



Namo Narayan,

It is my privilege to welcome all of you to the Sat Chandi Mahayajna, now in its 23<sup>rd</sup> year, being performed at Rikhiapeeth, the tapobhumi of Sri Swami Satyananda, during the occasion of Sita Kalyanam from 19<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017. I invite all of you along with your family and friends to come and offer your worship and connect to the bountiful grace of Devi Ma and Puja Gurudev during this auspicious event.

— Srikant Goenka

**Program:**

19 <sup>th</sup> – 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 2017	8 am to 6 pm	Sat Chandi Mahayajna
23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2017	8 am to 5 pm	Purnahuti and Sita Ram Vivah



Namo Narayan,

I warmly welcome you to the Mahamrityunjaya Yajna being held during the Yoga Purnima Celebrations from the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2017 to 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 at Rikhiapeeth to commemorate the birth, life, and teachings of Sri Swami Satyananda. It gives me great pleasure and great honour to extend a warm invitation to all of you along with your family and friends to join in this sacred yajna and to receive the blessings of Shiva and Guru.

— Natwar Rateria

**Program:**

30 <sup>th</sup> Nov – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Dec 2017	8 am to 6 pm	Mahamrityunjaya Yajna
3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec 2017	8 am to 5 pm	Purnahuti and Birthday Celebrations

**Venue:**

Rikhiapeeth, Deoghar,  
Jharkhand, 814113

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(8 to 11 am and 3 to 5 pm)



# An Invitation

## Sat Chandi Mahayajna and Yoga Purnima 2017

**Swami Satyasangananda Saraswati**

Life is a journey that we must travel, a journey that for each of us started many lifetimes ago. It is an arduous voyage along which we face untold tribulations. We have to navigate life through the mists of sorrow and sadness. We have to traverse along the steep and treacherous path of our desires and attachments. We have to toil through valleys of delusion and deserts of despair. We, humankind, are on a collective journey, but for many of us our internal compasses are broken and we are aimlessly wandering with no destination in sight.

Do not be mistaken in thinking that this invitation is merely an offer to attend an event at Rikhipeeth. It is so much more than that. It is an opportunity for you to embark on a new chapter in this journey called life. This is an invitation to free yourself from the shackles of mundane existence. It is an invitation to let your soul take flight. It is an opportunity to let your heart be swept away by the beauty and love of the all-pervading divine presence. This is an invitation to realign your internal compass so that you can again start walking with your destination clearly in sight.

Paramahansa Satyananda Saraswati is a master among all of us soul travellers. So adept is he at this journey of life that he achieved the greatest accomplishment any yogi could wish to attain. By consciously leaving his body on the 5th December 2009 at Rikhipeeth, Paramahansa Satyananda attained Mahasamadhi. He reached the place that each one of us is striving for whether we are conscious of it or not. Paramahansa Satyananda arrived at the soul's only real destination - that of the ultimate union with God.

Not only did Paramahansa Satyananda remind us of the destination that each of us are seeking but he also offered his entire



life as a map as to how we should live. His is a path of selfless service, devotion to God and above all else limitless love for humankind. We need only follow in his footsteps and we too will be able to live lives of simplicity, happiness and peace. Paramahansa Satyananda knew that we would need guidance as we voyaged onwards. He knew that our compasses would fail and that we would lose sight of our destination. He foresaw our difficulties. So in his benevolence, wisdom and compassion Paramahansa Satyananda has ensured that as we continue on our journey home we need not lose our way.

For this he established not one but two magnificent yajnas at Rikhiapeeth. Sat Chandi Mahayajna, to be conducted from the 19th to 23rd November, is an invocation of our Divine Mother. Yoga Purnima, to be conducted from 30th November to 3rd December, is an invocation of our Divine Father. These two extremely powerful worships use the ancient wisdoms to bring peace, plenty and prosperity to all humankind.

**‘The purpose of yajna is to connect with the higher, compassionate and benevolent energy, to connect with the cosmic Self.’**

**—Paramahansa Satyananda**

By invoking the Universal Mother and Universal Father their cosmic love, grace and blessings cascade down on us. Just as any loving parents, Devi Ma and Shiva take great care of us, their children. We are like babes taking our first stumbling steps into the safety of our parent’s outstretched arms. They in their eternal compassion remove any difficulties and obstacles which may hinder us on our journey back into their loving embrace.

Very significant events culminate the final days of these two abundant yajnas. Sat Chandi Mahayajna will conclude with the ancient ceremony of kanya puja during which the kanyas of Rikhiapeeth will be honoured as the symbols of our Divine Mother. This will be followed by the ever vibrant and lively Sita Ram Vivah representing the divine union between the cosmic forces. On the last day of Yoga Purnima we celebrate the birth of Paramhansa Satyananda. It is a chance for us to offer our humble gratitude and devotion to him for all the positivity and transformation that he has brought into our lives.

Along with the beacon of yajna, Paramahansa Satyananda has also given us the banner of yoga under which we can shelter. The



knowledge of yoga is one of his greatest gifts to humankind. He knew that together yajna and yoga would be the remedy that a wayward wanderer was seeking on his journey through life. For this reason Yoga Purnima will coincide with the Kriya Yoga and Tattwa Shuddhi Sadhana Satra, to be conducted from 27th November to 3rd December, so that all those who wish to experience the miracle of yajna and the magic of yoga together will be able to do so.

If yajna is the beacon and yoga is the banner for each of us seekers, then Swami Niranjanananda Saraswati and Swami Satyasangananda Saraswati who preside over these events are most certainly our esteemed and accomplished guides. It is through them that we are able to remember that although our journey may at times be hard it is by no means without happiness, wonder and rapture. With their effervescent natures they bring us joy. Through their insights they give us peace of mind. Through their wisdom they offer us understanding and through their love they fill our hearts with light. It is always an honour and a blessing to have them lead us through these two magnificent yajnas.

On behalf of our paramguru Swami Sivananda and Paramahansa Satyananda you, your friends and family are warmly invited to attend Sat Chandi Mahayajna and Yoga Purnima so that we may travel together awhile on this mysterious journey of life.