

## JYOTI TRUST CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

This year has been another quiet one for the Trust as we still are waiting to obtain permission to send donations to the Ashram in India.

We are assured it will be forthcoming, but so far, no result. If nothing else, we are being taught the importance of patience. As stated last year, the Trust is not seeking donations, not until we have the necessary permissions.

The Trust was created in London in 1999 by Sitaram Jaiswal because he believed: "That the Vedic scriptures and philosophical teachings of ancient India and the Sanskrita language have offered and continue to offer answers to the spiritual and moral dilemmas of our time; and that the centres of teaching and learning in these subjects require support and maintenance if they are to continue to nourish the West."

And as soon as we have the necessary authorisations, we will resume donations. There is plenty of work to be done.

At the 2019 audience, His Holiness said: "Everything has become time worn. Everything needs to be done. Together with this, the restoration of Jyotir Math has also to take place. It has become old. It was built seventy years ago, from sand, stone and wood..."

He also spoke of his determination to get the study of the Atharvaveda started: "Give this some thought. Together with the restoration of the Ashram, Vedic and philosophical work is being done and must be done. It should be kept going. I want to advance the Veda again ..."

The translation into English of the book written by the present Śaṅkarāchārya, Śrī Vāsudevānanda Sarasvatī, about his guru and predecessor, Śrī Śāntānanda Sarasvatī, has been presented to His Holiness in January of this year and we await his approval.

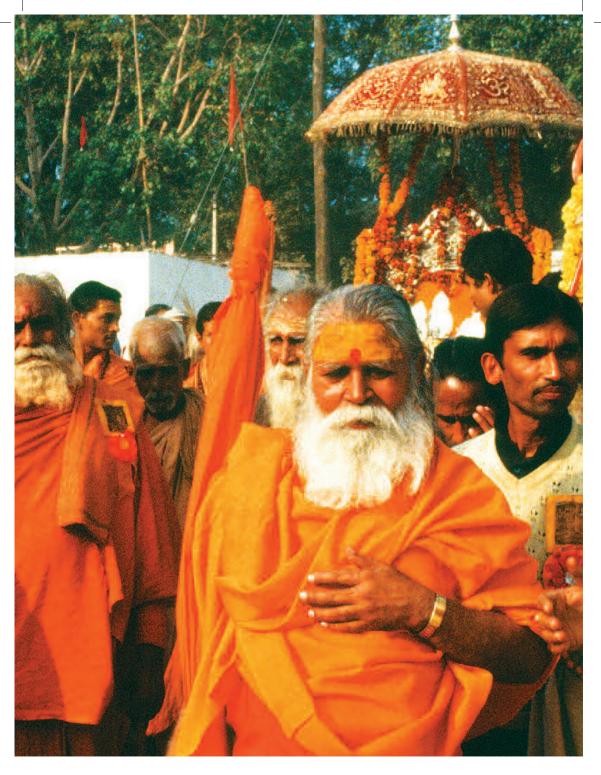
The Sanskritpro type face developed by the Trust for worldwide use is steadily spreading its wings. To date we have 820 downloads with a further 181 this year. It is encouraging to see that the demand from India, the home of Sanskrit, has gone from 8 to 24 downloads.

This year the Tradition Booklet is being produced by the School in Melbourne. To obtain a printable form, please visit our website.

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