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## PROGRAMMES/ ACTIVITIES ORGANISED BY BHAGAVAN GOPINATHJI ASHRAM UDAIWALA, BOHRI, JAMMU

### RELEASE OF "BHAGAVAN GOPINATHJI SAHASRANAM":

It is a matter of immense pleasure for the entire family of Bhagavaanji's devotees that the "Bhagavaan Gopinathji Sahasranam" was released by the President of the Trust on the 5<sup>th</sup> of June, 2005 at Jammu Ashram. The Swahkaras that were performed on the Bhagavaan's Mahayajnya day included the Swahkara of the thousand names of Bhagavaanji this year. Henceforth, it will be performed along with the other Swahkara on the Mahayajnya day.

The Trust owes its gratitude to Dr. Balj Nath Pandit, Dr. Badri Nath Kalla, the late Sh. Dina Nath Shastri (Yaksh), Sh. Omkar Nathji Ganjoo, Sh. Shiv Narayan Shastri, Kumari Shivani Khazanchi, Prof. Makhan Lal Kokiloo and Prof. O.N.Chrangoo for their invaluable contribution in bringing out the "Bhagavaan Gopinathji Sahasranam". The Trust appreciates the untiring effort of Sh. Rajinder Kampassi for type-setting the material.

You may include the "Bhagavaan Gopinathji Sahasranam" as an invaluable piece in your collection of books on spirituality. The book costs Rs.30/- plus postage charges.

### MAHAJYAJNYA:

In memory of Jagad Guru Bhagavaan Gopinathji, the annual *Mahayajnya* was performed at the Jammu Ashram on Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup> of June 2005. Thousands of devotees attended the Mahayajnya and there was intense activity throughout the day. The number of devotees who came to the Ashram from early morning went on rising steadily and the congregation swelled to thousands. Devotees thronged the Ashram to pay their obeisance to Bhagavaanji braving the extreme hot weather conditions.

The 'Yajnya' ceremony began actually on the previous evening accompanied by bhajans and

kirtan. The Mahayajnya ceremony was over at 01:00 p.m. followed by mass prayer for universal peace and the uplift of humanity. The Trust



complimented the physical services received from the youth – small children and teenagers especially – in carrying out the activities of the Trust.

Mahayajnya was also performed at Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi, Kharyar, Srinagar, Kashmir, HMT Colony, Bangalore, Narmedeshvar Temple, Mumbai, Jullandar and at various other places in the country and abroad.

### PAINTING COMPETITION:

In order to promote talent and Bhagavaan Consciousness among children, Bhagavaan Gopinathji Trust organized a children art competition at Jammu Ashram on the 26<sup>th</sup> of June, 2005 at 9 a.m. The aim of such activities is to provide opportunities to young children to express themselves through colours and feelings and thus derive joy for themselves.

Sh. Balwant Thakur, former Secretary, Cultural Academy, renowned Director and an eminent Dramatist was the Chief Guest. He appreciated the efforts put in by the Trust to promote talent and Bhagavaan Consciousness in the youth. The President of the Trust, Ms. Jai Kishori Patwari, while welcoming the Chief Guest and the

young children and their parents, said that the Trust organized such programmes at the Ashram to inculcate moral and spiritual values in the youth.



Sh. Balwant Thakur was decorated with a shawl on the occasion. Sh. T.K. Shishoo, Designer, acted as the Judge.

310 children participated in the competition under three categories. Certificates and Trophies were given to those who secured first, second and third position in each category and all other participants were given certificates. The participants who bagged 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the senior group are Ms. Pamila Raina, Ms. Sheetal Raina and Ms. Aarti Pandita respectively. In Junior group Master Vivek Sathu, Ms. Deepika Koul and Master Abhishiek Koul got the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize respectively. Ms. Simriti Raina, Master Sarub Dhar and Ms. Vishali Raina got the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> prize in the Sub-Junior group category. Consolation prizes were also given to Master Raghav Gupta of Sub-Junior group and Ms. Sakshi Pandita of Senior group.

A vote of thanks was presented by the President of the Trust on the occasion.

### MAHAJAYANTI:

108<sup>th</sup> Mahajayanti of Jagad Guru Bhagavaan Gopinathji was celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, 2005



at Jammu Ashram with great enthusiasm. The number of devotees who came to the Ashram from early morning went on rising steadily and the congregation swelled to thousands. Devotees

thronged the Ashram at Bohri throughout the day to pay obeisance to the Bhagavaan. The Ashram at Bohri is a *Sidha-peeth* for the devotees who visit the Ashram. Their both spiritual and mundane aspects are being taken care off.

The programme started with the Paduka Pujan at 8:30 a.m. that is worshipping a symbolic Paduka (a wooden *Kharavoon*) of Bhagavaanji's. Then hundreds of sadhus were fed, and given *dakshinaa* (cash offerings). The same had been the practice during Bhagavaanji's life time.

Devotional songs and music followed, and continued till late in the evening. The evening *Aarti* concluded at 7:30 p.m. There was intense activity throughout the day. Thousands of devotees partook of the Prasad.

Mahajayanti was also celebrated at Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi, Kharyar, Srinagar, Kashmir, HMT Colony, Bangalore, Narmedeshvar Temple, Mumbai, Jullandar and at various other places in the country and abroad.

### GURU PURNIMA:

Bhagavaan Gopinathji Trust organized another important festival, "Guru Purnima", at Jammu Ashram on the 21<sup>st</sup> of July, 2005 as an auspicious day of great spiritual significance. The event has a lot to do with the spiritual evolution of an earnest seeker. Disciples worship their respective Gurus on this day.

On this day, a *Pushp Archana* homa was held at the feet of the Master in the Ashram at Jammu at 8.00 a.m. sharp in which one thousand "Nam Mantras" were chanted in adoration of Bhagavaanji.

There was, as usual, an active participation of the devotees in the function. Devotees thronged the Ashram premises early in the morning and the congregation had an ecstatic experience of the devotion to the Guru.



Prayers were offered for universal peace, brotherhood and uplift of humanity. The celebrations came to an end at 1 p.m. All the devotees partook of light refreshment.

## PROGRAMMES/ ACTIVITIES HELD AT OTHER CENTRES

### ACTIVITIES HELD AT BHAGAVAN GOPINATHJI ASHRAM, KHARYAR, SRINAGAR, KASHMIR:

An annual Mahayajnya of Bhagavaan Gopinathji was performed on the 8<sup>th</sup> of June, 2005 at Srinagar Ashram. The Mahayajnya ceremony actually began on the previous evening accompanied by bhajans and kirtan. Around 50 devotees stayed for the intervening night of 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2005 to make and supervise the arrangements for the Mahayajnya. Milk bath and change of dress of Bhagavaanji took place at midnight. Around 1500 devotees participated in the Hawan ceremony and prasad was served to one and all. The devotees experienced intense joy and satisfaction on the culmination of Mahayajnya in view of the turmoil in the Valley.

### CELEBRATION OF 108TH MAHAJAYANTI OF BHAGAVANJI AT JULLANDAR ON THE 18TH OF JULY, 2005:

108<sup>th</sup> Mahajayanti of Bhagavaanji was celebrated at 3/4, Shivalik Apartments, Jullandar on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July, 2005. Devotees from all walks of life thronged the place right from the morning hours and paid obeisance to the Bhagavaan followed by Homa and Aarti. All the devotees partook of the prasad and left the place fully satisfied.



### AMENDMENT IN THE TRUST CONSTITUTION:

After several deliberations held in the Board of Trustees meetings, certain amendments have been made in the Trust constitution with a view to allowing the Trust Board to take some important decisions in the interest of the Trust in view of the coming up of Ashrams and Satsang Mandals across the country and abroad. The amended constitution has been adopted in the Board of Trustees meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2005 at Pampsh Enclave, New Delhi Ashram.

### PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES OF THE TRUST:

The Trust has been carrying out spiritually educative programmes and humanitarian activities (including help to the destitute, handicapped, ailing person and poor meritorious children) on a regular basis. The amount paid till August, 2005 of the current financial year on this account is as follows:

Destitute Aid	=	Rs.39,000.00
Education Aid	=	Rs.46,850.00
Handicapped Aid	=	Rs.10,100.00
Medical Aid	=	Rs.10,900.00
One Time Medical Aid	=	Rs.19,000.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>	<b>Rs.1,25,850.00</b>
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### ACQUISITION OF HOUSES ADJACENT TO THE SRINAGAR ASHRAM:

It has been decided in the Board of Trustees meeting held at New Delhi Ashram on the 31<sup>st</sup> of July, 2005 to acquire a few houses adjacent to Srinagar Ashram in view of the phenomenal expansion of the Trust activities there. It is being felt that if the houses are not acquired now, these may be acquired by some one else which may prove detrimental to the cause of spreading of Bhagavaan Consciousness in future.

### ACQUISITION OF A HOUSE ADJACENT TO THE JAMMU ASHRAM:

The house adjacent to the Jammu Ashram has been acquired through a sale-deed at a cost of Rs.6.60 lacs including the registration charges.

The necessity to acquire the house was felt due to the fact that the said house falls within the ambit of Ashram expansion and it would serve as "Dharam Shalla" and the outstation devotees would feel delight in staying there for a day or so.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### EXHIBITION/ SALE OF OFFERINGS TO BHAGAVANJI:

The exhibition/ sale of offerings to Bhagavaanji will take place on the 4<sup>th</sup> of Nov., 2005 at 10 a.m. sharp in the premises of Jammu Ashram. All items including shawls, *pherans*, towels, *mallas* etc will be put on exhibition/ sale on this day.

### BAL-DIVAS:

The Bhagavaan Gopinathji Ashram, Jammu shall observe the Bal-Divas on the 25<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2005. It will be gratifying to watch hundreds of children participating in the event. The programme shall start at 10:00 a.m. sharp with Bhagavaanji's *Aarti* with the children taking the lead. All the children will be suitably awarded (through gifts). It will be also observed at Bhagavaan Gopinathji Ashrams at I) Pamposh Enclave, New Delhi , II) Kharyar, Srinagar, Kashmir.

### RELEASE OF BOOK ON "SAINTS OF EMINENCE":

As all are aware, Bhagavaan Gopinathji Trust had organized a photo exhibition of "Saints of

Eminence" at Jammu Ashram for a week from the 27<sup>th</sup> of Oct., 2002 to 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov., 2002. The Trust compiled the photographs of 81 saints along with the biographical material into a compact volume, which is now under print and is likely to be released in the month of Nov., 2005. More facts about the saints kept coming and had to be incorporated in their already written brief bio-graphical sketches, delayed its release on the Mahajayanti day.

### BHAKTI SANGEET:

The Trust remains usefully involved in carrying out various programmes aimed at promoting Bhagavaan Consciousness.

Prem Sangeet Niketan, Jammu has proposed to hold a musical concert (including Leelas & Bhajan) dedicated to the Bhagavaan at Jammu Ashram. The President of the Prem Sangeet Niketan has conveyed to us that their artists will offer their services with utmost pleasure. The date of holding of the musical concert will be communicated to you as and when it is fixed.

## TO OUR READERS

Suggestions with regard to the improvement in the contents and shape of the News Letter are welcome.

This is an attempt to keep our devotees abreast of the activities/ programmes of the Trust held/ to be held at various Centres across the country and abroad.

We also look forward to receive from the Organisers concerned, the details of the Programmes held at various Centres and Satsang Mandals of Bhagavaanji for publication in the coming issue of the News Letter. The reports covering the programmes should be mailed to the President of the Trust, Bhagavaan Gopinathji Ashram, Udaiwala, Bohri, Jammu.

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