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Ancy Sojan (I B A English and History) represented Kerala and won gold medal in the long jump for women U- 20 with the performance of 6.20 in the 36th National Junior Athletics Championship held at Guwahathi, Assam.



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RELIGIOUS LEADER

SWAMI CHINMAYANANDA SARASWATHI

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He went on to Lucknow University (1940-1943) to earn postgraduate degrees in literature and law and completed courses in journalism

In 1936, his visit to the eminent sage, Sri Ramana Maharshi was the turning point in his spiritual life. He has studied Language, Law and Journalism from the University of Lucknow

Swami Chinmayananda Saraswathi, commonly referred to as Swami Chinmayananda, was a spiritual leader and a teacher who was the founder of Chinmaya Mission. He has turned to Vedanta studies after his studies at St Thomas College.

He was really known as Balakrishnan, who later known as Swami Chinmayananda. He completed his formal schooling in Sree Rama Vama High School, Kochi (1921-1928) and Vivekodayam School, Thrissur (1928-1932). He completed his FA (Fellow of Arts) at the Maharaja's College, Ernakulam (1932-1934), and his BA (Bachelor of Arts) at the St Thomas College, Thiruvananthapuram (1935-1937).

In 1942, during "Quit India" movement Balan was one of the students to join in writing and distributing leaflets supporting Congress. In 1944, almost two years after the British had issued his arrest warrant, Balan arrived in Punjab and associated with several freedom groups but was arrested and imprisoned. He later became a journalist and took up the job of the sub-editor of the 'National Herald' newspaper in Delhi. Having returned to the Sivananda Ashram in Rishikesh on 25 February, 1949 he was initiated into Sanyasa by Swami Sivananda and gained the new name, Swami Chinmayananda.

Chinmayananda held his first lecture series at a Ganesha temple in the city of Pune in December 1951. In 1953, he founded Chinmaya Mission* and it is having 300 centres in India and worldwide. Chinmayananda authored 95 publications in his lifetime, and wrote commentaries on the Bhagavad Gita and Upanishads and other spiritual texts. And he has conducted a worldwide Gita Yajna (Vedic ritual), classes. Chinmayananda also helped found the Vishva Hindu Parishad in 1963. He had made a talk in UN Assembly in 1992.

He was born in the city of Ernakulam on 8 May, 1916 as the eldest son of a prominent judge, Vadakke Kuruppathu Kuttan Menon and Ernakulam Puthampulliyil Paru Kuttyamma.

Chinmayananda returned to God's heavenly abode on 3rd August, 1993.



* Chinmaya Mission College, Thrissur