

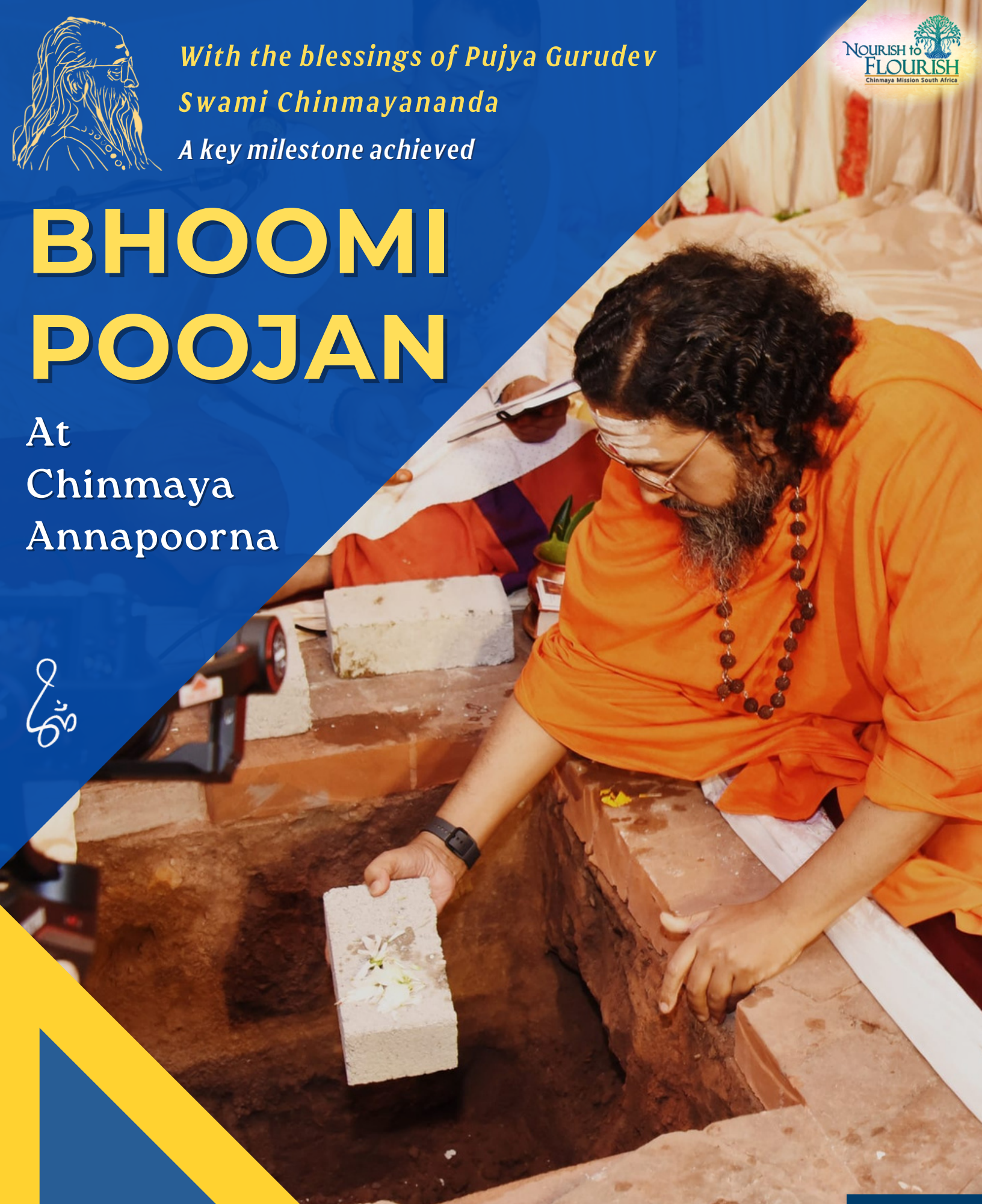


*With the blessings of Pujya Gurudev
Swami Chinmayananda
A key milestone achieved*



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At
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CHINMAYA MISSION SOUTH AFRICA

Groundbreaking Ceremony

In the morning hours of the divine Shukla Chaturthi day, as the auspicious times came together, South Africa witnessed a momentous occasion that set the foundation for a revolution of love, compassion, nourishment, and upliftment for all.

Seeking the grace and blessings of our Guru Parampara, the groundbreaking ceremony of Chinmaya Mission South Africa's one-of-a-kind initiative, Nourish to Flourish, took place on 20th August 2023 at the Chinmaya Annapoorna premises (9 Trisula Avenue, Durban). This marked a grand beginning to the construction of the industrial kitchen replete with mass-cooking machines to meet our aspirations of feeding 2000+ underprivileged South Africans every single day of the year for free, starting in the coming year!



Key Speakers and Dignitaries

The occasion was graced by the presence of saints from leading spiritual organisations in Durban. Swami Vedananda Saraswati and Swami Chandikananda Puri attended the event on behalf of the Sannyasa Spiritual Council of South Africa. Esteemed dignitaries from diverse professional and cultural backgrounds were key speakers at the event. Among them were Her Excellency, the Consul General of the Consulate of India, Dr Thelma John David, the DA Ward Councilor of Ward 73 (Chatsworth), Dr Daniel Logan Mea, Chairman of the South African Hindu Maha Sabha, Mr Ashwin Trikamjee and the CEO of the RK Khan Hospital, Dr Linda Sobekwa.



It was heartening to see the guests share great respect and appreciation for Pujya Swami Abhedananda and the Chinmaya Mission's work in South Africa, and also establish their commitment and joy in the Nourish to Flourish project aimed at social wellbeing.

Gratitude

Chinmaya Mission South Africa extends its appreciation and gratitude to all the saints and dignitaries, and all the ~300 attendees for their love and support towards this endeavour. Chinmaya Mission South Africa also extends its deepest gratitude to all the generous donors who supported the Nourish to Flourish project wholeheartedly such that it can begin its construction.



While addressing the esteemed guests and the whole gathering, Swami Abhedanandaji exclaimed, "We think that by giving we nourish others, but in fact we nourish ourselves. The one who takes from us obliges us with the opportunity to give and expand ourselves. Nourish to Flourish is not just a project, it is an expansion of our hearts! It is an initiative to say to the God in every human being of the community, 'Please allow me to serve you!'"

Chinmaya Mission South Africa offers this milestone at the feet of our glorious Guru Parampara - Shri Swami Tapovanji Maharaj, Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandaji, Pujya Guruji Swami Tejomayanandaji, and Mukhya Swami Swaroopanandaji.



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