

## **CLOTHES COLLECTION DRIVE FOR HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS**

By now most of you are aware of the colossal tragedy in Haiti. A staggering 100-200 thousands left dead and close to a million and a half are homeless because of the earthquake. Besides, tens of thousands children have been orphaned. The plight of the several more thousands, young and old alike with traumatic injuries in make-shift hospitals and tents is just too painful to describe. The sights and sounds of human suffering plastered on TV screens and papers are plainly heart-wrenching.

At this hour of their grief, a few of us at Chinmaya Mission Boston felt the need to express our empathy to the people of Haiti. A 'clothes collection drive' was suggested to be an appropriate gesture, since many of us would have already made some monetary contribution to a charity of our own liking.

Here is a request to each and every one of you and your families to do 'in-kind' donation/s in form of clothing to be disbursed to the people of Haiti - who have lost *en masse* their homes and their belongings. We have partnered with a couple of relief organizations within the greater Boston area, who would help us in the logistics of collection and distribution.

**WHERE:** Clothing Collection Drive at Chinnmaya Mission Boston @ 1 Union Street, Andover, MA 01810

**WHEN:** Week-ends of January 30th/31th, 2010

Week-ends of February 6th/7th, 2010

### **WHAT CLOTHES WE NEED:**

- Light spring/summer clothes (Haiti is a tropical country).
- New/like new/lightly used clothes
- Children, teens and adult clothes of both genders and all ages
- Clean laundered clothes

### **WHAT CLOTHES WE DON'T NEED:**

- Heavy winter clothes
- Soiled, stained, torn and unwashed clothes
- Traditional Indian clothes and undergarments