



Ayurveda through Sanskrit,
Magod



Soundarya, Magod



Navaratra,
Ganeshpuri



Workshop, Haridwar



College students' camp, Walden

2018 Giving for the New Year

Dear Friends,

As we transition into 2019, let us take a moment to reflect on the highlights of this past year.

For the past 36 years, Gurudev Nityananda has been tirelessly carrying on Baba Muktananda's mission of "meditation revolution" around the world. This year, besides spending long stays at the ashrams in Magod, Gujarat, and Walden, New York, Gurudev conducted Satsang tours in North India and Argentina. Furthermore, Gurudev inaugurated the celebration of three major festivals at the new Shanti Mandir ashram in Ganeshpuri: Navaratra, Guru Poornima, and Bhagavan Nityananda's punyatithi.

Community Satsangs in North India and on the east coast of USA continue to bring Satsang to the living rooms of seekers. In addition, this year, a fortnight-long lecture tour on the scriptures was conducted in Florida, USA. At Shanti Mandir, Kankhal, besides the daily classes on Vedic chanting, a monthlong workshop on Vedic rituals was organized to further help spread the knowledge of Vedic practices in that holy area at the foothills of the Himalayas.

Two events this year served as major milestones in Shanti Mandir's endeavor to establish the Walden ashram as a hub of Indian classical music in upstate New York: a concert by Sri Rahul Sharma, son of the legendary Pt. Shivkumar Sharma, and a five-day workshop by the legendary Pt. Jasraj. Three books were released at Shanti Mandir, Walden, this year, including the Spanish translation of *Conversations with Gurudev (Volume 1)* and the *Sri Guru Gita*, a new word-by-word translation, which will be the subject of Satsang in 2019. The infrastructure of Shanti Mandir, Walden, continues to allow it to regularly hold yoga classes, workshops, retreats, ceremonies, and camps. The planning of a new building is currently underway with the goal of its completion in November 2019.

At Shanti Mandir, Magod, teaching Ayurveda through Sanskrit has been inaugurated, an endeavor of the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi. Soundarya, a project to offer Ayurvedic skin care products, was launched at Magod. The faculty of Punarnava, the Ayurvedic Wellness Center, offered two workshops on yoga for doctors and nurses under AYUSH, a governmental body in India. Students and alumni of Shri Muktananda Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya were invited for recitation and ceremonies at the Prempuri ashram in Mumbai. Kailas Rasalaya restaurant was launched on the Magod ashram premises that offers fresh, healthy, and delicious meals. The Magod ashram conducted a session to educate the local students and faculty about the benefits of a Vedic lifestyle, under National Service Scheme, a government-sponsored public service program.

Along with monetary assistance to ensure maintenance of the ashrams and initiation of new endeavors and projects, your attendance to the programs, stay at the ashrams, and purchases from the gift shop and Annam bakery help us sustain the ashrams and continue to spread the teachings.

We invite you to consider directing your monetary grace towards Shanti Mandir in your giving plans for the year. You can donate by either mailing a check (to 51 Muktananda Marg, Walden, NY 12586) or by clicking <https://www.shantimandir.com/shop/general-fund-donation/> (your donations made online are individually seen by us, and they will be used for the purpose you specify via the website). *Kindly know that your donations are tax-deductible.*

We encourage you to make plans to spend time at the ashrams and in Gurudev's presence next year.

With heartfelt gratitude from all of us at Shanti Mandir,

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Community Satsang, Argentina



Yoga for doctors, Magod



Rahul Sharma, Walden



Book release, Walden



Gift shop, Walden