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*Mt. Tron seen from the entrance of Sølndalen in Alvdal, on 12.12.2018, at 11:24 hrs. The rays from the rising sun shine on the mountain snow, while the village lies under a thick cover of clouds and cold. Photo: BP.*

## 1998-2018: The Mt. Tron Mail is 20 years old!



We had nearly overlooked it, but The Mt. Tron Mail has actually been published for 20 years this year - from the very first issue in spring 1998, to the present at Christmas 2018, in both Norwegian and English. At first it was printed out on an inkjet printer in the A3 format, folded, addressed and stamped, and sent by mail to all the subscribers, but from no. 1 in 2011 it was fully digitalized and sent by email as pdf. Here we are presenting a review of the most important articles in The Mt. Tron Mail during the last ten years from 2008 until today, as we did in 2008 for the first ten years (see next page).

## Review of the most important articles in The Mt.Tron Mail 2008-2018

### The Foundation's project work for the University of Peace

The work with the Mt.Tron University of Peace finally commences!  
Many rocks in the sea for the University of Peace!  
Mt.Tron University of Peace Estate Inc. is established.  
The work with the regulation plan at the "Peace Plateau" has started.  
Suggestions to the regulation plan on the "Peace Plateau".  
Status of the regulation plan on Mt.Tron.  
Grant from Innovation Norway.  
The work with the Regulation Plan is finished!  
The University of Peace as a name case.  
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Status of work for the University of Peace.  
Who owns what on Mt.Tron?

### Alvdal municipality's project work related to the University of Peace

The University of Peace nears concrete public endorsement!  
Alvdal's new municipal plan scheduled for final passage in June!  
The Regulation Plan in for political processing.  
The Regulation Plan for the Mt.Tron University of Peace finally sanctioned!

### Swami Sri Ananda Acharya

The Play about Garborg and Baral.  
Uttara-Kuruene.  
"Baral-days" at Tronsvangen Seter.  
The jubilee celebration for Baral 16th September in Alvdal community centre.  
Olov Grøtting's great principal speech for Baral.  
New book publication.  
Who was Sri Ananda Acharya?  
"The Baral-book".

### Tronsvangen Seter

A Major Step Towards the University of Peace on Mt.Tron!  
What has happened at Tronsvangen Seter since the takeover this summer?  
Mt.Tron University of Peace: first book published by our own publishing house.  
Opening celebration at Tronsvangen Seter August 7th.  
"Baral-days" at Tronsvangen Seter.  
Many visitors to Tronsvangen Seter.

### Various

Everyone's sister: 112 year old Teresa Hsu!  
New homepages on the Internet.  
First Mt.Tron Mail net edition!  
New homepages: [www.shantibu.no](http://www.shantibu.no)  
World Dignity University.  
Interview with Bjørn Pettersen in the Norwegian Magazine VISION.

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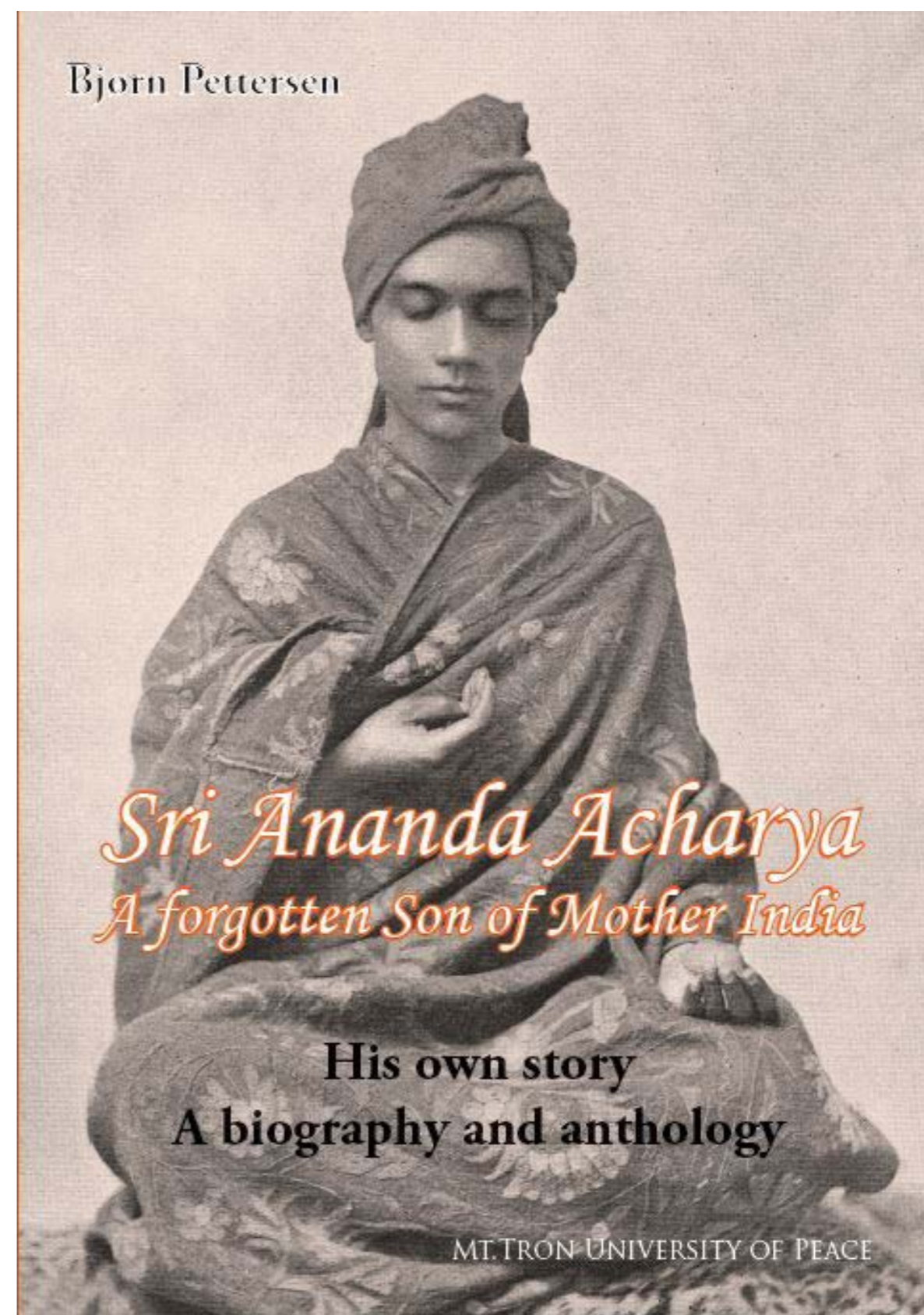
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## English edition of the "Baral-book" in 2019



As this is being written the English edition of this book is being readied by the printer in Denmark. It is expected to be finished for dispatch to Tronsvangen by January 11th next year. The impression will only be 300 copies this time. Otherwise it is following the same pattern as the Norwegian edition, which was published in spring this year, so that materially and in content they are practically identical.

Except for a new title and a new cover, a paragraph has been added to the beginning and end of the prologue. In addition certain paragraphs have either been added or removed in various chapters of the book. But all in all it is the same and the photographs are exactly the same. The list of words at the end, though, has been greatly extended and improved.

SWAMI SRI ANANDA ACHARYA (1881-1945), was one of the most remarkable persons living in the previous century - spending the first half of his life in India and the second half in Northern Europe. Still his life and work is almost entirely unknown to the world.

The incredible story of his dramatic life is hereby published as a complete narration for the very first time. This is Sri Ananda Acharya and his three nearest disciples' story - in their own words - about his life in India, England and in Norway.

The book contains both a biography and an anthology. Most of his published works are presented with excerpts where we get samples of a huge and varied literary production. His poems, when they were published, reaped the highest recognition and placed him among the greatest poets of all times.

The life and work of Sri Ananda Acharya has had a crucial influence on our life and being, and only now by this book it is being known to the public. This forgotten son of Mother India deserves to be widely known and to have his rightful place in the collective memory of humankind.

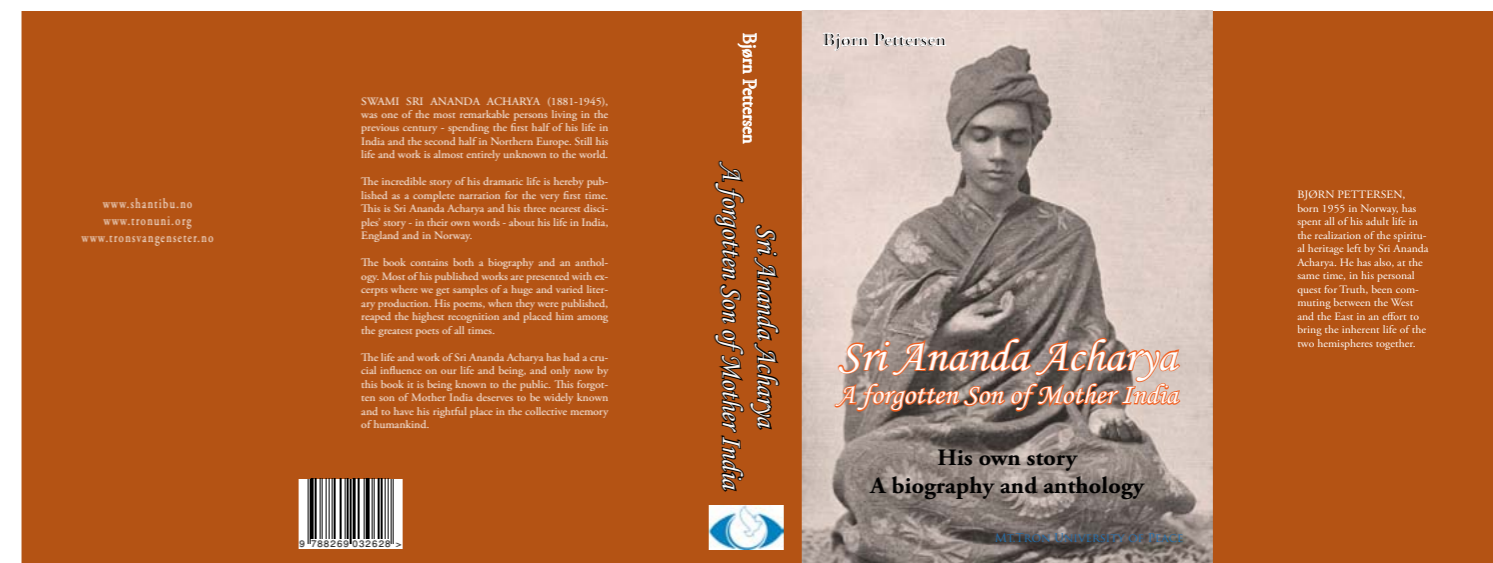


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Top:  
The list of contents in the book with all the chapters in the biography (left) and all the titles of the anthology (right).  
Above:  
The whole dust jacket folded out, with big flaps on each side.

## Various works and repairs at "Setra" in 2018



## Various works and repairs at "Setra" in 2018 (cont.)



Early in the morning of October 4th a contractor and assistant came with an excavator and a lorry and dug up the shallow ditch behind the building, deep enough to "puncture" the water carrying layer in the ground so that it would be gathered in the ditch. A black felt mat, through which water runs unhindered but which keeps the soil in its place, was laid in the bottom of the ditch with a drainpipe on top, and then the ditch was filled in with crushed stone. The result of this, besides the important draining of the ground, was to increase the

area behind the building by 2-3 metres breadth with the purpose of erecting a storage tent of 4 x 12 metres there and at the same time to have space for vehicles to pass in between it and the building. Further on, at the south end of the property, ground was prepared for erecting two double garage tents. All the tents are from Dancover in Denmark and they are functioning well. However, to have to use so much plastic is, of course, far from desirable and it is a downright shame that, regrettably this is the cheapest solution to a problematic situation.

## Various works and repairs at “Setra” in 2018 (cont.)

### Electric entrance

This summer we installed an electric entrance or gateway to ease the opening of the gate for both residents and visitors. The gate is opened by pushing a button on a pole on either side of the gate, at the driver's side and at window height. It is working very well. It is, unfortunately, necessary on account of all the free grazing sheep on Tronsvangen. During winter there are no sheep, and the gate is then temporarily removed.

### Partly new ventilation system

On the advice of a tinsmith, who came for a survey this summer, we installed by ourselves ventilation for all the bathrooms in the brick part of the building and connected this to the existing old ventilation system, which had not been in use for years. The old fan in the attic was renovated and reactivated. The system functions satisfactorily, and there is an on-off button by the reception.

### Stopping a leak of water on the roof

The same tinsmith also identified the source of a leak from the roof and gave us good advice as to how we ourselves, by simple means, could stop the leak. This leakage had been going on for many years and had caused a lot of mould and rotting wood in the rooms underneath. In a couple of these rooms parts of the roof and walls have to be replaced with new material. Anyway, now the holes have been filled and the problem has been solved.

### Emergency water toilets

In autumn our regular plumber installed three water toilets, one on each floor, for emergency use in the case of power-cut, at which time the vacuum toilets elsewhere in the building would not work. On the ground floor this toilet was a HC-toilet. Except for the HC users it is important that these water toilets are only used during emergency/power-cut as these toilets are not connected to the septic tank (vacuum), but to the grey water system.

### New outer doors

Just before Christmas a building contractor and his assistant replaced four old outer doors that had had huge single glazed windows. A considerable loss of heat had been lost through them during winter, especially at the rear of the building where there was no hallway.

### Fire safety

The fire safety of a building has always to take priority and to be considered with the greatest gravity. Earlier we spent a quarter of a million crowns changing the old fire alarm system into a top modern digital system with smoke detectors in every single room of the whole building. We also hired a professional consultant to survey all rooms and aspects of the entire building, write a report and work out a plan of action, the total cost amounting to about 100,000 NOK. Many of the deficiencies clarified in the report are economically challenging, and therefore it has not been possible to rectify them immediately. Minor things we have fixed and are continuing to fix in an ongoing process. Recently we hired an expert for the professional testing of all the hand held fire equipment in the building. A few things remain to be done like changing certain doors to fireproof doors, and we are working continually towards the goal of having everything complying with the relevant regulations as soon as possible.

### “The Forest House”

Work is going on to repair the so-called “Forest House” (“Skauhuset”) and turn it into a Baral museum. Last year an expert from the Røros Museum surveyed the house and wrote a report with a cost estimate. He estimated the total cost at about 1,205,000 NOK, which is based on a repair to simple standard emphasising preservation before making changes. This spring the national Fund for Cultural Monuments granted 370,000 NOK to the project, whereas the municipality of Alvdal turned down our application for support. We are awaiting an answer from the county administration who recently received our application, and several more bodies will be approached for the financing of the project.

## WARNING OF DANGER: Rally Tron!

### Nord Østerdal Motorsport

The local motor sport club (“Nord Østerdal Motorsport” or NØM) is planning to arrange a car race on September 7th next year on and around Mt.Tron for altogether 60 participating cars in five different projected roads and laps. They boast that this will be Norway's answer to Pikes Peak and that it will be in the spirit of Alvdal's great son, the humorist Kjell Aukrust, as he used to enjoy excitement and thrills! Furthermore they want to do this to put the region on the motor sport map, and to make a weekend with suspense. They maintain that this sprint rally will be something unique which has no equal in Norway or the Nordic region.

### Tronsvanglia Veilag

In November this year they approached the concerned private road teams on and around Mt.Tron for entering into contracts for the use of the roads that Saturday, as all roads in Alvdal no longer belong to the municipality but have been privatized into a number of private road teams under a common organization called Alvdal Vei (road). The stretch of road from the county road up to The Mt.Tron Road (“Tronfjellveien”), which is passing through Tronsvanglia and Tronsvangen, is now administered by Tronsvanglia Veilag (road team), to which all ground owners, cabin owners and freeholders along the road are members and pay a yearly fee for the running and maintenance of the road. NØM seeks a contract to use the road, and to close the road for two hours prior to the start of the race lap. So far the three members of the board of the road team have responded positively to the use of the road for the rally, provided that the road will be restored to its original standard at the latest two days after the race, but they have realized that they lack the authority to let the contract until the 40 members of the team have had their say in a hearing.

### Tronsvangen Seter

For Tronsvangen Seter this would mean loss of income because the road will not be in ordinary use for the locals that day, and the regular overnight transit visitors cannot come. For a weekend in September that will mean several thousand crowns in lost income. Who will pay compensation for that? NØM or Tronsvanglia Veilag? Many guests are booking rooms several months ahead - are we to tell them that, sorry, we have to cancel your booking on account of a car race outside here? One loses trust and reputation on account of such things, and many regular guests who commute between Oslo and Trondheim would have to find an alternative. And then Tronsvangen Seter is often sought after as a place of retreat for people who want peace and tranquility, not least in the month of September.

### Mt.Tron University of Peace

For the Mt.Tron University of Peace this kind of activity is absolutely not desirable. For several reasons. Concretely, the strongest reason is that the last race lap will be going from the top of Mt.Tron down more than 350 metres to the finish on the ‘Peace Plateau’. This will cause a tremendous strain on the utterly fragile vegetation of the place. Where will all the 60 cars be parking after the finish? Where will the spectators park their cars and where will they be standing during the race? The people of motor sport are not known for their consideration of nature and environment, so we have to expect that they will be parking wildly everywhere and that people will be moving everywhere.

In the regulation plan for the Mt.Tron University of Peace on the ‘Peace Plateau’ great consideration has been laid on the fragile vegetation of the area, and particular paths have been drawn up for the people's walking, together with a big parking lot for cars. All for the protection of the surrounding vegetation. Very little treading is required for the permanent destruction of this type of vegetation, and the wheel tracks from vehicles lasts forever, which is already proved by some tracks there looking still as fresh today as they did when they were made more than 40-50 years ago. Alone for this reason it is completely irresponsible to hold such an event on the ‘Peace Plateau’.

In addition comes all the pollution. NØM writes that during and after the race they are obliged to handle all pollution according to law and regulation. Does this also include noise pollution and air pollution? Not all are motor enthusiasts and enjoy huge doses of noise and exhaust! Such events should better be held in urban areas - they have no meaning in nature. And what about the sheep which move freely in these areas - how do they plan to keep them away from the roads?

We who have been working steadily and completely idealistically with the project for the Mt.Tron University of Peace for nearly a generation (since 1993) are looking with great amazement at how “all” now suddenly want to conquer Mt.Tron, and that every activity is in place. The engagement of the newly established association Tronfjell Oppløvelser (“Mt.Tron Excitements”), with a viewpoint at the top, is okay, but not everything is good simply because it will yield increased tourism and money. Some years back there was a lot of talk about knowledge tourism, which is good, but now the tendency seems to be towards more and more circus - entertainment, activities and experiences at any cost. Why on earth is it necessary to bicycle on narrow paths down a mountain? And why does not nature have her own value? No one is thinking for the best of nature - it is only to consume and to establish one's own rights everywhere. Rally Tron will literally overrun nature - only for the enjoyment of a very few for a very short while.



Panorama from the ‘Peace Plateau’ November 12th 2018 at 15:28 hrs. Photo: BP.



**Over:**

*View from Tronsvangen Seter towards Mt.Storsølen in Alvdal Vestfjell. The first red rays of dawn at 08:12 hrs on October 16th 2018.*

**To the left:**

*Mt.Tron seen from Blostrupmoen at the entrance to Sølndalen on December 12th 2018 at 11:25 hrs.*

*Both photos: BP.*

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