

# GURUDEV PANDIT SHRI RAM SHARMA ACHARYA

**Pundit Shriram Sharma Acharya** (September 20 1911 – June 2 1990) was a seer, sage and a visionary of the New Golden Era - Founder of Global Gayatri Pariwar.

Pundit Shriram Sharma Acharya undoubtedly belongs to a category of divine rishis. His life and work represent a marvellous synthesis of the noble thoughts and deeds of great personalities like Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Mahatma Gandhi, Socrates and Confucius.

Rev. Pt. Shriram Sharma was a rishi of the present age whose heart pulsated with compassion for all beings. Every moment of his life was devoted to the welfare of people and the refinement of the moral and cultural environment. He also pioneered the revival of spirituality, creative integration of the modern and ancient sciences and religion relevant in the challenging circumstances of the present times. His personality was a harmonious blend of a saint, spiritual scientist, yogi, philosopher, psychologist, writer, reformer, freedom fighter, researcher, eminent scholar and visionary.

Gurudev Pandit Shriram Sharma Acharya was born in a well-off Brahmin family in village Anvalkheda near Agra (UP) in India, on September 10, 1911. He took unusual interest in spiritual devotion and social service right from his childhood. The Great freedom fighter and founder of Benaras Hindu University, Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya solemnised his Yagyopavit (sacred thread ) ceremony and initiated him in Gayatri Mantra.

At the age of fifteen, his Spiritual Guru (initiator), a great Himalayan Yogi, appeared in his vision during worship in astral form. At his instance he performed twenty-four lakh times (2.4 million) recitation of Gayatri Mantra each for twenty-four years. He visited Himalayas four times for higher spirit attainments and at the same time he took active part in India's freedom movement.

He visited Shri Aurobindo Ashram at Pondichery, Maharshi Raman's Ashram at Trichi, Shantiniketan of Shri Rabindra Nath Tagore and worked with Mahatma Gandhi at Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad. He was sent to jail thrice for his participation in freedom movement, where he came in close contact with eminent leaders of Indian freedom movement. Fellow partners nicknamed him as "Shriram Matt" (the Intoxicated) on account of his dedication and devotion.

He, on divine guidance of his guru **Sarveshvaranandji**, formulated and materialised Yug Nirman Yojna (a mission for resurgence of the individual, family, society and mankind at large, thereby creation of a new era of truth and justice and universal brotherhood based on true Vedantic spirit). He established Gayatri Pariwar (fraternity), an organisation of inspiration for spiritually oriented people.

According to the pressing need of the present times, he developed Gayatri tapobhumi Mathura and Shantikunj, as spiritual center for implementing the teachings of Great Rishis (Saints) into practice. He established Brahmvarchas Research Institute at Haridwar, a center for inter communion of science and religion to establish the ancient Indian Yogic Philosophy, **as a science and art of living**.

He wrote nearly 3500 books on varied subjects viz. spirituality, Philosophy of Gayatri and Yagna, family welfare, social resuscitation, moral education and most importantly - the revolutionary literature written before Mahaparayan (departure from his physical being) on the advent of new era and the bright future of mankind in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.