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Important Announcement for Sādhaka-s holding Foreign passports and Overseas Sabhā-s/ Overseas Entities

In terms of the current FCRA Regulations and Guidance in force, all Indian entities receiving remittances from Foreign sources (foreign passport holders and entities set up abroad) are required to open a new Primary FCRA account with the State Bank of India (SBI), New Delhi Main Branch before 31st March 2021. Thereafter, remittances from such foreign sources will have to be received only in this account with SBI.

Shrī Chitrāpur Ma<u>th</u> and its affiliated Entities who are registered under FCRA, have applied for opening of such Primary FCRA Account with SBI NDMB, and are awaiting the formalities to be completed in the near future.

Therefore, as of now, Shrī Chitrāpur Ma<u>th</u> and its Affiliated Entities are not in a position to accept any Donation, Vantigā, Ma<u>th</u> Maryādā, Sevā Charges, Gīrvāṇaprati<u>shth</u>ā (Prabodhaḥ-Ārādhana/Gīrvāṇavaikharī) donations, or funds for any other purpose from any foreign passport holder or any of our Overseas Sabhā-s / Overseas Entities, after 31st March 2021, till the formalities of Account opening with SBI are completed. Since any violation of this rule could have serious consequences for SCM and its Affiliated Entities, **sādhaka-s holding foreign passports are urged, until further notice, to refrain from transferring any funds to FCRA accounts in India on account of the above heads, or for any other purpose.**

To ensure FCRA compliance and prevent inadvertent credits into the FCRA accounts of our different Trusts after 31st March 2021, the FCRA accounts of the various Trusts have been frozen. Hence no credits will be accepted by the banks post 31st March 2021 until further notice.

However, in order to give sādhaka-s holding foreign passports an opportunity to still participate in the once-in-a-lifetime Brahmakalashotsava, it has been proposed that they remit the Sevā Amount to their respective Country Organisations such as CHF, SSUK, and the Entities in Canada and ANZ.

The procedure proposed is as under:

The Sādhaka-s will need to send their remittance to the Account of the Organisation/ Entity, (after ascertaining the details from the President/ Secretary/ Treasurer) along with details of Sevākartā's name, Gotra, Nak<u>shatra</u>, mailing address apart from indicating the purpose of remittance (Kalasha Sevā / Special Sevā / Kalasha Sevā + Special Sevā, etc.)

On receipt of the remittance, the Overseas Entities are requested to forward these details to Sevā Department- seva@chitrapurmath.in :

The Brahmakalashotsava bookings for the overseas sādhaka-s will be accepted by SCM till 8th April **2021** and the Ma<u>th</u> will perform the sevā-s on behalf of such Sādhaka-s during the Brahmakalashotsava.

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For ready reference, the Details of the Office Bearers of the entities is furnished hereunder;

| Overseas Centre | Contact Person | Designation | Email ID | Mobile No |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Chitrapur Heritage | Shrī Aruņ Heble | President | arheble@yahoo.com | 001-215-666-3200 |
| Foundation Inc, USA | Shrī Pramod Māvinkurve | Secretary & Treasurer | pmkurve@gmail.com | 001- 908-616-1497 |
| Canada Sabha | Shrī Kishore Kulkarņī | President | kishore kulkarni@hotmail.com | +1-416-616-4224 |
| | Shrī Pramod Udyāver | Secretary | pudiaver@gmail.com | 16475189751 |
| Saraswat Samaj of UK | Shrī Rohit Sthalekar | Chairman | rohit.sthalekar@gmail.com | 0044 7947 726 666 |
| | Shrī Arjun Sajīp | Secretary | arjun sajip@hotmail.com | 0044 7985 915 994 |
| ANZ Sabha | Shrī Shireesh Gulwāḍi | President | s gulwadi@yahoo.com.au | 61 408 409 740 |
| | Shrī Ashok Ārūr | Secretary | ashokarur@hotmail.com | 61 451 663 656 |

Also for ready reference, the Sevā-s is detailed hereunder:

Kalasha Sevā:

A Kalasha Sevā may be sponsored by making a donation. The donation amounts and the number of Kalasha-s of each type available are:

| Kalasha Sevā | Donation Amount (For Foreign Passport Holders) (In USD) | |
|----------------|---|--|
| Dravya Kalasha | \$ 3,500/- | |
| Varuṇa Kalasha | \$ 75/- | |

Special Sevā-s during the period 15th April 2021 to 19th April 2021 = INR 1,000/- (USD 15 including postage charges)

The Amounts are in US Dollars. The Equivalent amount in the currencies of UK, Canada, Australia and New Zealand may please be ascertained from the Office Bearers listed.

The arrangement proposed above for the Brahmakalashotsava, has also been extended to remittance of Donation, Vantigā, Ma<u>th</u> Maryādā, Sevā Charges, Gīrvāṇaprati<u>shth</u>ā (Prabodhaḥ-Ārādhana/Gīrvāṇavaikharī) donations, or funds for any other purpose. Remittances under these heads, by foreign passport holders, may be sent to the respective Overseas Entities in their respective countries from 1st April 2021 till the FCRA account with SBI NDMB gets operational. Once the SCM FCRA account with SBI NDMB gets operational, the respective overseas entities will then remit the amount collected by them for the aforesaid purposes, to SBI NDMB.

Update on the opening of new FCRA accounts of SCM and its Affiliated Trusts will be placed on the Math Website, along with revised remittance instructions, after the FCRA accounts are operational.

Praveeņ P. Kadle President – Standing Committee Shrī Chitrāpur Ma<u>th</u>