.

Janmotsav Celebrations





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Chennai



Dwarahat



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New Book Releases



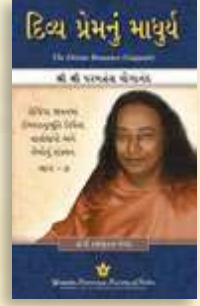
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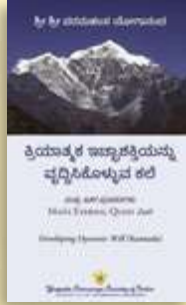
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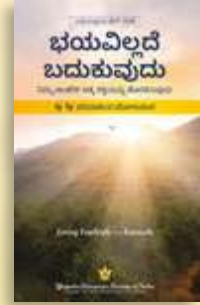
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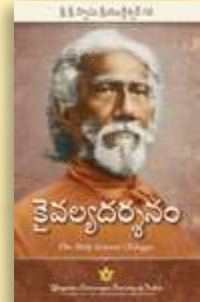
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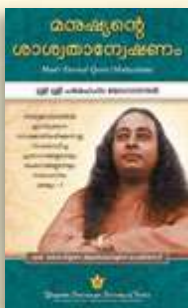
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Man's Eternal Quest
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Malayalam

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Autobiography of a Yogi – Bengali



Autobiography of a Yogi – Odia



Autobiography of a Yogi – Nepali



Finding the Joy Within You – English

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The Law of Success – Kannada



Malayalam and Nepali

New Audiobooks

Autobiography of a Yogi



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Guru Purnima Celebrations



Bengaluru



Garpar, Kolkata



Delhi



Jaipur



Indore



Children Satsanga, Noida

Inauguration of New Dhyana Mandir

Tuni

We are delighted to share that the devotees of Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra — Tuni (located in Kakinada district of Andhra Pradesh), with tireless dedication and heartfelt enthusiasm, have completed the construction of a beautiful new Dhyana Mandir. The Dhyana Mandir was inaugurated on July 25 this year, and was followed by a two-day spiritual programme led by YSS *sannyasis*, Swamis Smaranananda and Kedarananda, which included *satsangas*, group meditations, and the sacred Kriya Yoga diksha ceremony. The blessed occasion was attended by over 200 devotees.



Thiruvannamalai

A new Dhyana Mandali and bookstore was inaugurated in April in Thiruvannamalai, Tamil Nadu, by Swami Suddhananda. Situated along the sacred pilgrimage route around Arunachala Mountain — traversed by nearly one lakh pilgrims each full moon — this meditation centre holds great promise as a channel for outreach for Gururji's spiritual teachings. Through *satsangas*, meditations, and the YSS publications, countless seekers who come here for pilgrimage will now have the opportunity to discover the soul-liberating teachings of our beloved Guru.



Online Dhyana Kendra – New Initiatives

To better serve devotees across India, the Online Dhyana Kendra has introduced devotee-led meditations in Malayalam, along with the existing meditations in English, Hindi, Bengali, Kannada, Tamil, and Telugu. Further, a new Lesson Study group on the Supplement Lessons is now being offered every Monday evening, alongside the ongoing Basic Lessons study group on Fridays.



These initiatives are helping to bring Gurudeva's teachings into the homes of many devotees who may not live near a YSS meditation centre — bringing them the blessings of group meditation and spiritual study.

International Day of Yoga

International Day of Yoga Programmes

On the occasion of the International Day of Yoga on June 21, YSS organized both online and in-person events to promote the practice of Kriya Yoga for the well-being of body, mind, and soul. YSS *sannyasis* conducted introductory sessions on yoga and meditation in English and various Indian languages. The online sessions gathered more than 70,000 views and thousands attended the in-person programmes at our ashrams and kendras.



Outreach

Book Fairs

This year, book fairs were organized in 40 cities across India, including New Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Chennai, Pune, and Ahmedabad. These events provided seekers from all walks of life the opportunity to be introduced to the writings of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda.



Outreach Talks at Microsoft



Swami Smaranananda Giri, a senior YSS *sannyasi*, delivered a series of inspirational talks at Microsoft offices in Hyderabad, Bengaluru, and Noida, sharing Paramahansa Yogananda's teachings on awakening intuition and creativity through meditation. More than 200 new truth-seekers enrolled for YSS *Lessons* in these sessions.

Serving the Youth

Summer Camps for Children at Ranchi, Noida, and Chennai

This year, annual summer camps for boys and girls were joyfully conducted at our ashrams in Ranchi, Noida, and Chennai, inspired by Paramahansa Yogananda's ideal of simple and wholesome living. Guided by experienced devotee-teachers, the children took part in a series of "how-to-live" classes to learn about concentration, character development, will power, and introspection. Their daily schedule included group meditations, Energization Exercises, *yogasanas*, and creative activities such as drawing and crafts. More than 300 children participated in the various camps, receiving a foundation in spiritual living that could serve as a guiding light throughout their lives.

Childrens Camp, Ranchi



Childrens Camp, Dwarahat



Boys Camp, Noida





Young Sadhak Programme at Ranchi

We are delighted to share that YSS hosted its first-ever Sadhana Sangam for young *sadhaks* — devotees in the age group of 23 to 35 years — at the Ranchi ashram from September 10 to 14, 2025, in which more than 200 *sadhaks* participated.

This special gathering reflected the deepening interest among youth in Paramahansa Yogananda's universal teachings for cultivating clarity, strength, and purpose in life. The thoughtfully designed programme included guided meditations, group study of the YSS *Lessons*, *satsangas*, workshops,



opportunities for seva, recreation, and nightly introspection — each element inspiring a balanced way of living rooted in Guruji's teachings. Some of the themes explored at the sangam included applying spiritual wisdom to life's decisions, finding harmony in daily life, and cultivating spiritual habits.

The Sangam offered young devotees a blessed opportunity to immerse themselves in Guruji's guidance, build lasting spiritual friendships, and return home with practical tools to strengthen their inner lives.



YSS Educational Institutions at Jagannathpur, Ranchi

At Yogoda Satsanga Mahavidyalaya, Ranchi, we are grateful to witness the continuing success of our youth. In the recent board examinations, students of the Intermediate Section (10+2) achieved remarkable results, earning distinction at the state level. One Commerce student ranked first in Ranchi and fifth in the state, while another ranked third in Ranchi and seventh in the state.



These achievements stand as a testimony, not only to the hard work of our students and teachers, but also to the uplifting influence of Guruji's How-to-Live principles, which inspire young minds to strive for excellence while remaining rooted in spiritual values.

New Releases



YSS Website now Available in Bengali and Kannada

We are pleased to share that the YSS website is now available in Bengali and Kannada, in addition to English, Hindi, Tamil, and Telugu — making Guruji's teachings and a wealth of spiritual resources on the website accessible to many more devotees in their mother tongue.

New Publications

This year, the translations of sixteen YSS publications into various Indian languages were released.



Sri Pushkar Singh Dhama, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, releases Hindi edition of 'The Yoga of the Bhagavad Gita' (left), and YSS monastics release Telugu edition of the book 'Inner Peace' (right).

During his India and Nepal trip, Swami Chidanandaji released several YSS publications.



Left to right: Malayalam edition of 'Man's Eternal Quest', Gujarati edition of 'The Divine Romance', and Odia translation of the eBook edition of 'Autobiography of a Yogi'.

Seven new eBook editions of YSS publications were also released this year including translations of *Autobiography of a Yogi* into Bengali, Nepali, and Odia languages.

This year, YSS also launched two new *Autobiography of a Yogi* audiobooks in Nepali and Malayalam.

YSS monastics release Nepali audiobook edition of 'Autobiography of a Yogi' at Kathmandu during the Monastic Tour.



Material, Medical, and Educational Aid to the Needy

Uttarakhand Relief Work

In response to the cloud-bursts, floods, and landslides in Uttarakhand, Yogoda Satsanga Society of India extended monetary assistance to the state government. In September, YSS *sannyasis*, Swami



Ishwarananda and Swami Dhairyananda, met Uttarakhand Chief Minister, Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, in Dehradun and presented a cheque of ₹25 lakh towards the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to support ongoing relief operations.

YSS Charitable Dispensary Inaugurated Near Chennai Ashram

A charitable dispensary, located just 1.5 km from the YSS Chennai ashram, was inaugurated in June this year. Supported by 11 devotee-doctors, it has been serving the local underprivileged community. Open five days a week, it offers free consultation and medicines, and has already provided medical care to over a thousand patients.



Medical Camps Organized by Dwarahat Ashram

A three-day free medical camp was held in April 2025 at the Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Ashram, Dwarahat. Along with the main camp at the ashram, smaller camps were organized in the remote villages of Suraikehet and Kholiyabaj,



bringing much-needed healthcare to underserved communities. In all, more than 2,000 people from the Dwarahat region benefited from the humanitarian service extended during that period.

The camp was made possible through the loving efforts of a dedicated team of around 20 specialist doctors and 5 paramedics who came from across India to serve. The next medical camp is planned for November 2025.



Yearly Scholarships

YSS continues to serve deserving and meritorious students from less fortunate backgrounds by providing scholarships. Last year, scholarships amounting to ₹75 lakh were disbursed.



Your Support Is Deeply Appreciated

As Guruji's sacred mission continues to grow, new opportunities unfold before us to serve sincere seekers of truth and inner peace. This divine work is sustained only through the steadfast love and generous support of devotees like you — who help bring Guruji's soul-liberating message of Kriya Yoga to countless souls yearning for God's love and light.

We warmly invite you to join us in this sacred mission. Your offering — whether through an online donation at **donateyss.org** or by visiting your nearest YSS ashram, kendra, or mandali — helps us bring divine inspiration, hope, and solace to innumerable souls.

Your prayers for the growth of this sacred work, and your enthusiastic participation in group meditations, seva, and daily practice of Gurudeva's teachings are deeply cherished by us, and by God and Gurus. Every expression of support, in whatever form, becomes a sacred channel for spreading our beloved Guru's love and joy in the world. □

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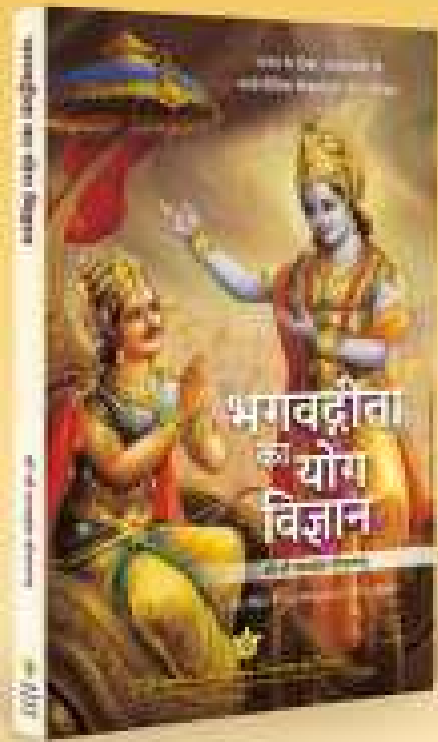
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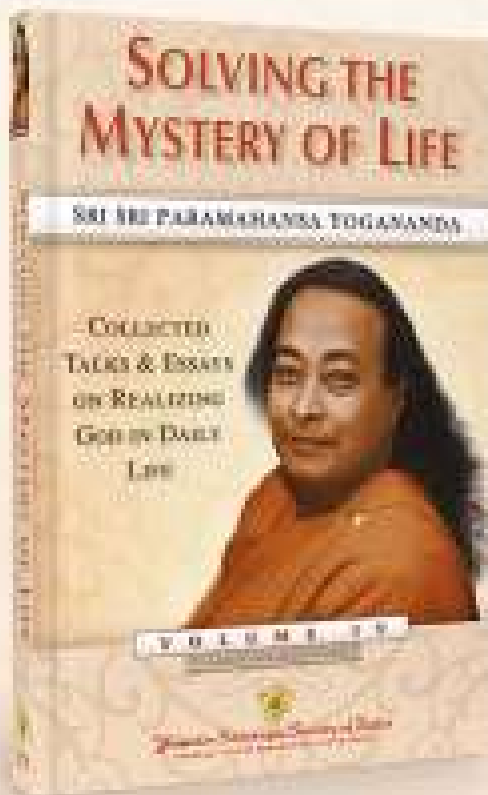
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