

FEBRUARY 2024

# CHYK WEST

YOUTH POTENTIAL + DYNAMIC SPIRITUALITY

*JAI SHRI RAM!*

*EXPLORE PUJYA  
GURUDEV'S VISION  
FOR AYODHYA'S  
RAM MANDIR*

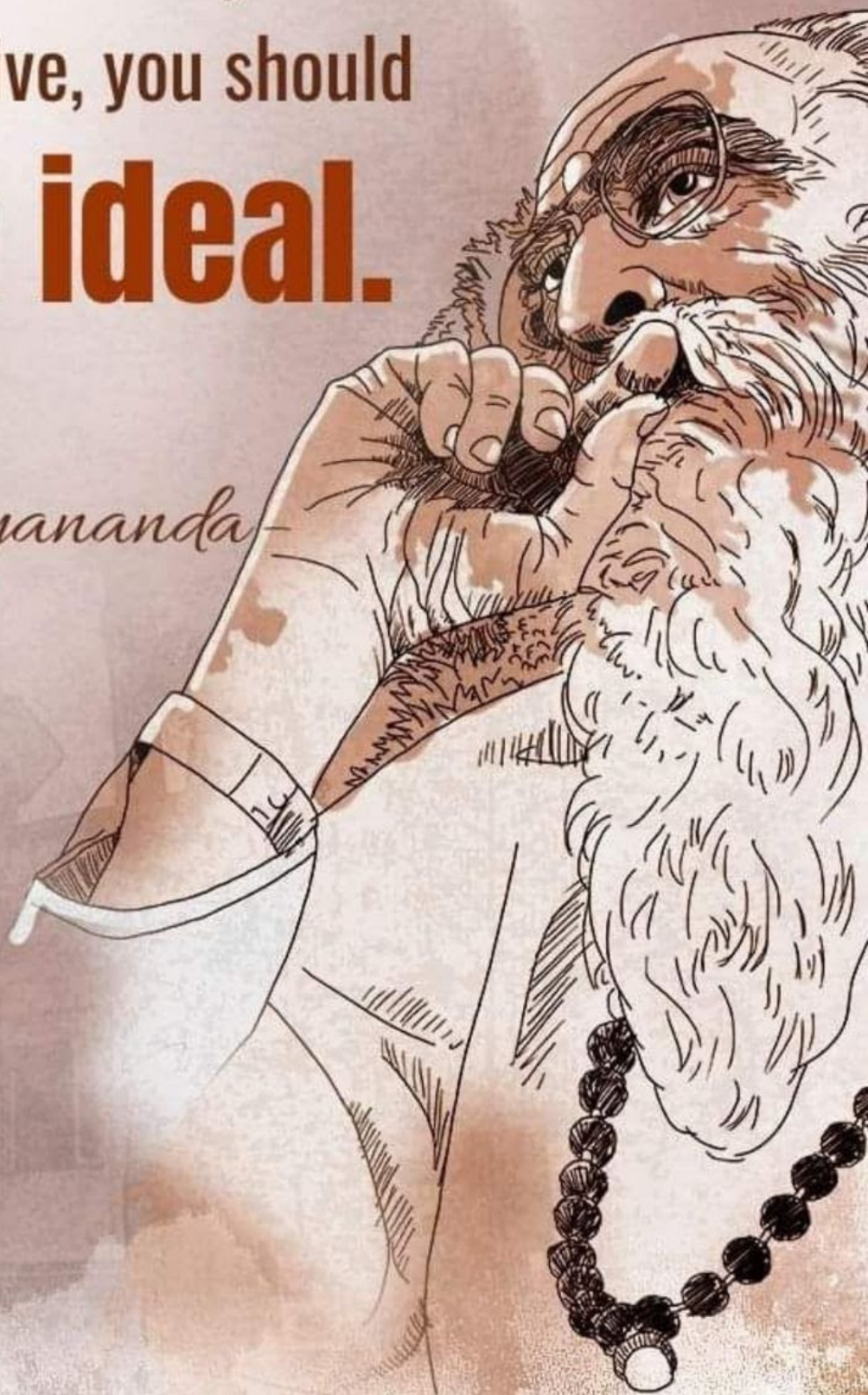






Everybody exists. It is only the  
few who live. To live, you should  
**have an ideal.**

*Swami Chinmayananda*



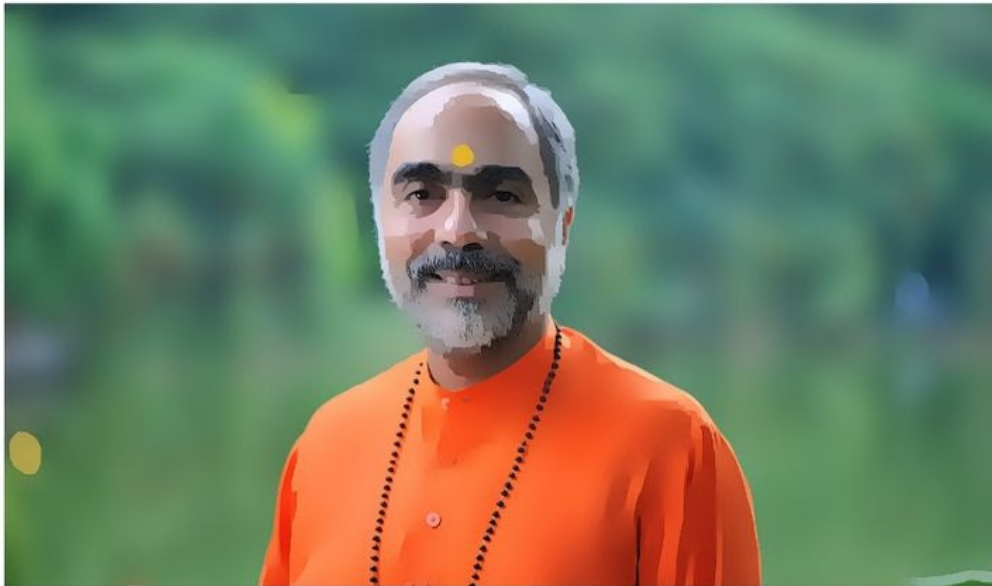


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pujya swamiji's message

# DO NOT DESPAIR, IT WILL HAPPEN!



Jai Shri Ram! Jai Shri Ram! Jai Shri Ram!

It was on the ninth of November in 1990 that Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda ji, who had inspired and guided many to know and to recognize the importance of the temple at Shri Ram Janma Bhoomi in Ayodhya, wrote to a devotee - "do not despair. It will happen."

Is it a matter of coincidence or divine grace that the efforts of so many bore fruit on the ninth of November in 2019 where the verdict was given that we can build? The temple has been an ideal for millions of people across generations. Many, many devotees have aspired for and sacrificed for this temple. It represents our culture and our ideals and has integrated the people for this one common cause.

**SWAMI SWAROOPANANDA**  
Global Head, Chinmaya Mission

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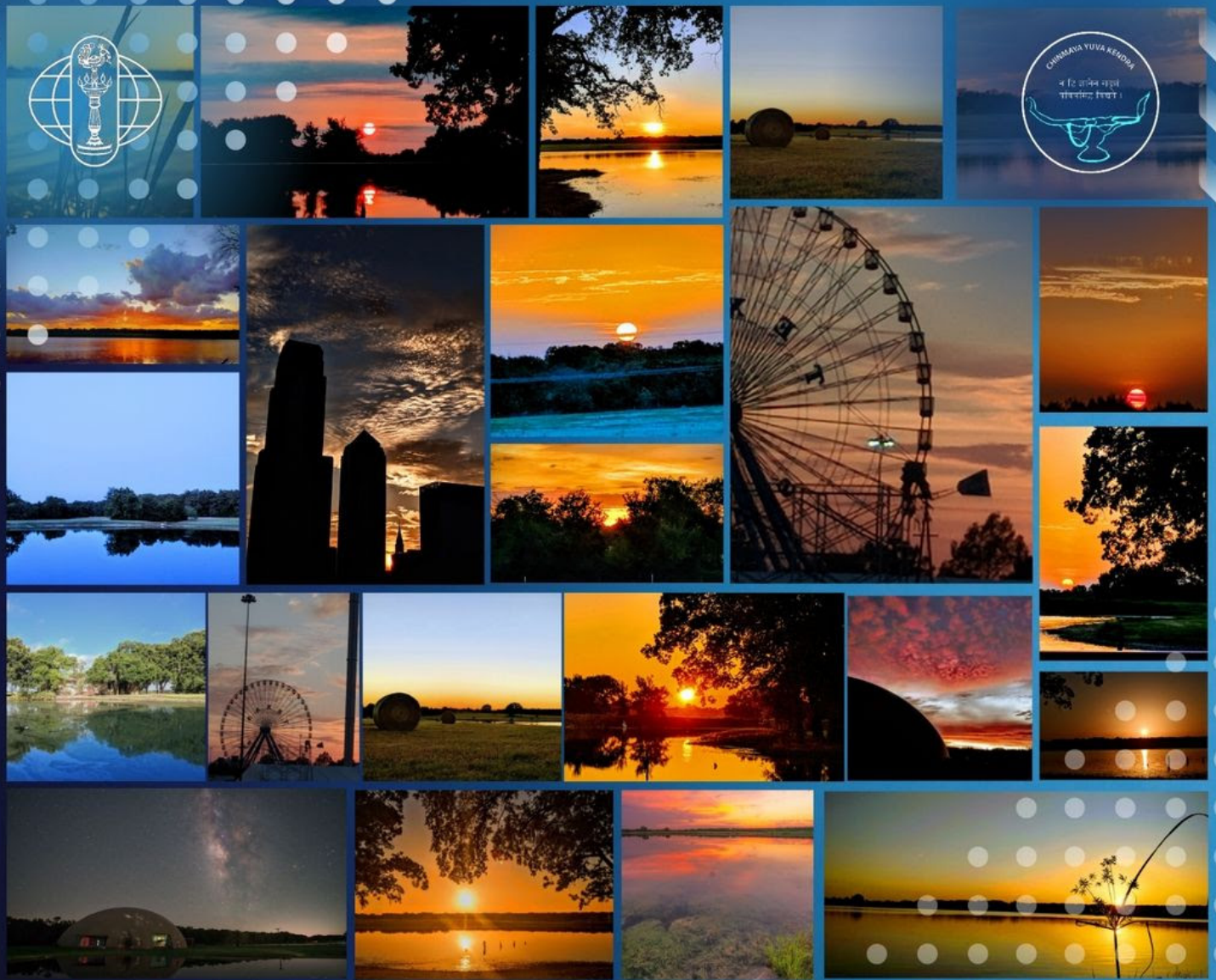
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# Youth Empowerment Program

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DATE  
JUNE 10 - JULY 19, 2024



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COST

**\$2,000**





Why is Bhagavan Shri Rama considered a civilizational hero? Bharata stands out as a living testament to an ancient culture, unique in its continuity through millennia. While other ancient civilizations have faded into obscurity or exist only in fragments within museums, Bharata's cultural heritage endures.

Bhagavan Shri Rama's story serves as a beacon of memory against the relentless march of time. His life exemplifies the essence of Bharatiya civilization, serving as a reminder of our identity and values.

What does Bhagavan Shri Rama teach India and our civilization? Beyond his roles as a king and ruler, Shri Rama embodies essential principles that define our civilization. Shri Rama's unwavering commitment to upholding law and order underscores the importance of a just and stable society. His adherence to legal principles, even in the face of personal challenges, highlights the significance of a robust legal framework in ensuring societal harmony. Shri Rama's efforts to ensure the safety and security of his subjects reflect the responsibilities of a compassionate ruler. His valor and courage in protecting his kingdom from external threats inspire notions of bravery and resilience in the face of adversity.

Shri Rama's support for education and knowledge dissemination highlights the role of enlightenment in societal development. His patronage of scholars and sages underscores the importance of intellectual pursuits in shaping a cultured and enlightened society.

His governance, commitment to law and order, focus on safety, development of infrastructure, and promotion of education serve as timeless examples. However, his most profound teachings are philosophical, shaping the very ethos of our civilization and guiding its future trajectory.



# 2024 CHYK Satsang Series



## Coming Up: Sunday, March 3rd



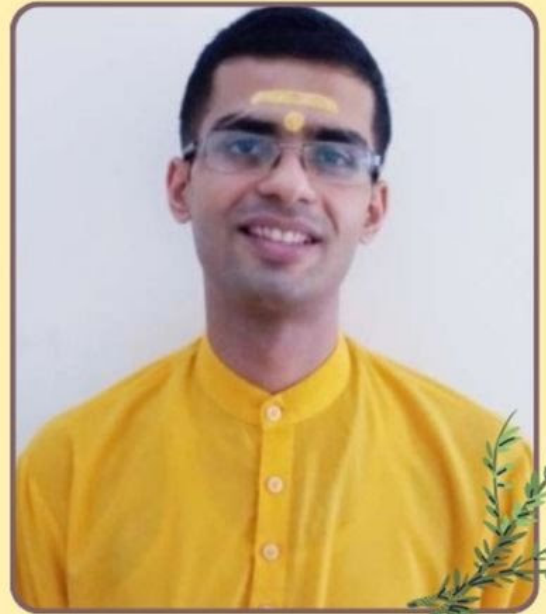
### Living Excellence

Br. Soham Chaitanya

**Day:** Sunday, March 3

**Time:** 8pm ET/ 7pm CT/ 5pm PT

**Location:** Zoom



**Register:** <http://tinyurl.com/CHYK-Satsang>

\*Past registrants need not register again\*



Pujya Gurudev's views on why a temple should be built in Ayodhya were crystal clear and verbalized during his lifetime.

Pujya Gurudev's understanding of Ayodhya's historical and cultural significance went beyond rhetoric. By likening Ayodhya to 'Ayuddha' (no conflict), he underscored the spiritual essence of the Ram temple issue. His vision extended beyond mere construction; it embraced the idea that the temple represented a beacon of peace and progress, fostering unity and harmony among people. Pujya Gurudev fearlessly confronted misconceptions surrounding secularism, asserting that true secularism transcended religious favoritism.

The master's defense of the Ram temple in Ayodhya wasn't merely about asserting religious rights but was rooted in a deep sense of cultural identity and heritage. His analogy of rejecting the temple akin to rejecting a spouse poignantly underscored the emotional and spiritual significance attached to the temple for millions of Hindus, emphasizing the need to honor and preserve cultural legacy. Despite advocating for the temple's construction, Pujya Gurudev displayed pragmatism by calling for diplomatic solutions to the Ayodhya issue. His emphasis on dialogue and peaceful resolution underscored his commitment to fostering understanding and reconciliation, even in the face of deeply entrenched differences.

His concern for national unity transcended religious boundaries. By criticizing divisive actions and advocating for policies that uplifted all sections of society, he embodied the spirit of inclusivity and solidarity, essential for fostering a cohesive and harmonious nation. Pujya Gurudev's unwavering moral compass was evident in his condemnation of anti-national behavior and his advocacy for marginalized communities. His commitment to national welfare was grounded in a deep sense of love and compassion for all citizens, irrespective of their backgrounds or beliefs.

Pujya Gurudev's invocation of historical and global parallels enriched the discourse surrounding the Ayodhya issue. By drawing comparisons with significant events like the fall of the Berlin Wall, he highlighted the universality of struggles for justice and the imperative of taking decisive action in the face of perceived injustices. Pujya Gurudev's perspective on the role of spiritual leaders in politics underscored his belief in the transformative power of selflessness and service. His emphasis on integrity and selflessness in political leadership reflected a profound commitment to upholding ethical standards and prioritizing the greater good over personal gain.

In essence, Pujya Gurudev's multifaceted approach to the Ayodhya issue exemplified a blend of spiritual wisdom, moral courage, and pragmatic diplomacy aimed at fostering peace, justice, and unity in society.

*Sattvic*

# GAME NIGHT



Day: Sunday, March 17

Time: 8pm ET/ 7pm CT/ 5pm PT

Register: See link below\*

Let's take some time to unwind,  
reconnect with CHYKs, and  
**play some games!**



CHYKs + games = fun!

\*<http://tinyurl.com/Sattvic-game-night>





## active chyk west study groups

Region	Hosting Center	Date & Time	Format	Facilitator	Contact Email	CHYK or CSK	Current Text
West	San Jose, CA	Thursdays 7:30-8:45 pm PT	Online	Br. Soham Chaitanya	chyk@cmsj.org	CHYKs & CSKs	Bhagavad Gita – Ch 18
West	San Diego, CA	Biweekly, Saturdays 5:00-6:30pm PT	Online	Srinivas Sukumar	mihirpandya123@yahoo.com	CHYKs & CSKs	Storm to Perform
West	Seattle, WA	Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm PT	In-Person	Prachiti Dhamankar	dhamankar.prachiti@gmail.com	CHYKs	Self-Unfoldment
West	Vancouver, BC, Canada	Sundays 10:00-11:00am PT	In-Person	Sheetal Gupta	sheetalgupta99@gmail.com	CHYKs	Yaksha Prashna
Central	Chicago, IL	Wednesdays 7:30-8:30pm CT	Online	Dhiren Khatri	anuraag.aekka@gmail.com	CHYKs & CSKs	Bhagavad Gita – Ch 7
Central	Dallas, TX	Mondays 7:00-8:00pm CT	Online	Br. Hari Chaitanya	br.harichaitanya@gmail.com	CHYKs	Bhagavad Gita - Ch 2
Central	Austin, TX	Fridays 12:00-1:00pm CT	In-person	Priya Kumar	priyak1010@gmail.com	CHYKs	Kindle Life
East	Atlanta, GA	Saturdays 10:00-11:00am ET	Online	Brni. Jyoti Chaitanya	jyoti@chinmayamission.org	CHYKs	Tattvabodha
East	Boston, MA	Monthly, Sundays 6:00-7:00pm ET	In-person	Sapna Rao	bostonchyks@gmail.com	CHYKs & CSKs	Jivan Sutrani (Tips for Happy Living)
East	Branchburg, NJ	Tuesdays 7:30-8:45pm ET	Online	Brni. Akalka	akalkab@gmail.com	CHYKs & CSKs	Kindle Life
East	Buffalo, NY	Sundays 5:00-6:00pm ET	Online	Murali Osuraman	balvihaar@gmail.com	CHYKs	Self Unfoldment
East	New York, NY	Thursdays 7:00-8:15pm ET	Hybrid	Brni. Shubhani Chaitanya	chyk.nyc@gmail.com	CHYKs & CSKs	Meditation and Life
East	Pittsburgh, PA	Thursdays 9:00-10:00pm ET	Hybrid	Shankar Rajupet	shankarrajupet@yahoo.com	CHYKs & CSKs	Yaksha Prashna
East	Washington D.C.	Sundays 4pm – 6pm	In-person	Swami Dheerananda	chyk@chinmayadc.org	CHYKs & CSKs	Informal Satsang
East	Niagara, ON, Canada	Mondays 9:00-10:00pm ET	Online	Vivek Gupta	lifeseva@gmail.com	CHYKs	Vibhishana Gita
East	Toronto, ON, Canada	Tuesdays 7:30-9:00pm ET	Online	Dev and Gina Singh	devandgina@chinmayatoronto.org	CHYKs & CSKs	Vision of Bhagavad Gita
East	Trinidad	Saturday 7pm to 8pm AT	In-person	Motiram Boodoo	boodoo15700@gmail.com	CHYKs & CSKs	Art of Man Making Part 1