



Nitygnihotri

The only Agnihotri of Samaveda (Jaiminiya)



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Diplomate American Board of Pediatrics.
- Date of Birth** -
- Gotra** - Shandilya (Jaimineeya Shakha, Samaveda)
- Ved Adhyayan** - Partly Study of Samaved from Books.
- Agnyadhan** - In May 2000, according to Apastamba Sutra.
- Yag performed** - Nityagnihotra, daily Prataha - Sayam Homas.
- Special** - After studying at Presidency College and R.G.Kar Medical College in Kolkata, he went to USA for higher studies in 1975 and living there since. He is board certified by American Board of Obsterics and Gynecology, a fellow of the American College of Obstericians and Gynecologist, American College of Surgeons, American Gynecologic urology society , American society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology as well as member of a few Professional Medical Society there in USA. He practices at Memphis, Tennessee. He developed interest in Sanskrit, Vedic chanting and Srautha Karma at an early age. Late Professor Gourinath Sastri, Ex Vice Chancelor Benaras Sanskrit University encouraged him to study further. Being away from India and in spite of the difficulty of being a Medical Practitioner, he self studied in Sanskrit disciplines and finally got initiated into Agnihotra on May 1, 2000 near Kumbakonam, Tamilnadu at the guidance of HH, the 45th Azhagiya singer of Sri Ahobila mutt. He is very serious about these vedic rituals and under the tutelage of Mahamohapadyaya Padmavibhushana Agnihotram Ramanuja Thathacharia of Chennai-Kumbhakonam. He feels like he will be able to enter the sanctum sanctorum of Agni, understanding the inner meanings of the rituals.His devotion and sincerity is well explained in an interview with the Hindu on June 15th , 2001 issue and also on September 13th 2002. Searching for the inner meaning of this age old tradition as practiced by different Vedic disciplines, Dr Dirghangi has traveled extensively in India going from remote





village to village seeking the help of masters in this Sroutha practice. Thus coming to understand the subtle difference in the practical aspect of agnihotra as practiced by different sroutha sutra followers like Apasthambiya, Asvalayana, Vaikhanasa, Manava, Vadhula etc. Though born in a Samavedin family, he was initiated in the practice according to Apastambha Sroutha Sutra of Krishna – Yajurveda tradition. Though a Sri Vaishnava, he is an ardent devotee of his holiness Sri kanchi Kamakothi Peethadhipathi Jagadguru Sri Jayendra Saraswathi and Vijayendra Saraswathi samigal whom he visits often. Explaining the importance of Karma Kanda, the late Mahaswami of Kanchi, Paramapoojya Chandra Sekharendra Saraswathi Swamigal once said, "The Vedas and Vedanta are not at variance with one another. The Karmakanda prepares us for Vedanta or Gyana Kanda, the former has to do with this world and with many deities and the adherents are subject to the three Gunas, but it is the first step to go beyond the three Gunas and to sever oneself from worldly existence. If we perform the rites laid down in the Karma Kanda, keeping in mind their true purpose, we shall naturally be qualifying for Gyana Kanda. (Hindu Dharma : The Universal Way of Life – Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Publication). He thinks this statement echoed late : Gourinath Sastriji's vision and he wants to practice it as best as he can. Besides practicing and teaching Obstetrics and Gynecology, he is studying to perform a Somayagam according to Vadhula tradition under the guidance of Sri Gavamayan Satri Nana Kale. Nanaji feels Vadhula tradition will be extinct soon and this way the vedaraksha will be done. The Somayaji Namboodiris associated with Brahmaswom Madhom, Thrissure, Kerala are also his inspiration. Dr Dirghangi is also constructing a beautiful temple for SriRama Parivar, 108 Salagrama sila, Dakshina Murthy, Kanyakumari Amman and Sri Bhadrakali. This temple also has spacious Yagashala, Goshala, Ratha shala with beautiful brand new Ratham from Tamilnadu. Also includes a Bungalow for the family and guests, pushakrani and garden. Surrounding this temple are auspicious trees such as Plokshya, Palasha, Pipal, Udumbara, Shami, Vaikankota, Khadir, Bel and believe or not "Somavalli" from the mountains of Maharashtra. The MahaSamprokshanam/Kumbhabhishekam will be performed on Jaishta Purnima (Bhoomi Purnima) around June 2006. This temple complex is located at his native vilage Jayantipur, Post Office and Police Station and Taluk Chandrakona, Paschim Medinipur Dist West Bengal Pin : 721201. This place is about 30 miles north of Khargpur (famous for IIT) , 10 miles south west to Jayarambati/Kamarpukur (famous for Ramakrishna Paramahansa) and Birsingha (birth place of Iswara Chandra Vidyasagar). It is about 2 ½ hour journey from Kolkata along Bombay road (Highway 6) through Ghattal/Khirpai to Chandrakona. His residence phone no is 032 25267094. He invites the readers to visit and share the joy of the Mahasamprokshana. He wants to build there a women's college, charitable hospital and a veda patha shala too. He also acts as a priest performing various pujas and grihya sutra karma.

His son Arjun currently a student of John Hopkins Medical School , Baltimore pursuing his Masters in Public Health and daughter Amrita is finishing undergraduate degree from School of Foreign Service, Georgetown university, Washington DC and wants to be a lawyer. Wife Banani Dirghangi a practicing Board Certified pediatrician is very much interested in serving the poor and needy children.



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