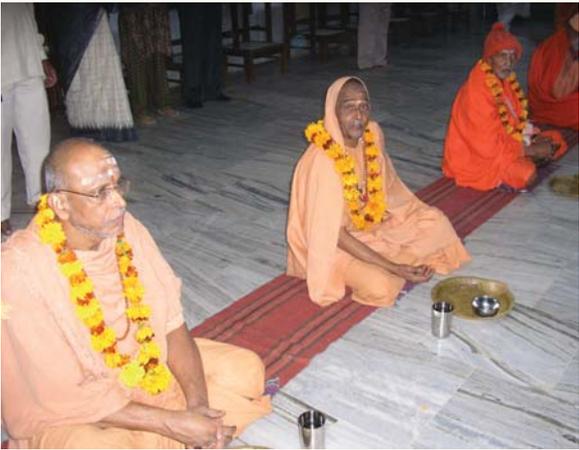




Swamini Manishananda endeared herself to the people who visited the ashram at Rishikesh. A very well determined person, Swamini left everything she had in Mumbai to pursue a dedicated spiritual life. She had a sense of fulfilment in her pursuit. Even though she is no more physically, she will continue to live in the hearts of all those who loved and cared for her.

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SHODASI BHANDARA OF SWAMINEE MANISHAAMMA



Shodasi Bhandara of Manisha Amma was observed on the 13th of November 2009 at Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh with solemnity and dignity. In this bhandara sixteen Sanyasee Swamijeas from prominent Ashrams of Rishikesh were invited and given sixteen items of daily use to a Sadhu. The sadhus were from Kailas Ashram, Shivananda Ashram, Parmartha Niketan, Vismamitra Ashram, Nepali Kshetra, Mangla Ashram etc. The total cost of sixteen items was more than Rs. 2000.00 and a dakshina of Rs. 1000.00 was given to each sadhu. Further eight Swaminees of Dashanami Sampradaya, were also invited and were given items useful to them with dakshina. Besides sixteen sadhus, hundred sadhus were invited for this bhandara and were given good dakshina.

Swaminee Manisha Amma was residing in the Ashram for the past about 31 years and had become inseparable part of the Ashram life. The shodasi bhandara was a touching sight for the residents and staff members of the Ashram. They felt the vacuum without the prominent and lively presence of Swami Amma of the Ashram. Swami Suddhanandji, Managing Trustee of Sri Gangadhareshwara Trust conducted the entire ceremony of shodasi bhandara as per the tradition. The chanting of slokas and subhasitams by the Swamijis enhanced the solemnity of the bhandara. The bhandara ended with the last chant and all the participating Swamijis just disappeared like a flash.