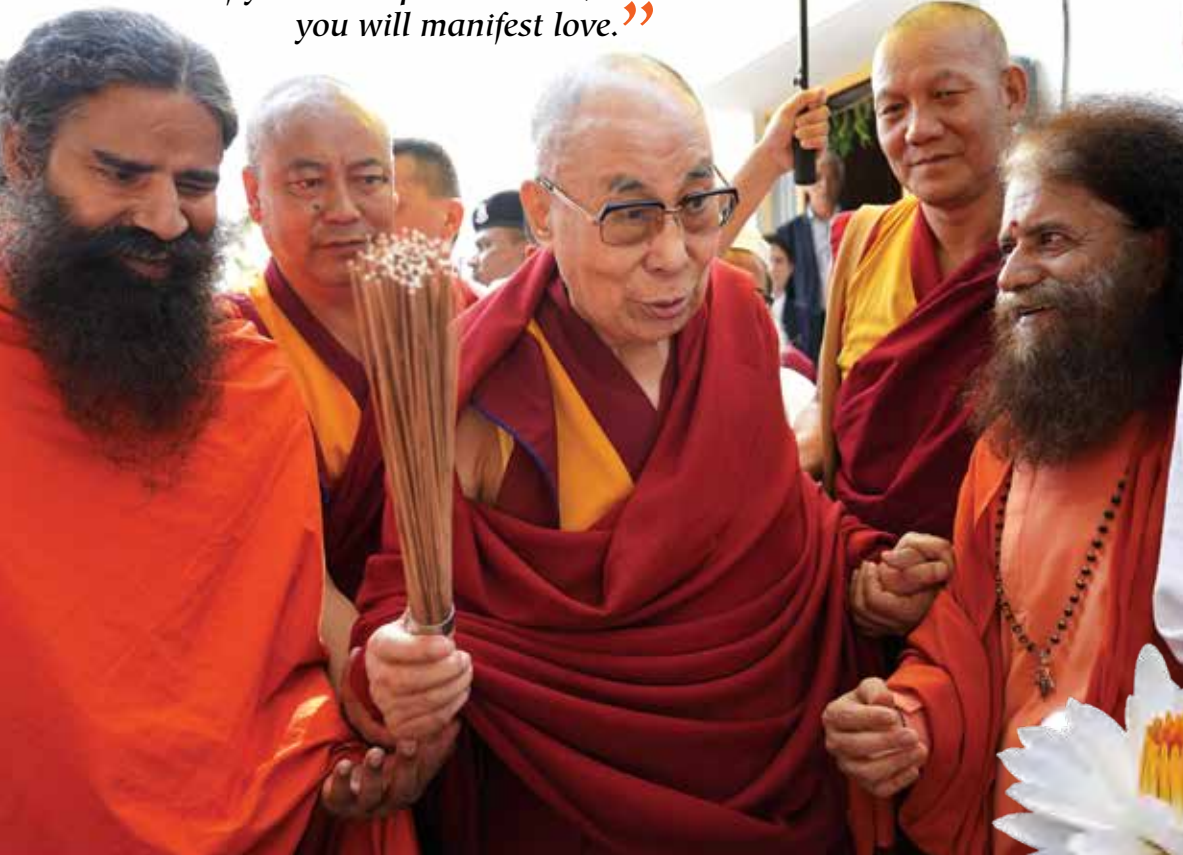




150
Anniversary

H.H. *Pujya* SWAMI
CHIDANAND SARASWATJI
INSPIRATION
FOR THE YEAR **2020**

*“If you can experience love,
you will manifest love.”*



Swachhita Hi Seva, Swachhita Hi Dharma, The path of purity and cleanliness is the way. Blessings
by HH the Dalai Lama, Pujya Swami Ramdevji and Pujya Swami Mahatma
Gandhiji's 150th birth anniversary

January

29 Sunday

30 Monday

31 Tuesday

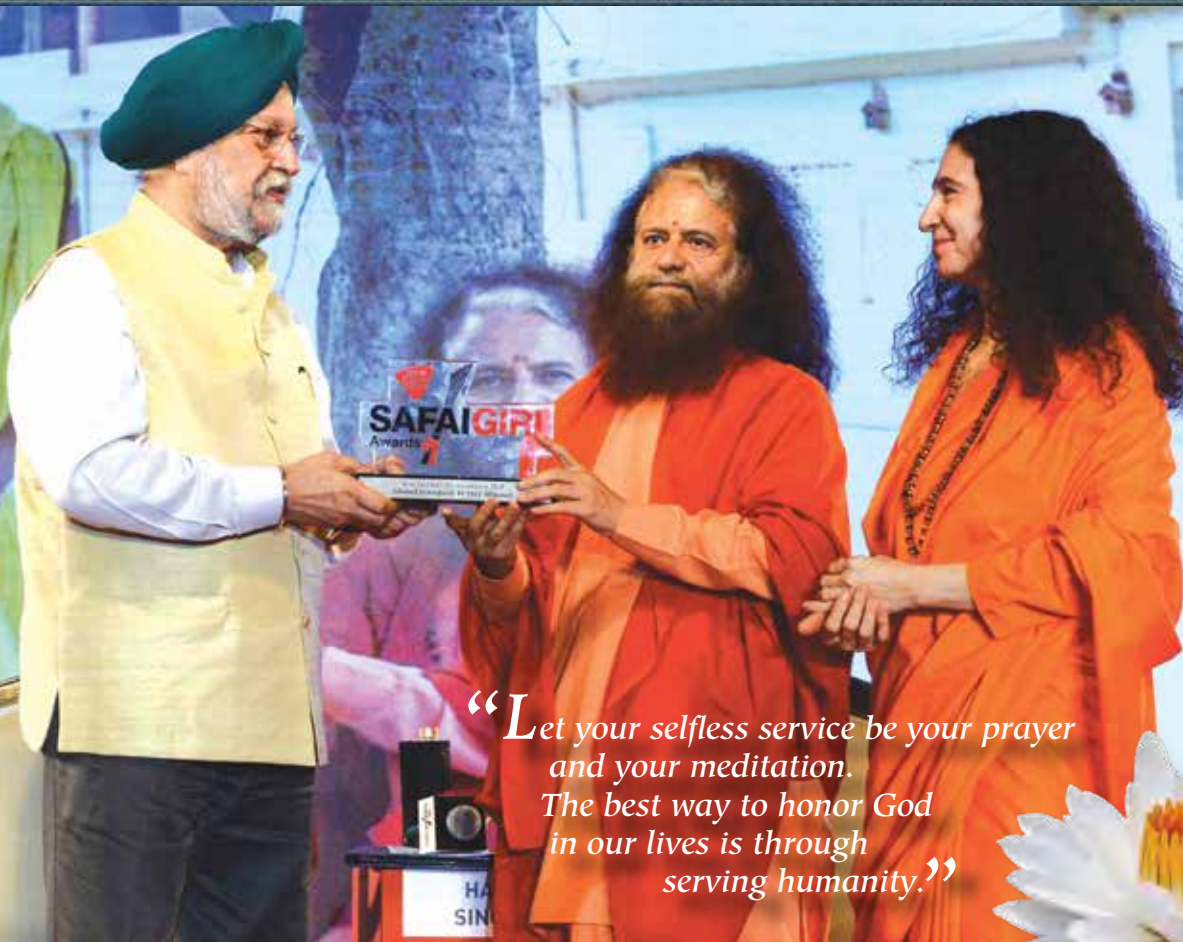
New Years Day 1 Wednesday

Bodhi Day (Buddhist) 2 Thursday

3 Friday

4 Saturday





*“Let your selfless service be your prayer
and your meditation.
The best way to honor God
in our lives is through
serving humanity.”*

January

Birthday of Guru
Gobind Singh
(Sikh)

5 Sunday

Epiphany
(Christian)

6 Monday

7 Tuesday

8 Wednesday

9 Thursday

Pausht Purnima
(Hindu)

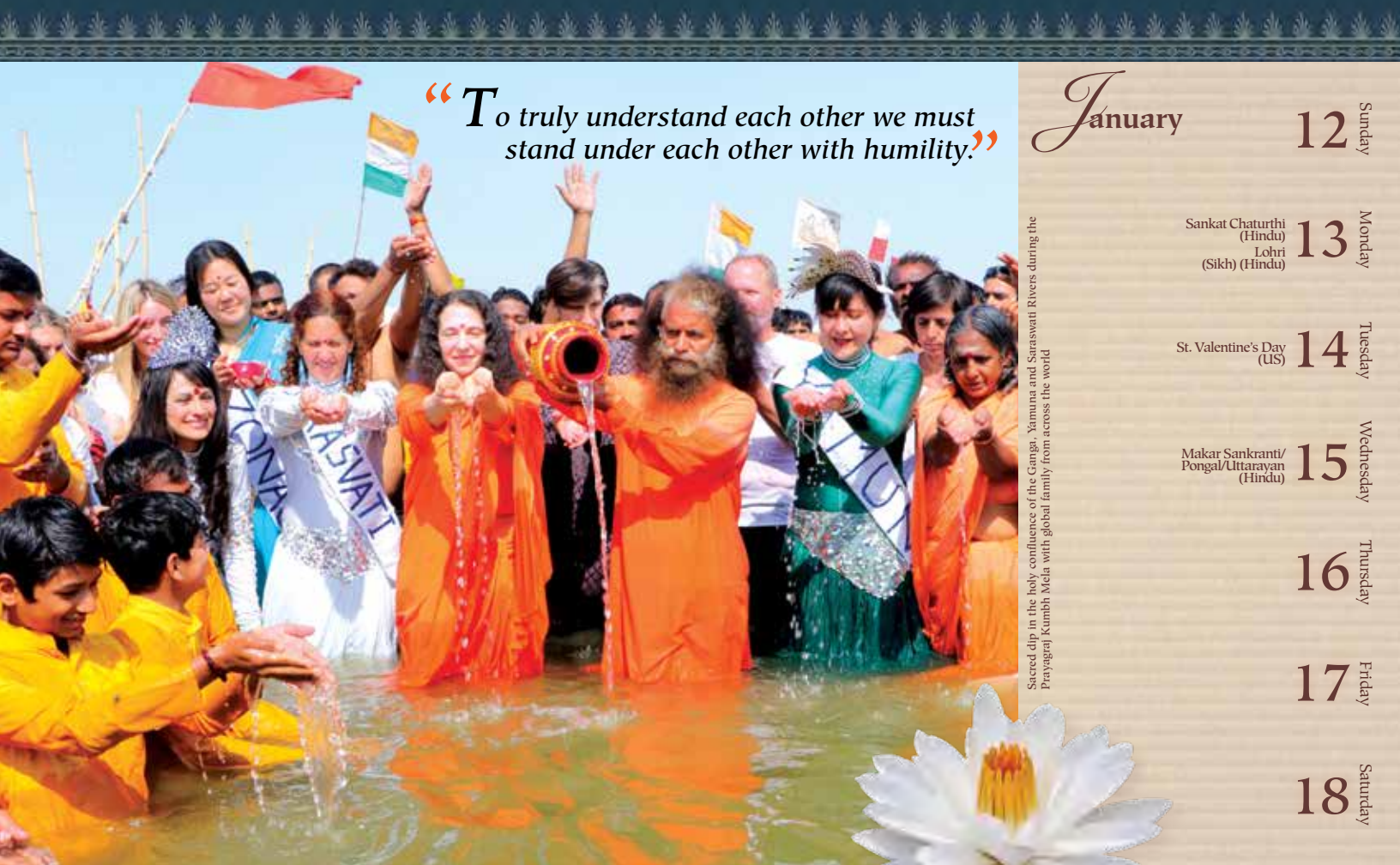
Magh Snan Prarambha (Hindu)
Mahayana New Year
(Buddhist)

10 Friday

11 Saturday

Pujya Swamiji and Sadhvi Bhagawatiiji are presented with India TV/Vajlak's Safaigiri Award for best Sanitation Institute (GIWA's World Toilet College) by Hon'ble Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs Mr. Hardeep Singh Puri





“To truly understand each other we must stand under each other with humility.”

January

12

Sunday

Sankat Chaturthi
(Hindu)
Lohri
(Sikh) (Hindu)

13

Monday

St. Valentine's Day
(US)

14

Tuesday

Makar Sankranti/
Pongal/Uttarayan
(Hindu)

15

Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

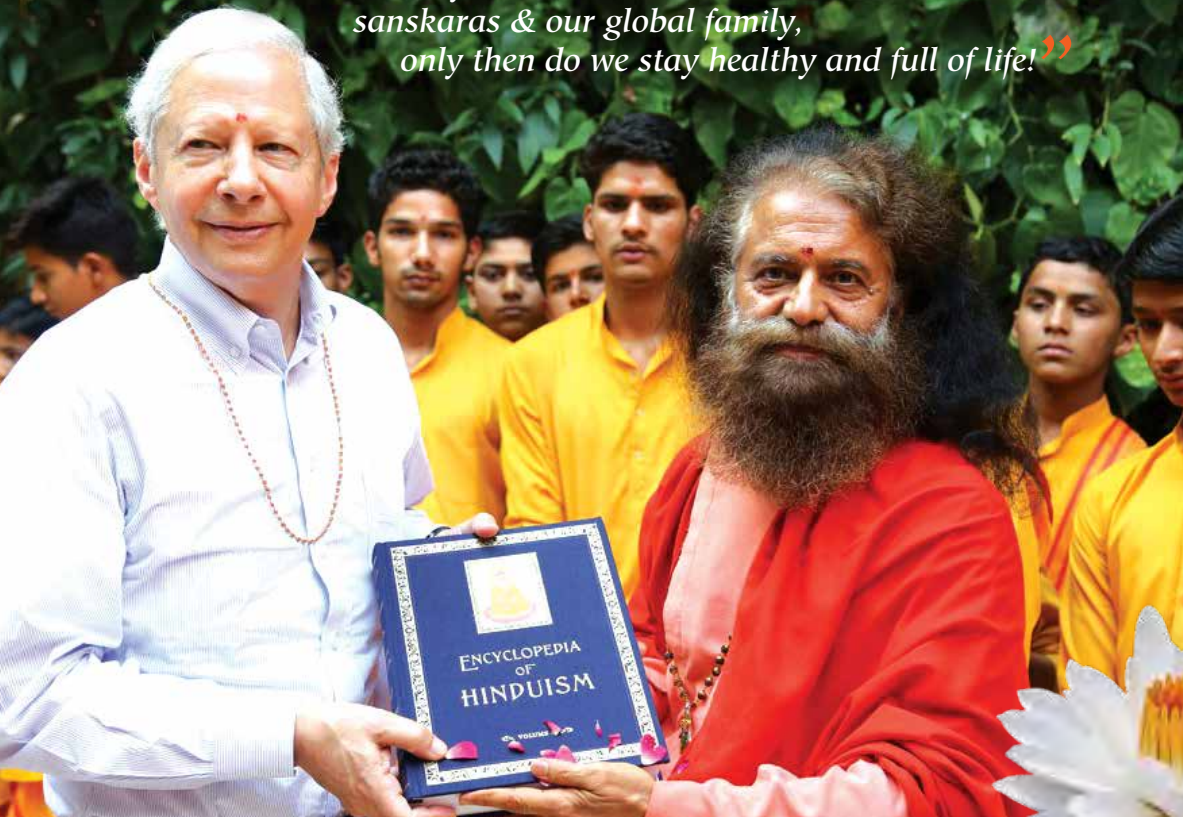
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Saturday

Sacred dip in the holy confluence of the Ganges, Yamuna and Saraswati Rivers during the Prayagraj Kumbh Mela with global family from across the world



“A leaf is alive only when it is part of a tree. When it disconnects, it dies.
In the same way, when we are connected to our roots,
sanskaras & our global family,
only then do we stay healthy and full of life!”



Pujya Swamiji presents the 11-volume Encyclopedia of Hinduism set, a project he founded and led, to Mr. Kenneth Ian Juster, Ambassador of the United States to India on his visit to Parmarth Niketan

January

19 Sunday

Martin Luther King Jr. Day
(US)

20 Monday

21 Tuesday

22 Wednesday

23 Thursday

Mauni Amavas
(Hindu)

24 Friday

Magh Gupta
Navratri
Begins
(Hindu)

25 Saturday

“We must not only pray for peace, but we must work for peace, every minute and every moment of our lives.”



Hon'ble Ramnath Kovind, President of India, performs the final offering to the first yagna ceremony at the start of the Prayagraj Kumbh Mela at Parmarth Niketan's Eco-friendly Kumbh camp

January
February

Republic
Day
(India)

26

Sunday

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Basant
Panchami
(Hindu)

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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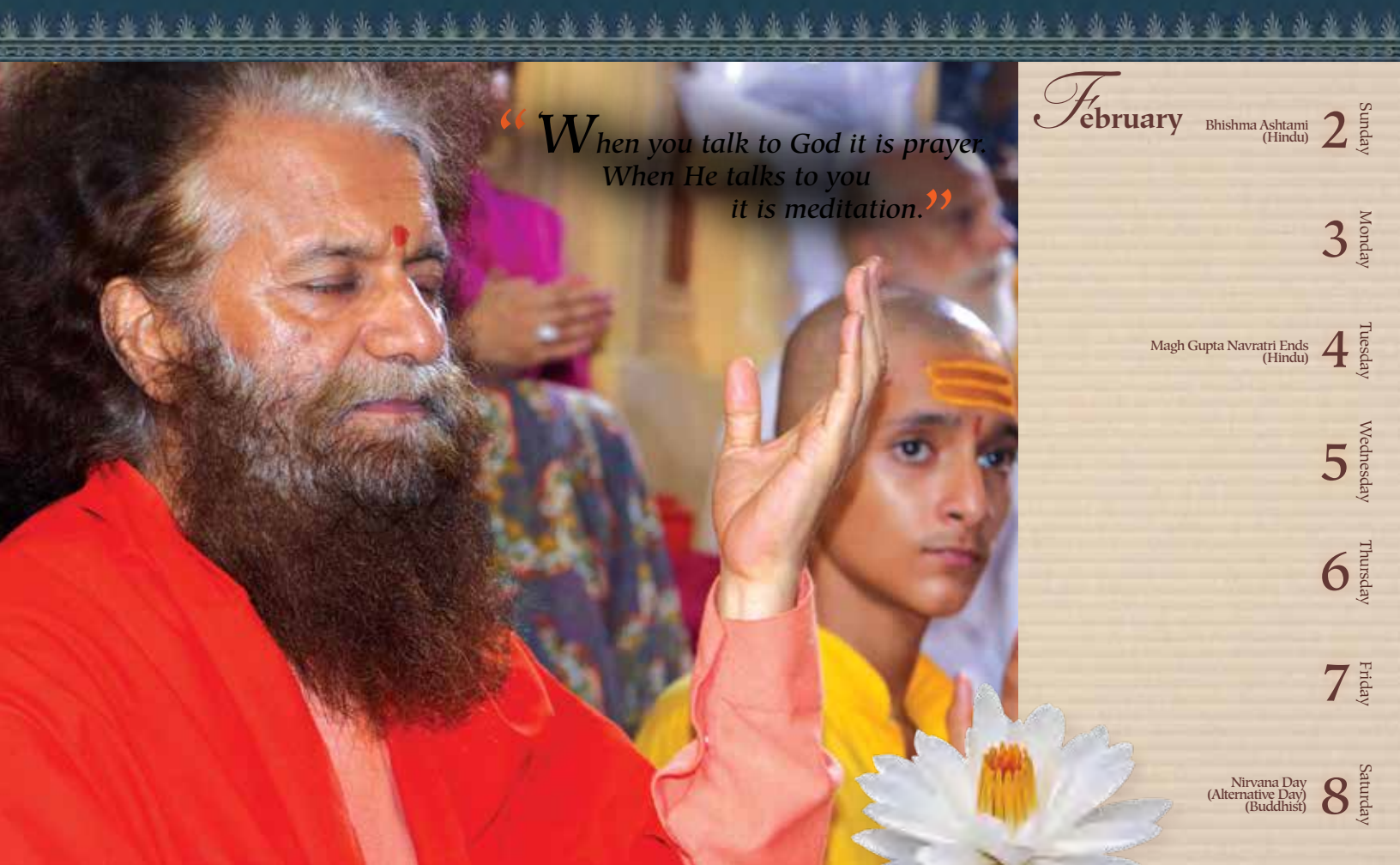
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Rath Saptami
(Hindu)

1

Saturday





*“When you talk to God it is prayer.
When He talks to you
it is meditation.”*

February

Bhishma Ashtami
(Hindu)

2

Sunday

3

Monday

Magh Gupta Navratri Ends
(Hindu)

4

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

Nirvana Day
(Alternative Day)
(Buddhist)

8

Saturday



“There can be
a PLAN A & PLAN B
but there is no PLANET B.
We must protect the one
we have.”

February

Magh
Purnima
(Hindu)
Tu B'Shevat
(Jewish)



9

Sunday

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Monday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

Parinirvana-
Nirvana Day
(Buddhist)

*“Always cultivate
an attitude of gratitude.
Then life will feel like prasad.”*

February

16 Sunday

President's Day
(US)

17 Monday

18 Tuesday

19 Wednesday

20 Thursday

Mahashivratri
(Hindu)

21 Friday

22 Saturday





“Accept whatever comes as Prasad from God.
Whatever He gives us – a hut or a castle,
is His divine gift.”

February

23 Sunday

Losar (Tibetan New Year)
(Buddhist)

24 Monday

25 Tuesday

Ash Wednesday
(Christian)

26 Wednesday

27 Thursday

28 Friday

29 Saturday

Pujya Shri Muralidharji receives Pujya Swamiji's blessings during his month long Shri Ram Katha at Parmarth on the occasion of Pujya Swamiji's birthday



*“If we are peaceful, humble and sincere inside,
then nothing outside can take away our peace.”*

March

International Yoga
Festival Begins

1 Sunday

2 Monday

3 Tuesday

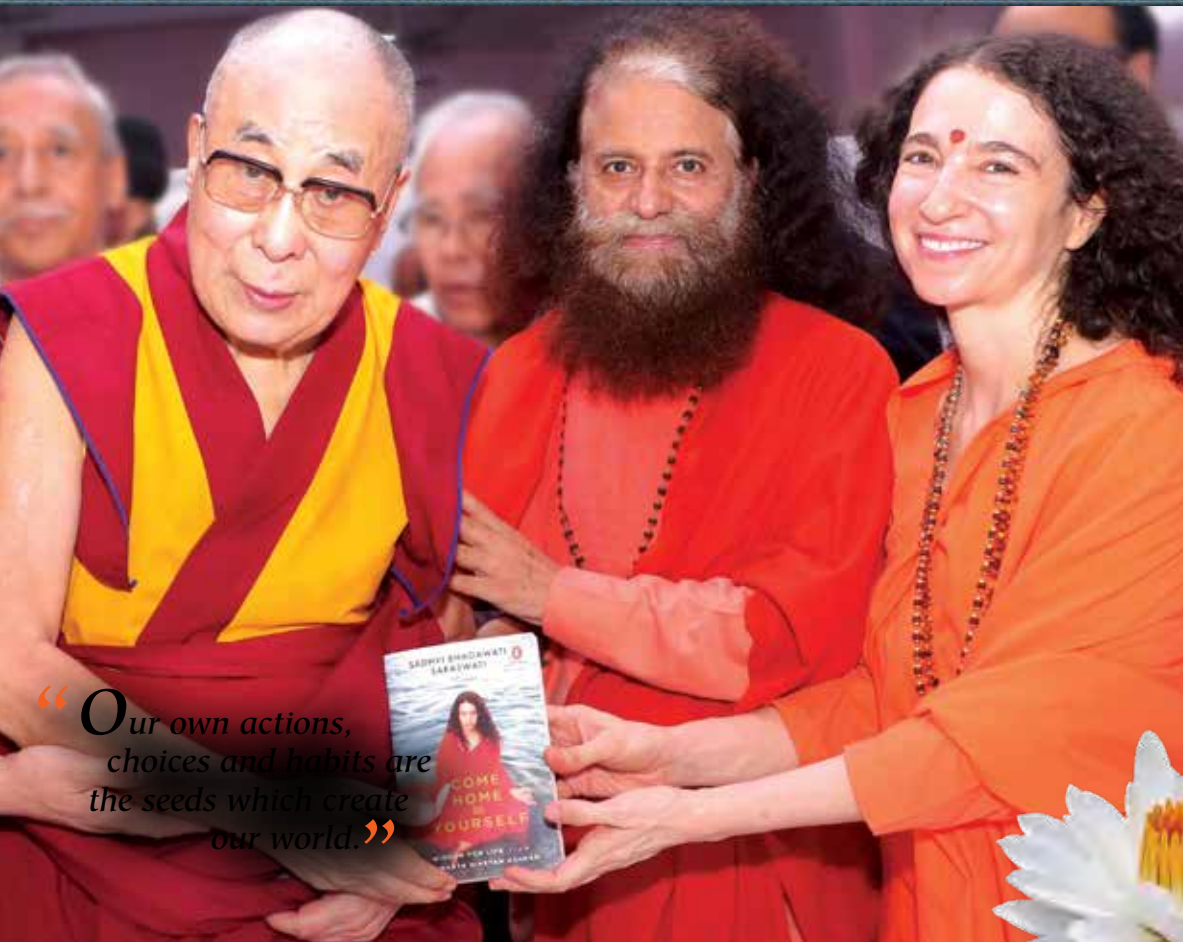
4 Wednesday

5 Thursday

6 Friday

7 Saturday





“Our own actions,
choices and habits are
the seeds which create
our world.”

March

Daylight
Savings
Time Begins
(US)

8 Sunday

Holika Dahan
(Hindu)
Purim
(Jewish)

9 Monday

Holi
(Hindu)
Holi Mohalla
(Sikh)

10 Tuesday

11 Wednesday

12 Thursday

13 Friday

14 Saturday

Release of Sadhvi Bhagwati's book Come Home to Yourself, published by Penguin, by HH the Dalai Lama, blessed by Pujya Swamiji along with many revered saints of different religions



*“Come to nature, be with nature,
and discover your true nature.”*

March

15 Sunday

16 Monday

17 Tuesday
St. Patrick's Day
(Christian)

18 Wednesday

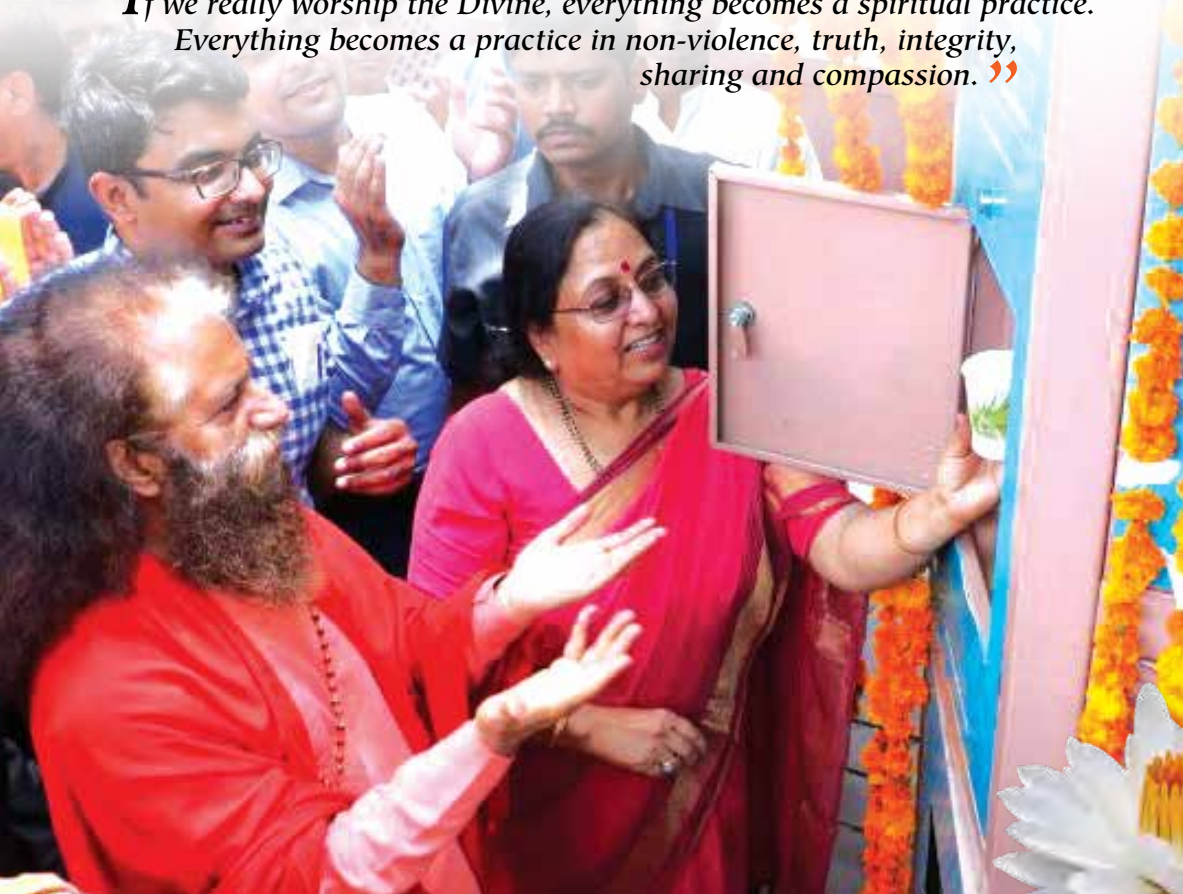
19 Thursday
Spring Equinox

20 Friday

21 Saturday



*“If we really worship the Divine, everything becomes a spiritual practice.
Everything becomes a practice in non-violence, truth, integrity,
sharing and compassion.”*



March

World Water
Day

22

Sunday

23

Monday

24

Tuesday

Chaitra Navratri
Begins
(Hindu)
Gudi Padya
(Hindu)

25

Wednesday

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Thursday

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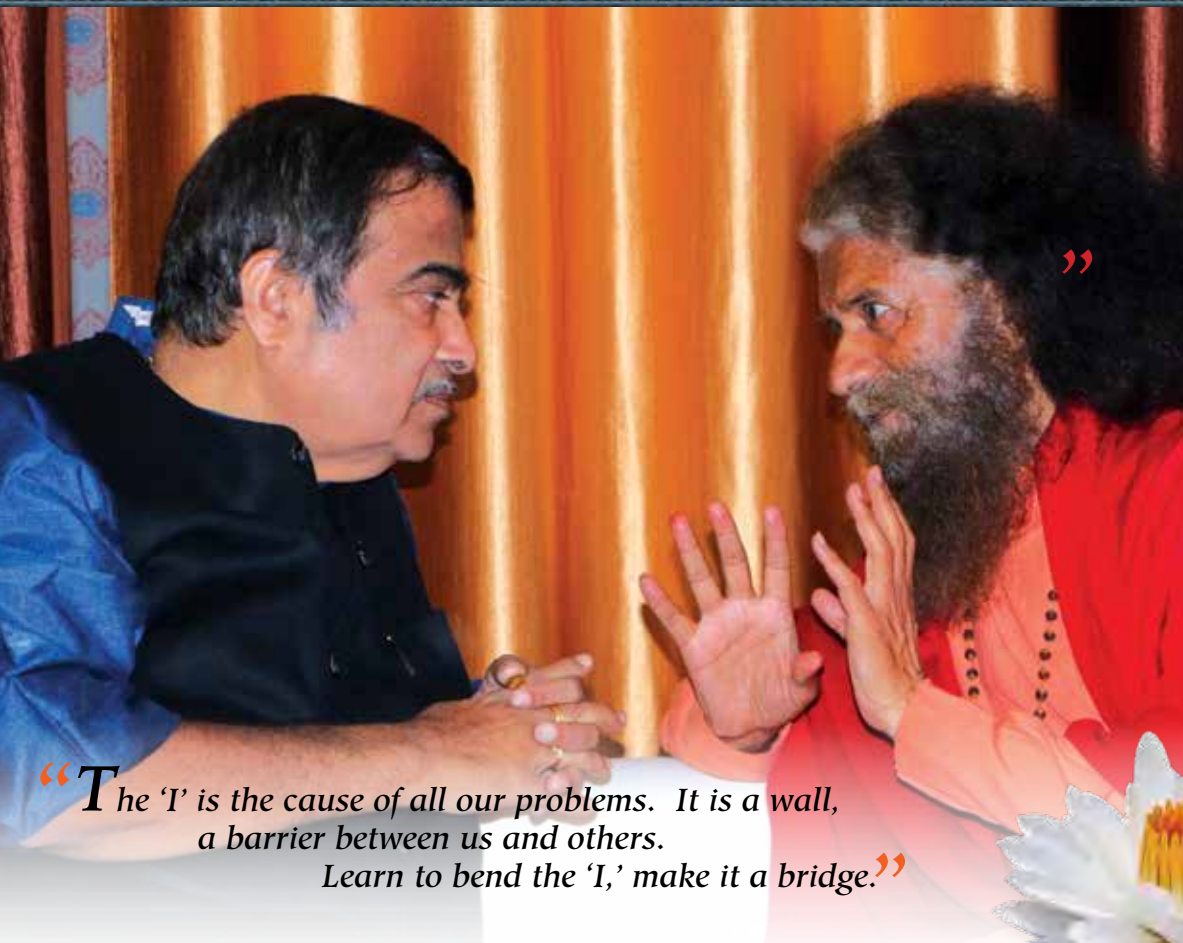
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Saturday

Pujya Swamiji and Hon'ble Governor of Uttarakhand, Baby Rani Maurya, inaugurate a free drinking water machine at the Taj Mahal, a project which Pujya Swamiji initiated by Global Interfaith WASH Alliance, Parmarth Niketan and Pilo Pani





“The ‘I’ is the cause of all our problems. It is a wall,
a barrier between us and others.
Learn to bend the ‘I,’ make it a bridge.”

March
April

29 Sunday

Yamuna Jayanti/Yamuna Chhath
(Hindu)

30 Monday

31 Tuesday

Durgashtami
(Hindu)

1 Wednesday

Ram Navami
(Hindu)

2 Thursday

Dashami
(Hindu)

3 Friday

4 Saturday

Pujya Swamiji and Hon'ble Minister for Road Transport & Highways of India and Shipping and Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Government of India, Shri Nitin Gadkari, discuss new technologies to keep sewage from polluting the water bodies of India

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“Facebook is great,
but you must also make time to Face your Book.
Facing your own book is what is needed most.”



April

Palm Sunday
(Christian)

5

Sunday

Mahavir Jayanti
(Hindu)

6

Monday

7

Tuesday

Hanuman Jayanti
(Hindu)
Passover Begins
(Jewish)

8

Wednesday

Theravadin New Year (Buddhist)

9

Thursday

Good Friday (Christian)

10

Friday

11

Saturday



*“Let us fill our homes with love - love for God,
for each other, for the community, and for all of
humanity. Then, through that love, all else
will automatically follow.”*



April

Easter Sunday
(Christian)

12

Sunday

Baisakhi
(Hindu)

13

Monday

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Wednesday

Passover Ends
(Jewish)

16

Thursday

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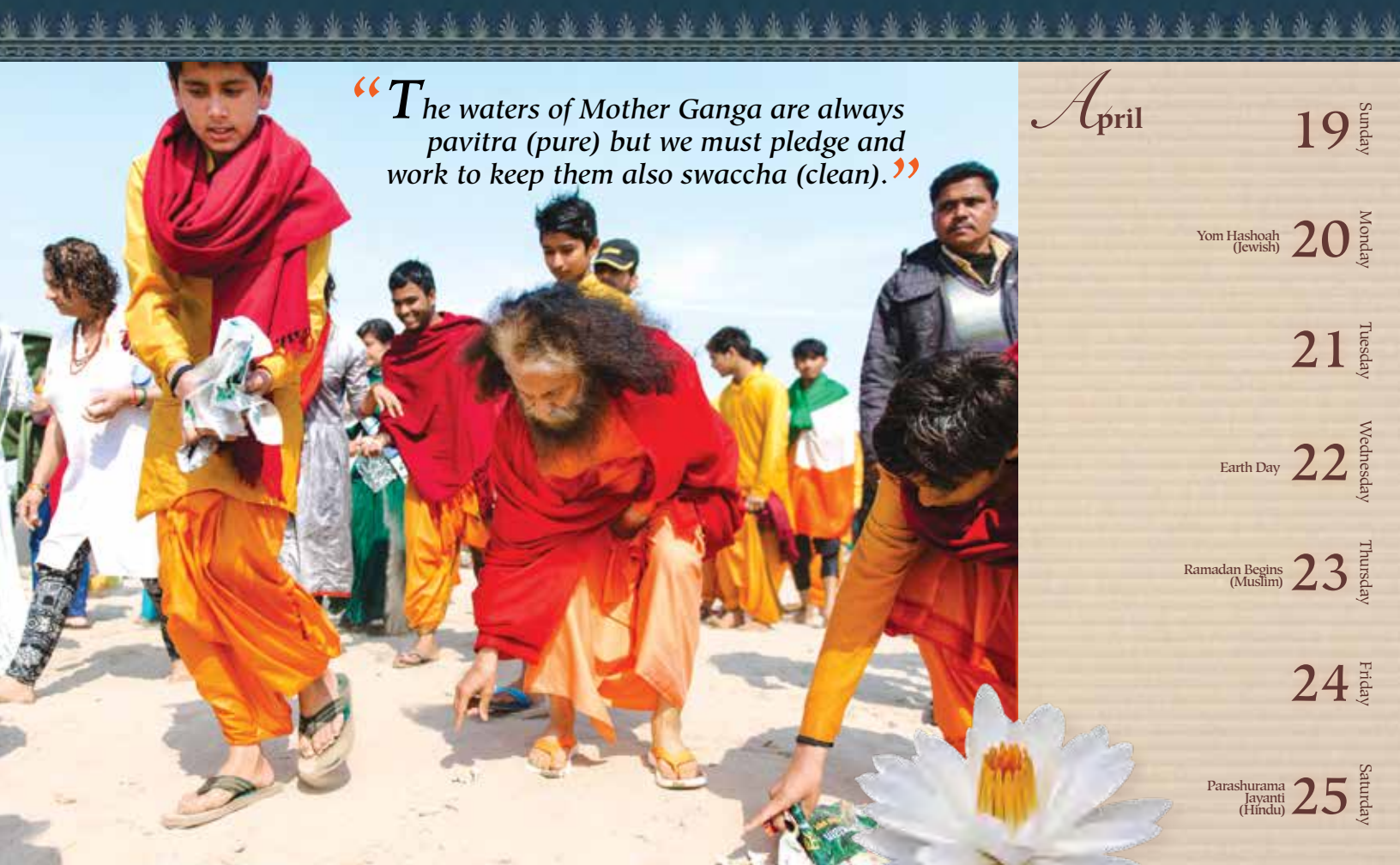
Friday

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Saturday

Pledging to work together to end desertification and conserve water at a session by UNICEF India and Global Interfaith WASH Alliance (GIWA) at the COP14 in New Delhi





“The waters of Mother Ganga are always pavitra (pure) but we must pledge and work to keep them also swaccha (clean).”

April

19 Sunday

Yom Hashoah
(Jewish)

20 Monday

21 Tuesday

Earth Day

22 Wednesday

Ramadan Begins
(Muslim)

23 Thursday

24 Friday

Parashurama
Jayanti
(Hindu)

25 Saturday

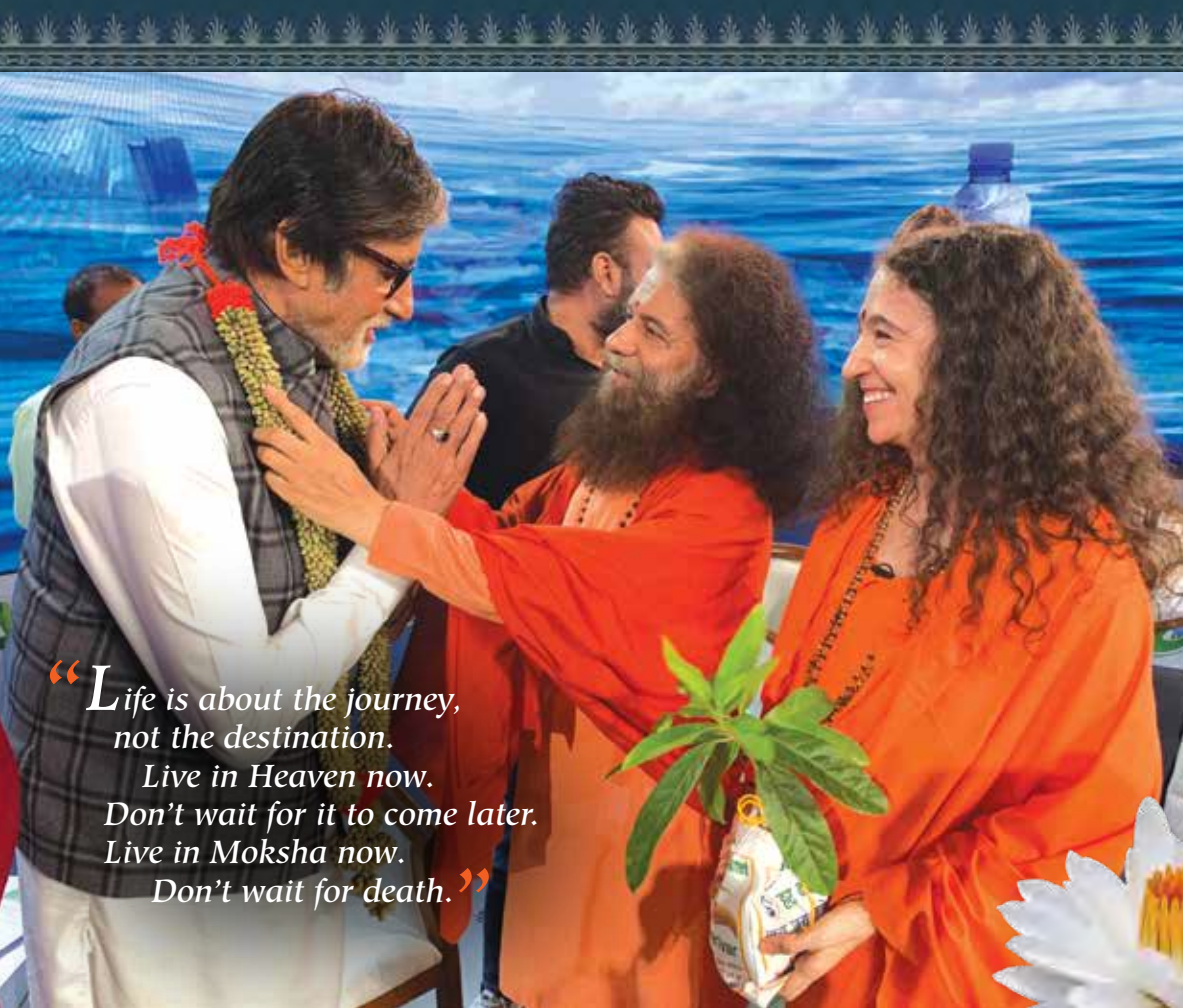
“We must learn to be like the calm,
undisturbed water in the depths of the ocean itself,
unaffected by the small, transient fluctuations.”



Pujya Swamiji welcomes and greets Pujya Swami Madhavpriyadasji of the Swaminarayan Gurukul Parivar on his visit home to Parmarth Niketan

May	April	Akshay Tritiya (Hindu)	26	Sunday
			27	Monday
			28	Tuesday
			29	Wednesday
		Ganga Saptami/Jahnu Saptami (Hindu)	30	Thursday
			1	Friday
		Birthday of Guru Arjan Dev (Sikh)	2	Saturday





*“Life is about the journey,
not the destination.
Live in Heaven now.
Don't wait for it to come later.
Live in Moksha now.
Don't wait for death.”*

May

Legendary Bollywood Actor and Swachh Bharat Ambassador Amitabh Bachchan gracefully receives elachi (cardamom) mala ahead of his birthday at a 12-hour Cleanathon live event by the NDTV & Dettol Banega Swasth India

Buddha Jayanti/Buddha Day
(Buddhist)

Narad Jayanti
(Hindu)

3 Sunday

4 Monday

5 Tuesday

6 Wednesday

7 Thursday

8 Friday

9 Saturday



“Do Divine! Be Divine! It is not enough just to BE divine, one must also DO divine.”

May

10 Sunday

11 Monday

12 Tuesday

13 Wednesday

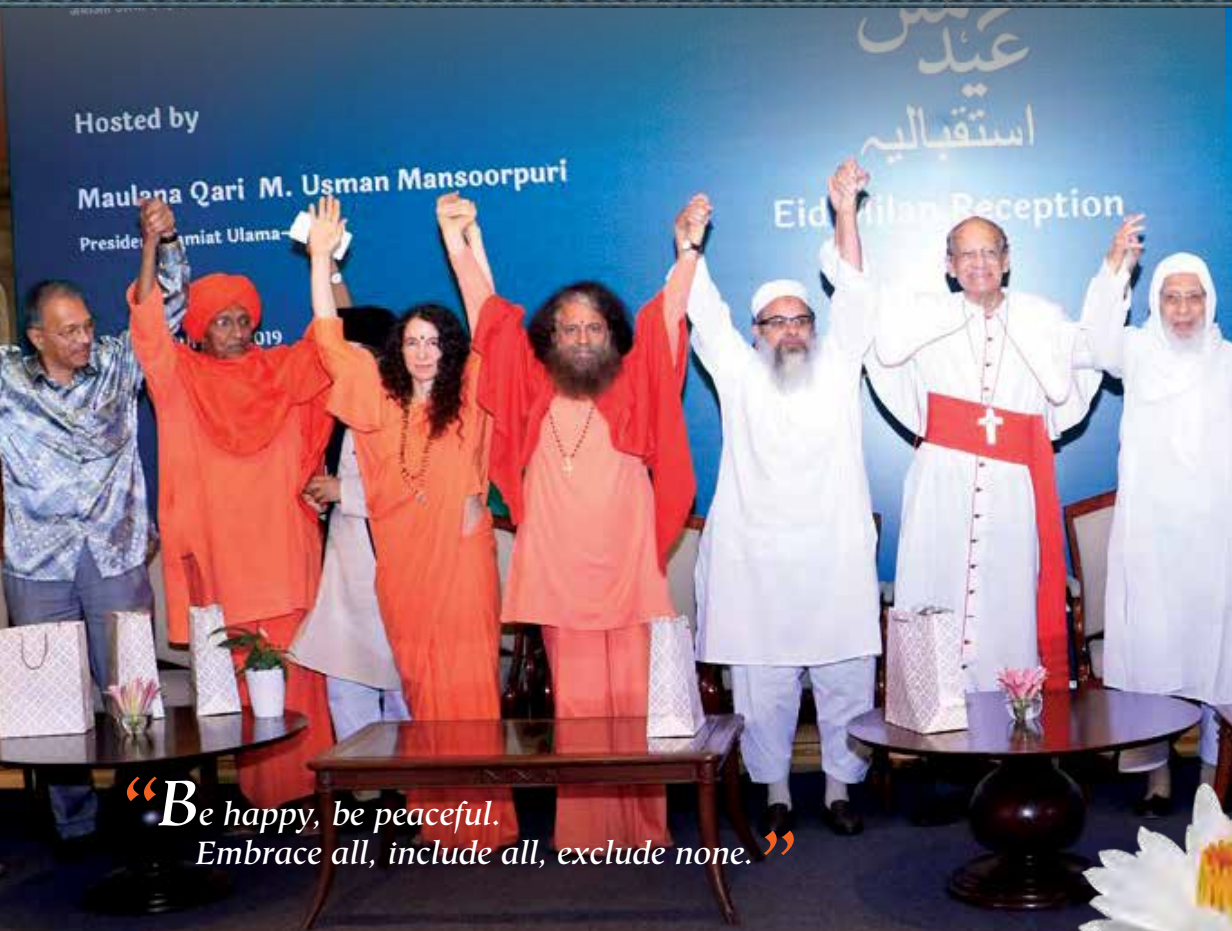
14 Thursday

15 Friday

16 Saturday

Mumbai launch of Sadhvi Bhagawat Saraswati's new book 'Come Home to Yourself', published by Penguin, at Raj Bhavan, Mumbai with (left to right), famous personality Shivani, Bollywood star Auli KAPOOR, Pooja Swami, Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri BS Keshari, Sadhvi Bhagawati, and Bollywood star Vivek Oberoi, plus (not seen in this image), Bollywood star and UN ambassador Dia Mirza and famous Sufi singer Kallash Kher





May

17 Sunday

18 Monday

19 Tuesday
Lailat al Qadr
(Muslim)

20 Wednesday

21 Thursday
Ascension Day
(Christian)

22 Friday

23 Saturday
Eid-Ul-Fitr
(Muslim)
Ramadan
Ends
(Muslim)

Interfaith Eid Milan event hosted by Jamiat Ulama-e-Hind (JUH) with (right to left): Maulana Mohammad Usman Mansoorpuri, President, JUH; Cardinal Oswald Gracias, Archbishop of Mumbai; Maulana Mahmood Madani, Secretary-General, JUH; Pulaya Swamiji, Sadhu Bhagawati, Swami Agniveshi; and AK Merchant

“Be happy, be peaceful.
Embrace all, include all, exclude none.”



“Engage yourself in Karma (good, selfless work), under the shade
of Dharma (righteousness), with an awareness of Brahma (God).”



In honor of Menstrual Hygiene & Health Day, Global Interfaith WASH Alliance, Parmarth Niketan seva team joins the "Red Dot Challenge" to end the stigma around menstruation

May

24 Sunday

Memorial Day
(US) 25 Monday

26 Tuesday

27 Wednesday

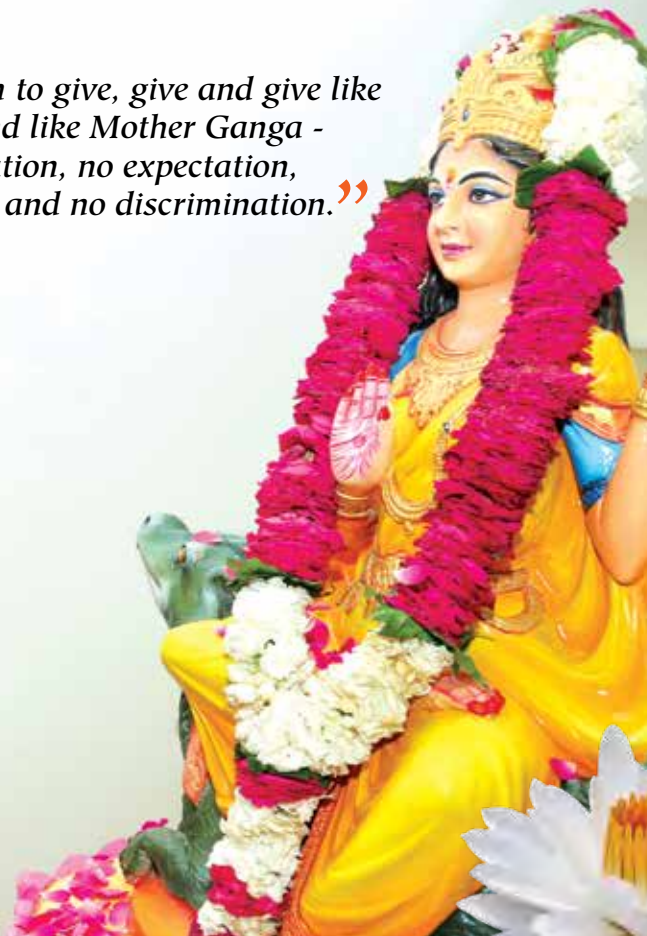
Shavuot
(Jewish) 28 Thursday

29 Friday

30 Saturday



*“We must learn to give, give and give like
the Sun, and like Mother Ganga -
with no hesitation, no expectation,
no vacation and no discrimination.”*



May
June Pentecost
(Christian) 31 Sunday

Ganga Dussehra
(Hindu) 1 Monday

2 Tuesday

Birthday of H.H. Pujya
Swami Chidanand
Saraswati 3 Wednesday

4 Thursday

World Environment
Day 5 Friday

6 Saturday



“We may not have the power to make flowers blossom in all the gardens of the world, but at least wherever we go, whatever path we walk on, we can remove the thorns we pass on the way.”



Pujya Swamiji with Pujya Shri Muralidharji and Pujya Acharya Balkrishnaji in the Himalayan mountains

June

7	Sunday
8	Monday
9	Tuesday
10	Wednesday
11	Thursday
12	Friday
13	Saturday





*“Be the change and bring the change.
If we set the divine example,
others will follow.”*

June

14 Sunday

15 Monday

16 Tuesday
Martyrdom of
Guru Arjan Dev
(Sikh)

17 Wednesday

18 Thursday

19 Friday

20 Saturday
Summer Solstice



“Yoga connects us to our innernet rather than the internet.
People always ask if there is Wi-Fi, but the real question
should be “Why-I?””



Yog Maha Kumbh at the Prayag Raj Kumbh Mela. Pulya Swami Ramdevji and Pulya Sri Sri Ravi Shankarji come to Parmarthi Niketan's camp for a special Yog event

June

21

Sunday

Ashadh Gupta Navratri
Begins
(Hindu)

22

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Saturday



“How to recharge your batteries?
Plug yourself back into the Source. Get connected again to God.
The moment we reconnect, the charge is there!”

June
July

28

Sunday

St. Peter & Paul's Day
(Christian)

29

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Saturday

Independence Day
(US)

Presenters and participants gather during the 30th Anniversary of the International Yoga Festival



*“You can be fit or have fits.
You can be set or upset.
You can be better or bitter.
You can be in peace or in pieces
-- the choice is yours.”*

July

Guru Purnima
(Hindu)



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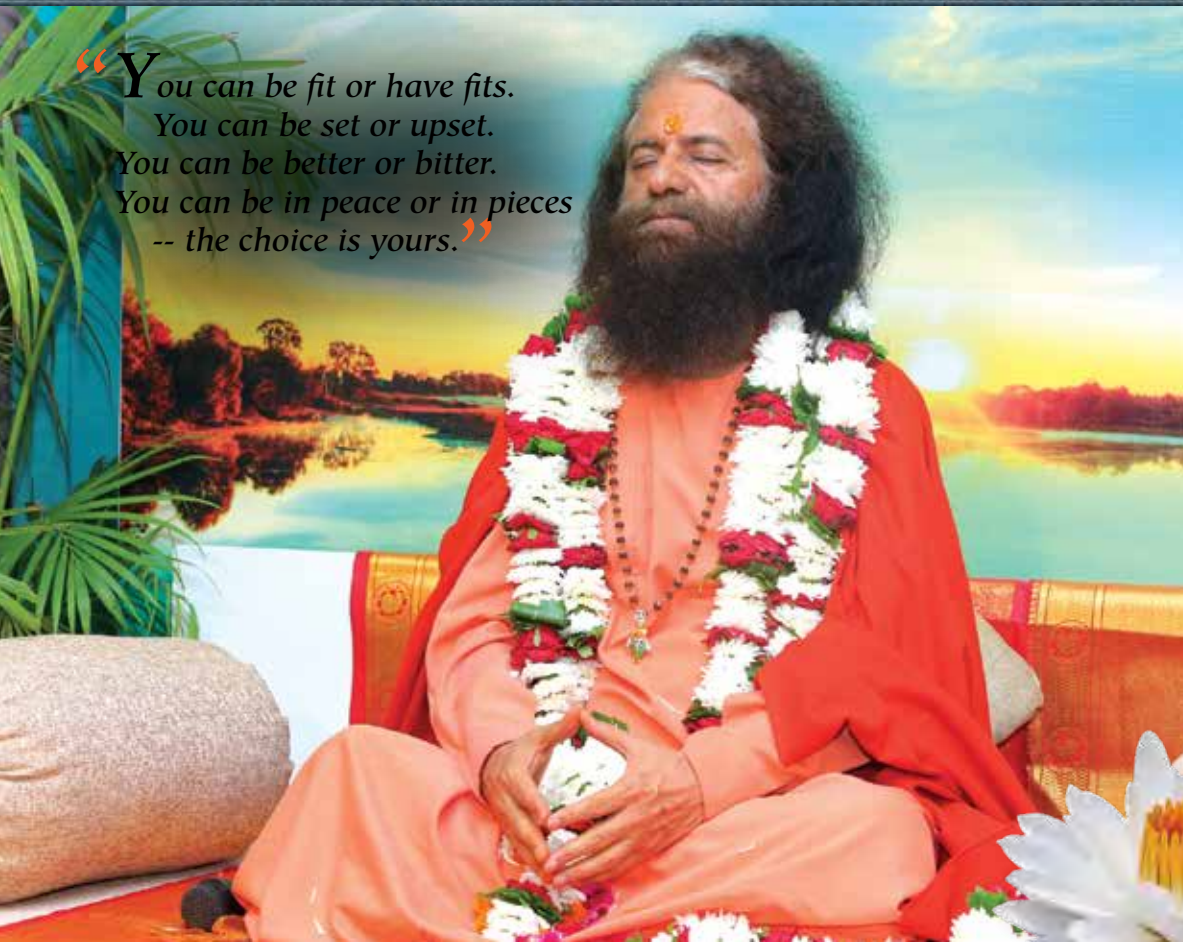
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Ashadh Gupt Navratri Ends
(Hindu)

Friday

11

Saturday



स्वच्छ कांवड़ यात्रा चाम्पयन

हर जल स्थल में बसे भगवान,
कहीं भी गंदगी करके मत करो अपमान।

हम संकल्प करते हैं।

1. मैं कचरे को कूड़ेदान में ही डालूंगा।
2. मैं प्लास्टिक का प्रयोग नहीं करूंगा।
3. अपनी आदतों में सुधार कर जल बचाने में अहम योगदान करूंगा।



स्वच्छ कांवड़ यात्रा, हरित कांवड़ यात्रा

हम संकल्प करते हैं।

4. कांवड़ यात्रा की याद में पौधारोपण करूंगा।
5. स्वच्छता का संदेश गली, गाँव, शहर में जन-जन तक फैलाऊंगा।

July

12

Sunday

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Saturday

Kanwad Mela begins with our GITA Puppets and volunteers joining Puja Swamiji to kick start the month long annual Mela with an emphasis on maintaining a Clean and Green Pilgrimage for all

“Live in peace, not in pieces. If you are in peace, you will exude peace, manifest peace, and spread peace. If you're in pieces, you will manifest pieces and spread pieces.”



*“Do not try to move others; rather find your way
between the others and around them.
Humbly and sincerely make your
own way on the path of life.”*



July

Shrawan Shivratni
(Hindu)

19 Sunday

20 Monday

21 Tuesday

22 Wednesday

23 Thursday

24 Friday

25 Saturday

Pujya Swamiji shows the handwashing stations at Global Interfaith WASH Alliance. Parmarth Niketan's camp at the Kumbh Mela to Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri TS Rawat and Minister of Urban Development Shri Madan Kaushik



*“If we want to be torchbearers of peace,
we must first become rivers of love, dousing all flames of discord
in the waters of our own compassion and serenity.”*



July
August

26

Sunday

27

Monday

28

Tuesday

Tisha B'Av
(Jewish)

29

Wednesday

Eid-Ul-Adha
(Muslim)

30

Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

Pujya Swamiji and Maulana Mohmood Madani lead a powerful pledge during the Harbhar Vrat, which touched 1,000 madrasas, gurukuls, mandirs, masjids, railway stations and public locations across much of Northern India and inspired the planting of thousands of trees, whilst sowing seeds of communal harmony and peace





“Cultivate the attitude of not
“what for me”, but rather
“what through me.””

August

Raksha Bandhan
(Hindu)



2 Sunday

3 Monday

4 Tuesday

5 Wednesday

6 Thursday

7 Friday

8 Saturday

Hon'ble Vice President of India Shri Venkatesh Naidu and Hon'ble Governor of Uttar Pradesh
Shri Ram Nath Kovind water a sacred tulsi plant with Pujya Swamiji at the Parmarth Niketan
camp in the Kumbha Mela





*“Surrender. Become humble.
Realize everything
is due only to God.”*

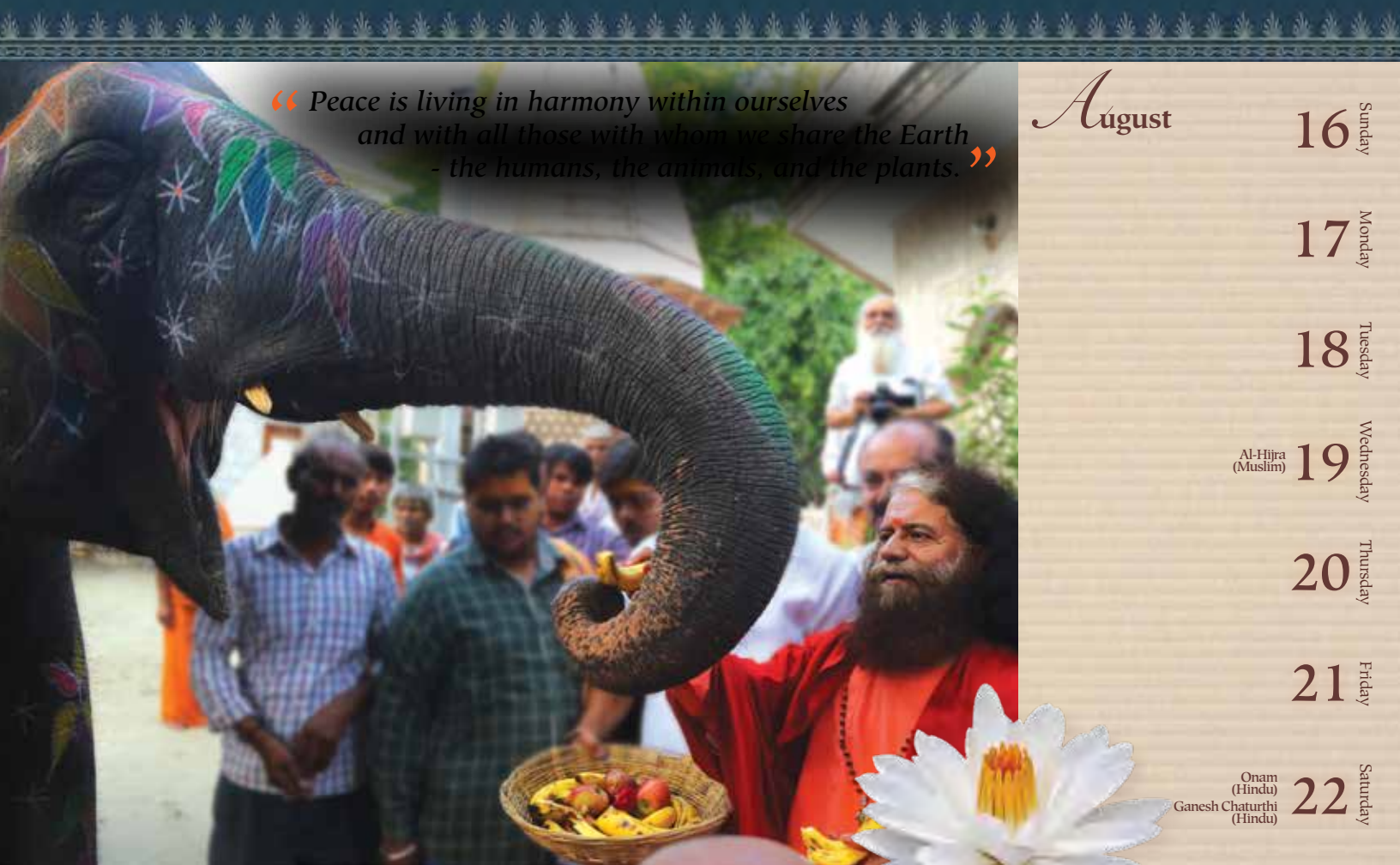
August

- 9 Sunday
- 10 Monday
- 11 Tuesday
- 12 Wednesday
- 13 Thursday
- 14 Friday
- 15 Saturday

Krishna Janmashthami
(Hindu)

Independence Day
(India)
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary (Christian)





“ Peace is living in harmony within ourselves
and with all those with whom we share the Earth
- the humans, the animals, and the plants. ”

August

16 Sunday

17 Monday

18 Tuesday

19 Wednesday
Al-Hijra
(Muslim)

20 Thursday

21 Friday

22 Saturday
Onam
(Hindu)
Ganesh Chaturthi
(Hindu)





“Yoga is not a union of our hands
to our feet or our head to our knees.
It is a union of the self to the Divine.”

August

23 Sunday

24 Monday

25 Tuesday

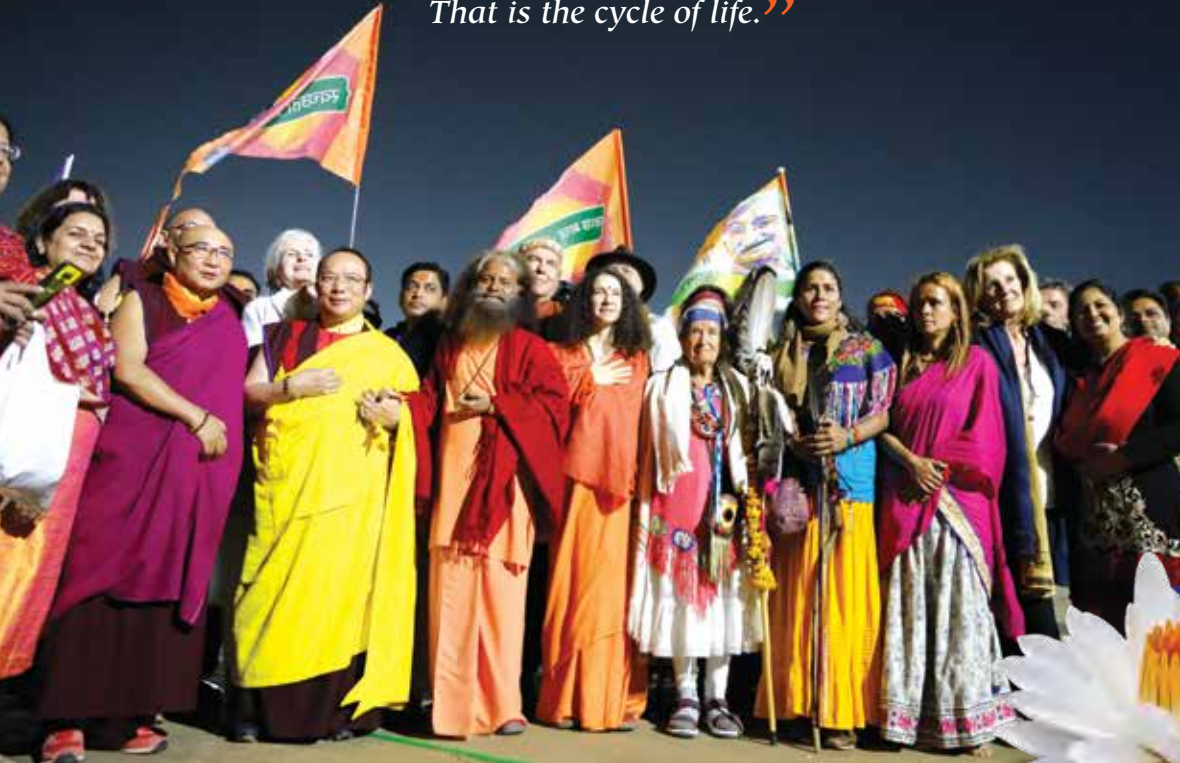
Radhashtami
(Hindu) 26 Wednesday

27 Thursday

Ashura
(Muslim) 28 Friday

29 Saturday

“Giving is living, living is learning, learning is knowing,
knowing is growing, growing is giving, and giving is living.
That is the cycle of life.”



August
september

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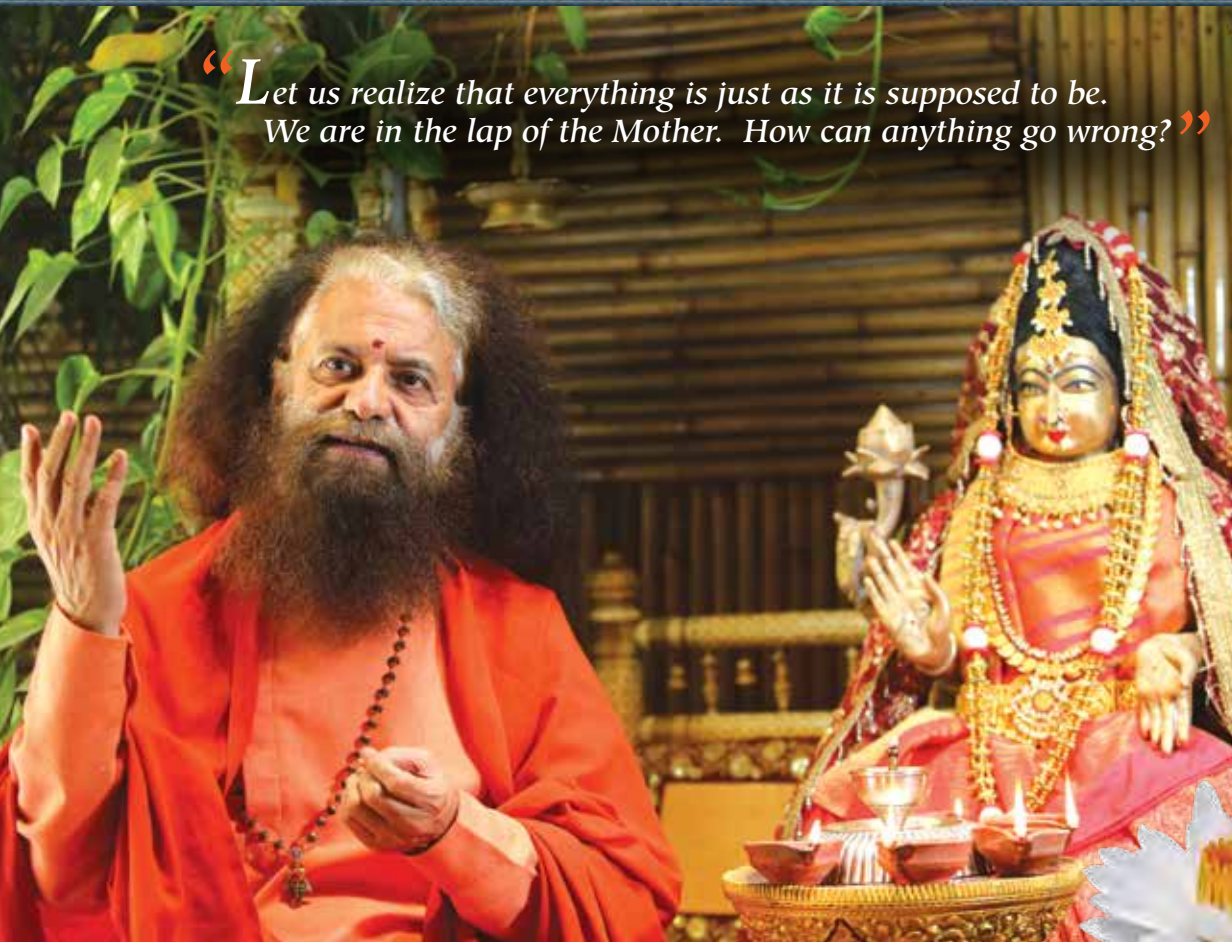
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Saturday

Pitru Paksh / Shraddha
Purnima
(Hindu)

Divine evening on the banks of the sacred confluence of the Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati
at the Prayagraj Kumbh Mela with tribal leaders from South and Central America as well as
Peace Pledge delegation from around the world

*“Let us realize that everything is just as it is supposed to be.
We are in the lap of the Mother. How can anything go wrong?”*



September

6 Sunday

Labor Day (US)

7 Monday

Birthday of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary
(Christian)

8 Tuesday

9 Wednesday

10 Thursday

9/11 Observances
(US)

11 Friday

12 Saturday

“Yoga is not what you do; it is who you ARE.”



September

13 Sunday

14 Monday

15 Tuesday

16 Wednesday

17 Thursday
Sarvapirti Amavasya
(Hindu)

18 Friday
Rosh Hashanah
(Jewish)

19 Saturday

At Mumbai launch of Come Home to Yourself, Purna Swamiji and the Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri BS Koshiyari offer a nidralesh sapling to Dia Mirza, UN Environment Goodwill Ambassador, UN Secretary General's Advocate for SDGs, Actor & Producer



*“Life is not just about connecting to the Internet
and getting the fastest speed, but we must remember to
connect with the Innernet and get the right direction.”*



September 20 Sunday

21 Monday

22 Tuesday
Autumn Equinox

23 Wednesday

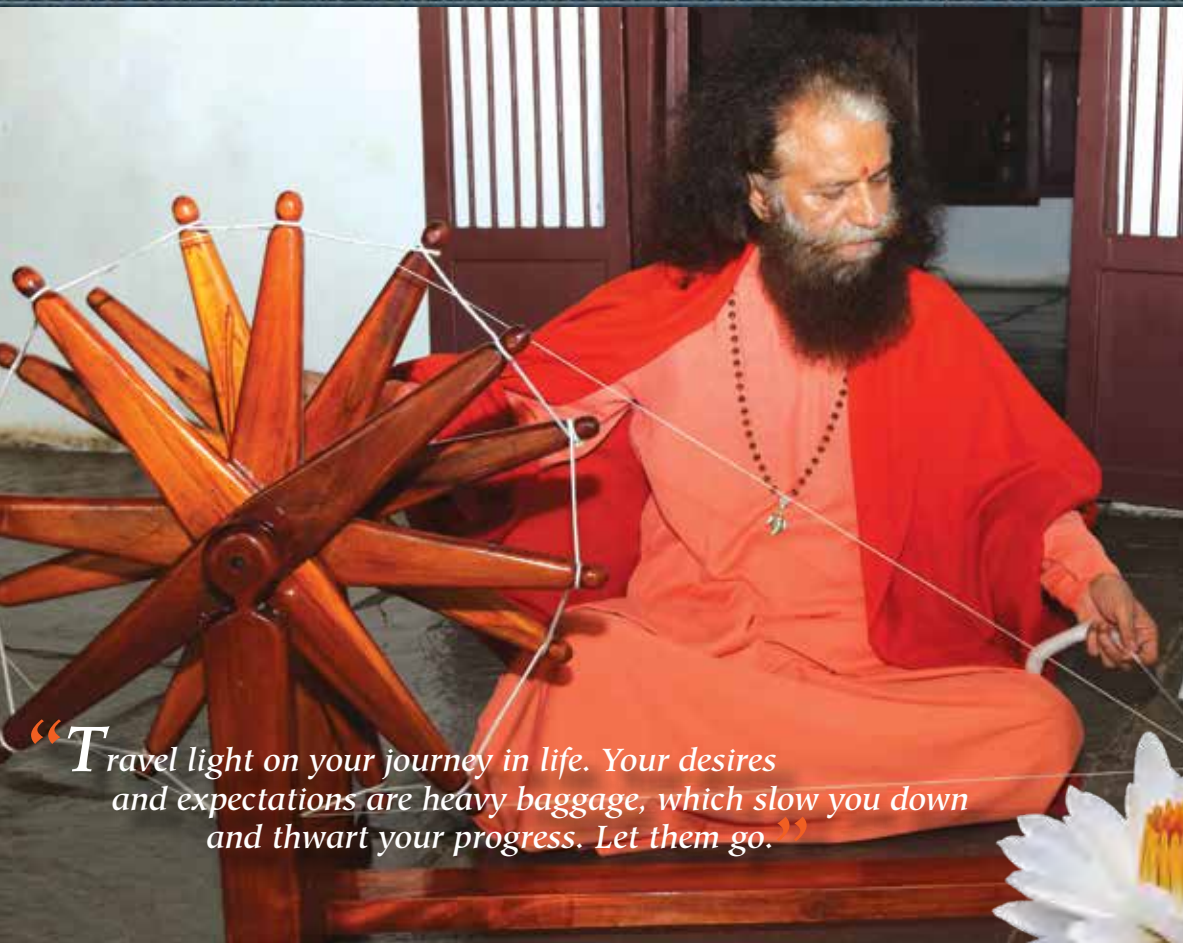
24 Thursday

25 Friday

26 Saturday

A colorful moment during our Leave No One Behind Consultation, convened by GHVA, in partnership with WSSCC, with the technical support of FANSA, at Parmarth Niketan where Interfaith leaders pledged with their hands and their hearts to unite for SDG6 and an ODF+ India





“Travel light on your journey in life. Your desires and expectations are heavy baggage, which slow you down and thwart your progress. Let them go.”

September
October

Yom
Kippur
(Jewish)

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Thursday

Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday
Sukkot (Jewish)

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Friday

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Saturday

“*Interfaith is when we enter into the common faith
of acceptance which says we may worship our own
but we must respect all.*”



October

Faith leaders come together with the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhnad Shri TS Rawat at a Sant Sammelan in memory of Pujya Swami Sayamitrinandaji Maharaj, including (left to right): Maulana Kokabji, Pujya Swami Yatindranandji, Pujya Swamiji, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Giani Gurubachan Singhji, MM Pujya Swami Avdeshanand Giri, Imam Umer Ahmed Ilyasiji and Pujya Swami Ramdevji

4 Sunday

5 Monday

6 Tuesday

7 Wednesday

8 Thursday

9 Friday

10 Saturday

*“In order to bring deep and lasting peace to our world,
we must first move outwards.”*



Joining hands with indigenous leaders of Ladakh's Dard Aryans with the theme of protecting
our nature, culture and future for generations to come

October

11 Sunday

12 Monday

13 Tuesday

14 Wednesday

15 Thursday

16 Friday

Sharad Navratri
Begins
(Hindu)

17 Saturday





*“Go to God. Whatever name,
whatever form you worship
is no problem. Just go to Him.
He accepts all names and all forms.
If God can be worshipped only in
one way then He is not God!”*

October

18 Sunday

19 Monday

20 Tuesday

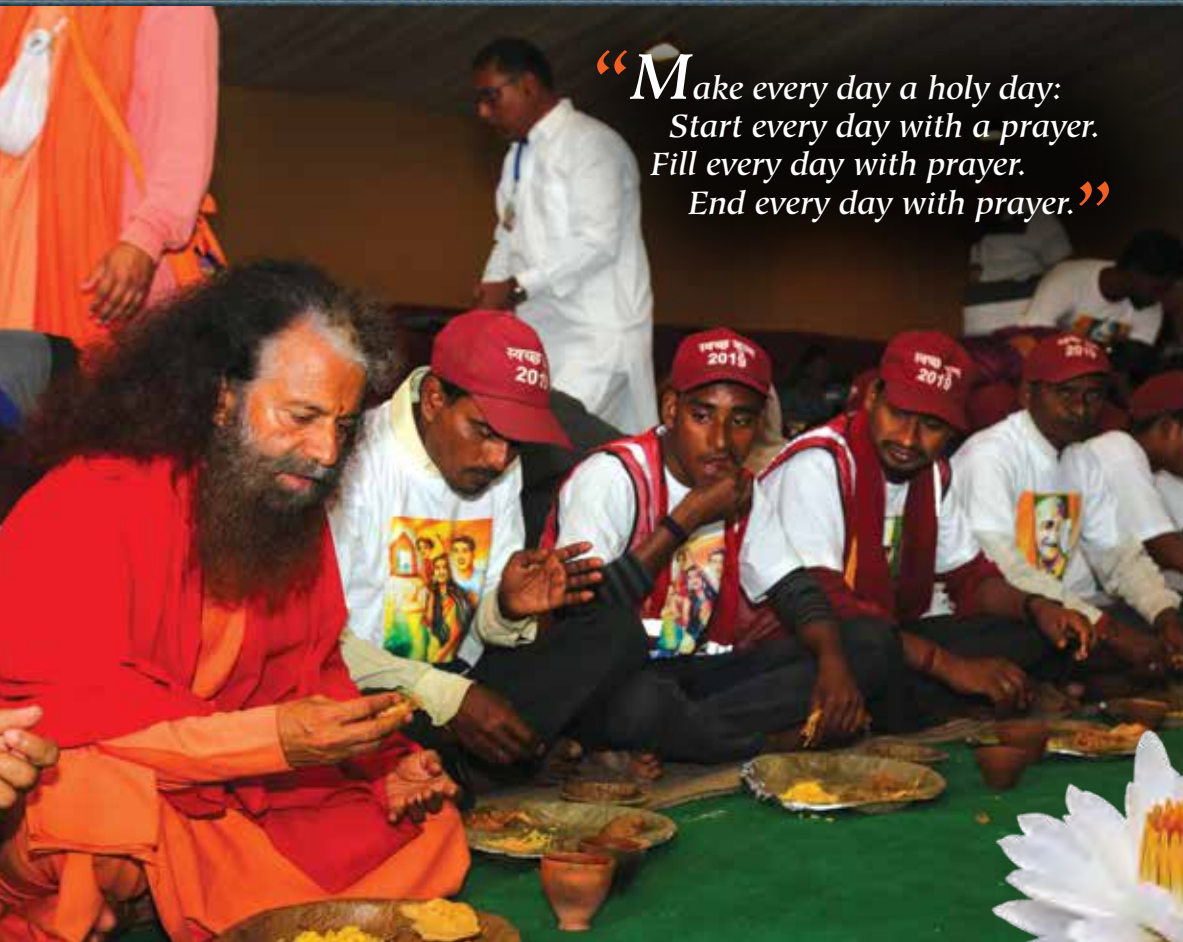
21 Wednesday

22 Thursday

Durgashtami
(Hindu) 23 Friday

24 Saturday

Hon'ble Jal Shakti Minister Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurates one of the first decentralized, potable Sewage Treatment Plants at Parmarth Niketan as well as a Pilo Pami free clean drinking water system on Parmarth's Ganga Ghat



*“Make every day a holy day:
Start every day with a prayer.
Fill every day with prayer.
End every day with prayer.”*

October

Vijay Dashami
(Hindu)

25

Sunday

Sharad Navratri Ends
(Hindu)

26

Monday

27

Tuesday

Milad un Nabi
Birthday of the
Prophet Muhammad
(Muslim)

28

Wednesday

29

Thursday

Sharad Purnima
(Hindu)

30

Friday

Halloween
(US)



31

Saturday

In a special "Saints & Sweepers Meet, Greet and Eat Together" program aimed to eliminate barriers of caste, Pujya Swamiji joins the Prayag Raj Kumbh sanitation workers for lunch





“I want peace,’ everyone says.
Simply remove the ‘I’
and remove the “want’
and you will have ‘peace.’
Peace is not something
to search for. It is ‘I’
(our egos) and ‘want’
(our desires) that make
peace elusive.”

November

1	Sunday	Daylight Savings Time Ends (US) All Saints' Day (Christian)
2	Monday	All Souls' Day (Christian)
3	Tuesday	Election Day (US)
4	Wednesday	Karak Chaturthi/Karva Chauth (Hindu)
5	Thursday	
6	Friday	
7	Saturday	

Pujya Swamiji shares a loving exchange of brotherhood and oneness with Tribal Leaders from North and South America during the Kirta Kumbh Mela





*“We must learn to be
noiseless amidst the noise.”*

November

8 Sunday

9 Monday

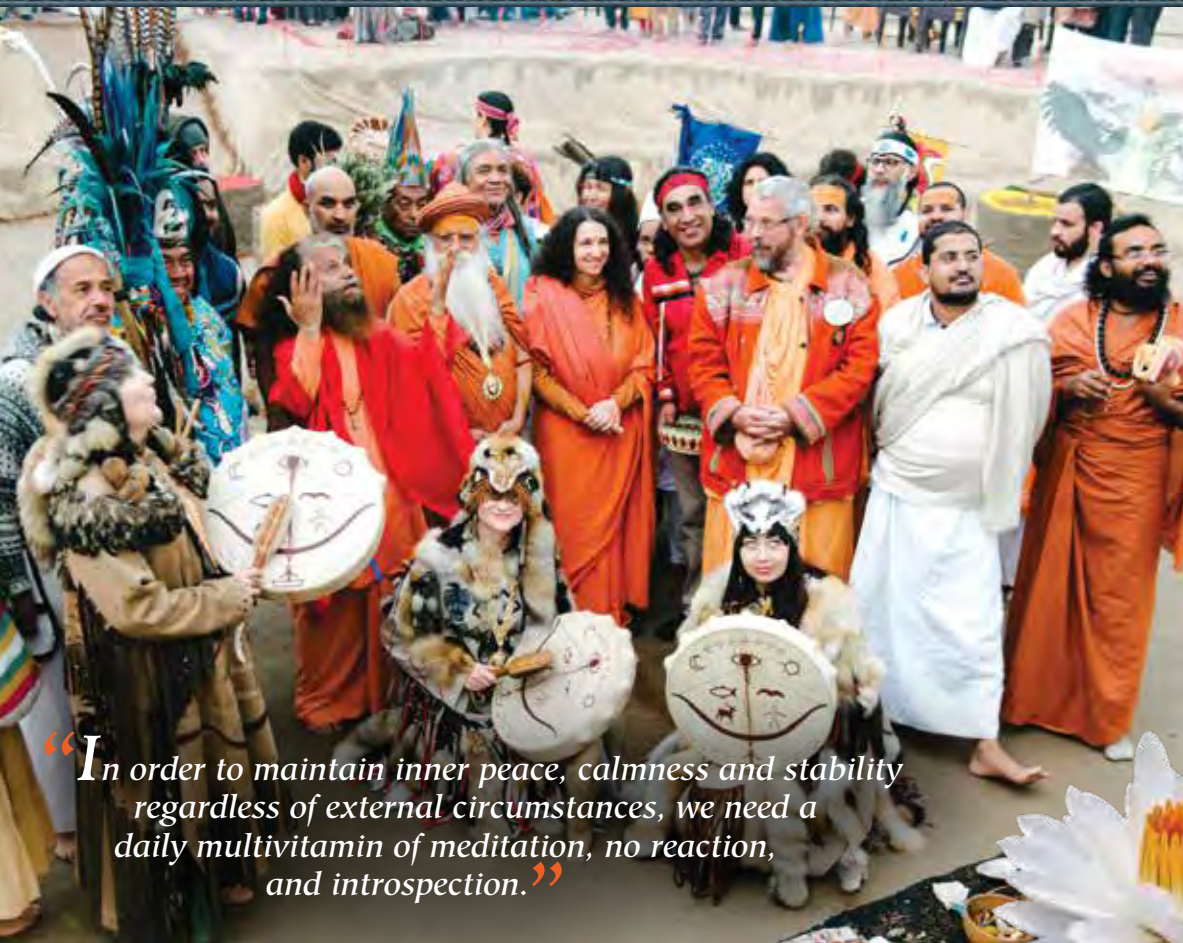
10 Tuesday

11 Wednesday
Veteran's Day
(US)

12 Thursday
Dhanteras
(Hindu)

13 Friday
Naraka Chaturdashi / Choti Diwali
(Hindu)

14 Saturday
Diwali
(Hindu)



“In order to maintain inner peace, calmness and stability regardless of external circumstances, we need a daily multivitamin of meditation, no reaction, and introspection.”

November 15 Sunday
Govardhan Pooja
(Hindu)

16 Monday
Bhaidooj
(Hindu)

17 Tuesday

18 Wednesday

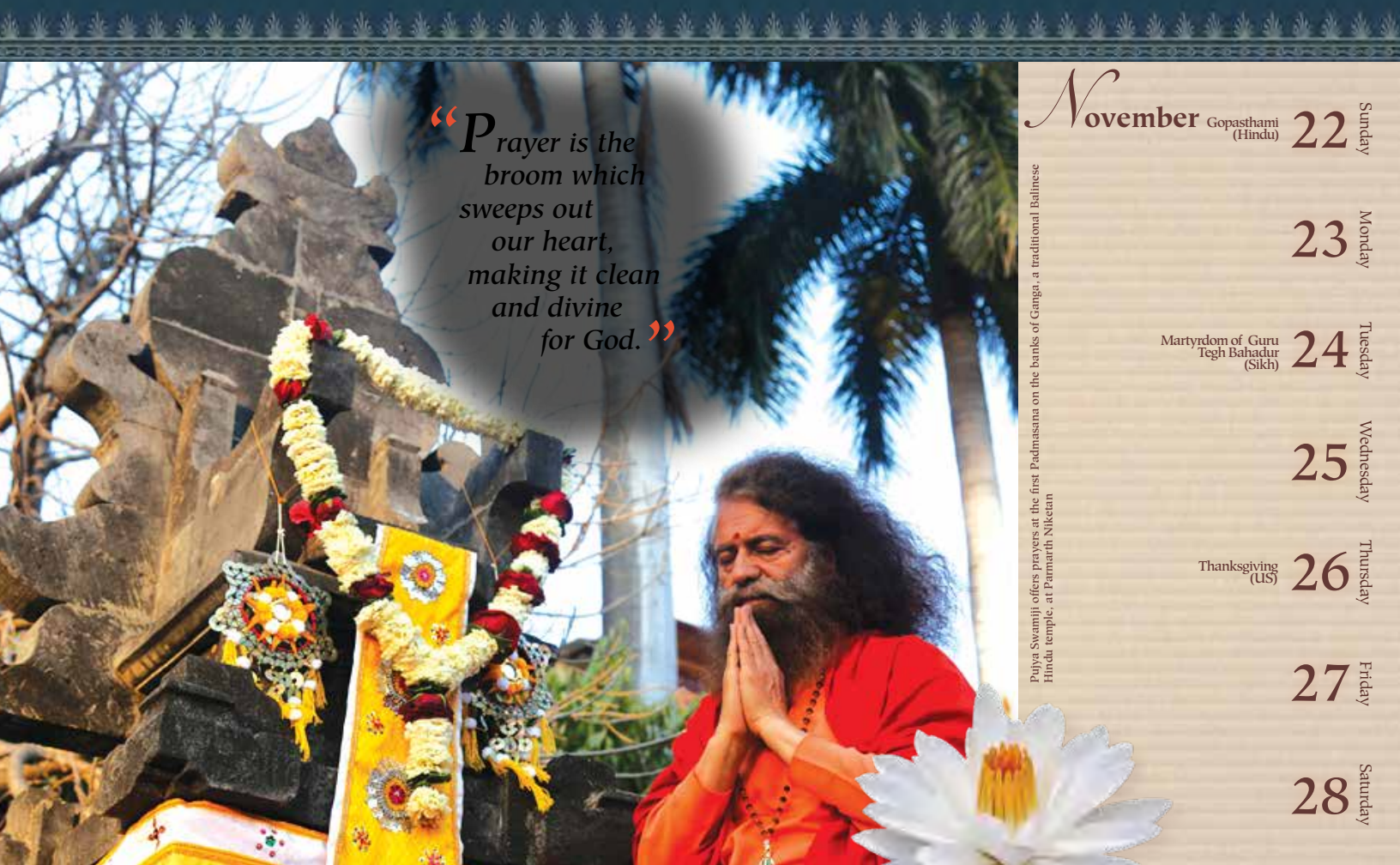
19 Thursday
World Toilet Day

20 Friday

21 Saturday

First ever Kiwa Kumbha Mela, Parmarth Niketan's camp was joined by hundreds of indigenous tribal leaders from South, Central & North America as well as Europe, for a special program dedicated to protecting and preserving the planet's sacred water resources





*“Prayer is the
broom which
sweeps out
our heart,
making it clean
and divine
for God.”*

November Gopasthami
(Hindu)

22 Sunday

23 Monday

Martyrdom of Guru
Tegh Bahadur
(Sikh)

24 Tuesday

25 Wednesday

Thanksgiving
(US)

26 Thursday

27 Friday

28 Saturday

Pujya Swamiji offers prayers at the first Padmasana on the banks of Ganga, a traditional Balinese Hindu temple, at Parmarth Niketan



*“Don’t only light the
oil lamp in your temple
but light the lamp in
your own hearts.”*

November
December

29

Sunday

Kartik Purnima
(Hindu)
Birthday of Guru
Nanak
(Sikh)

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Monday

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Tuesday

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Wednesday

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Thursday

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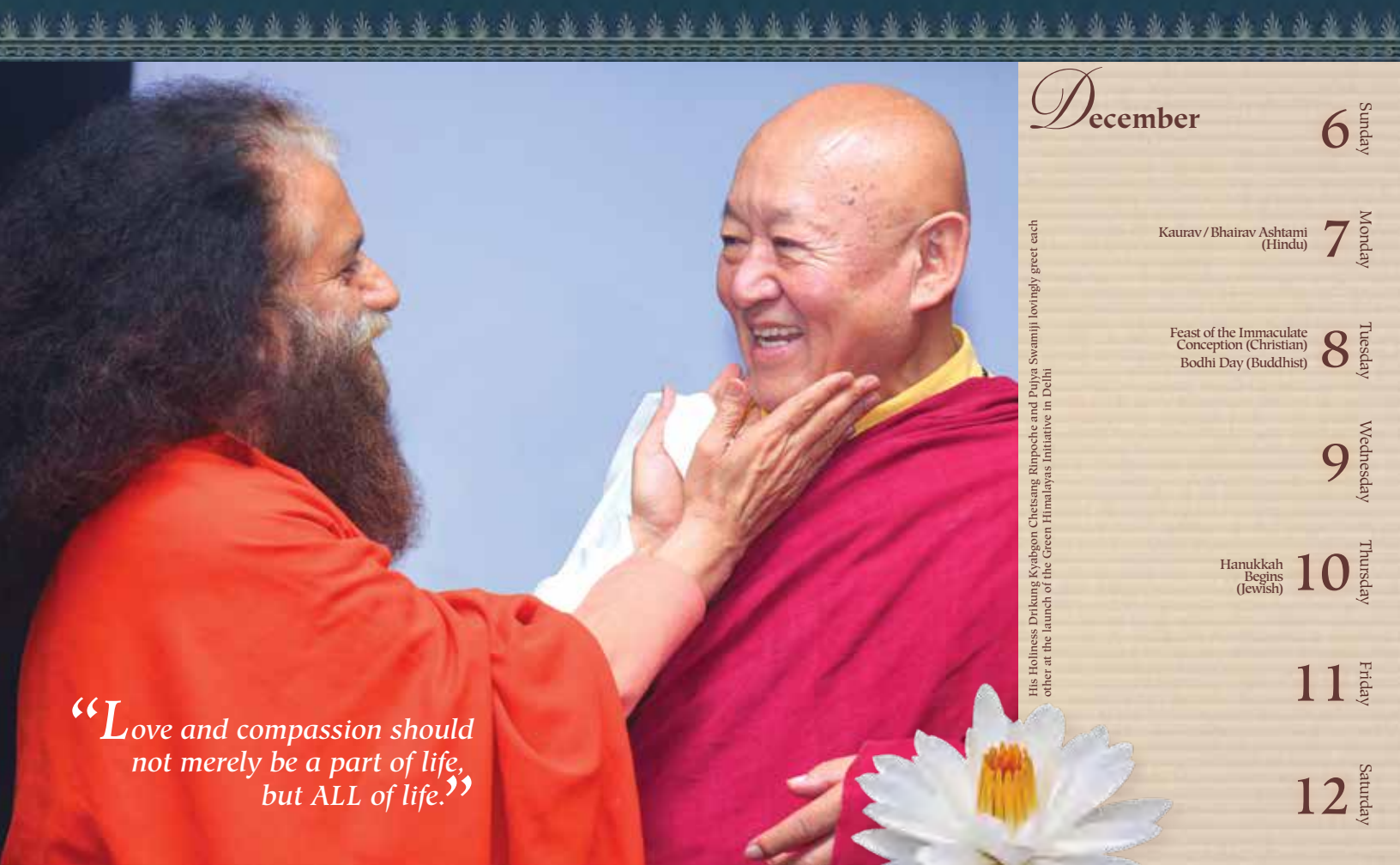
Friday

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Saturday

Water Blessing Ceremony with Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker of the Parliament; Rita Bahuguna,
Minister of Tourism for Uttar Pradesh; Sue Coates, Deputy Executive Director WSSCC; and
women spiritual leaders at the inauguration of the Summit of Grace dedicated to women's
empowerment





*“Love and compassion should
not merely be a part of life,
but ALL of life.”*

December

6 Sunday

Kaurav / Bhairav Ashtami
(Hindu)

7 Monday

Feast of the Immaculate
Conception (Christian)
Bodhi Day (Buddhist)

8 Tuesday

9 Wednesday

Hanukkah
Begins
(Jewish)

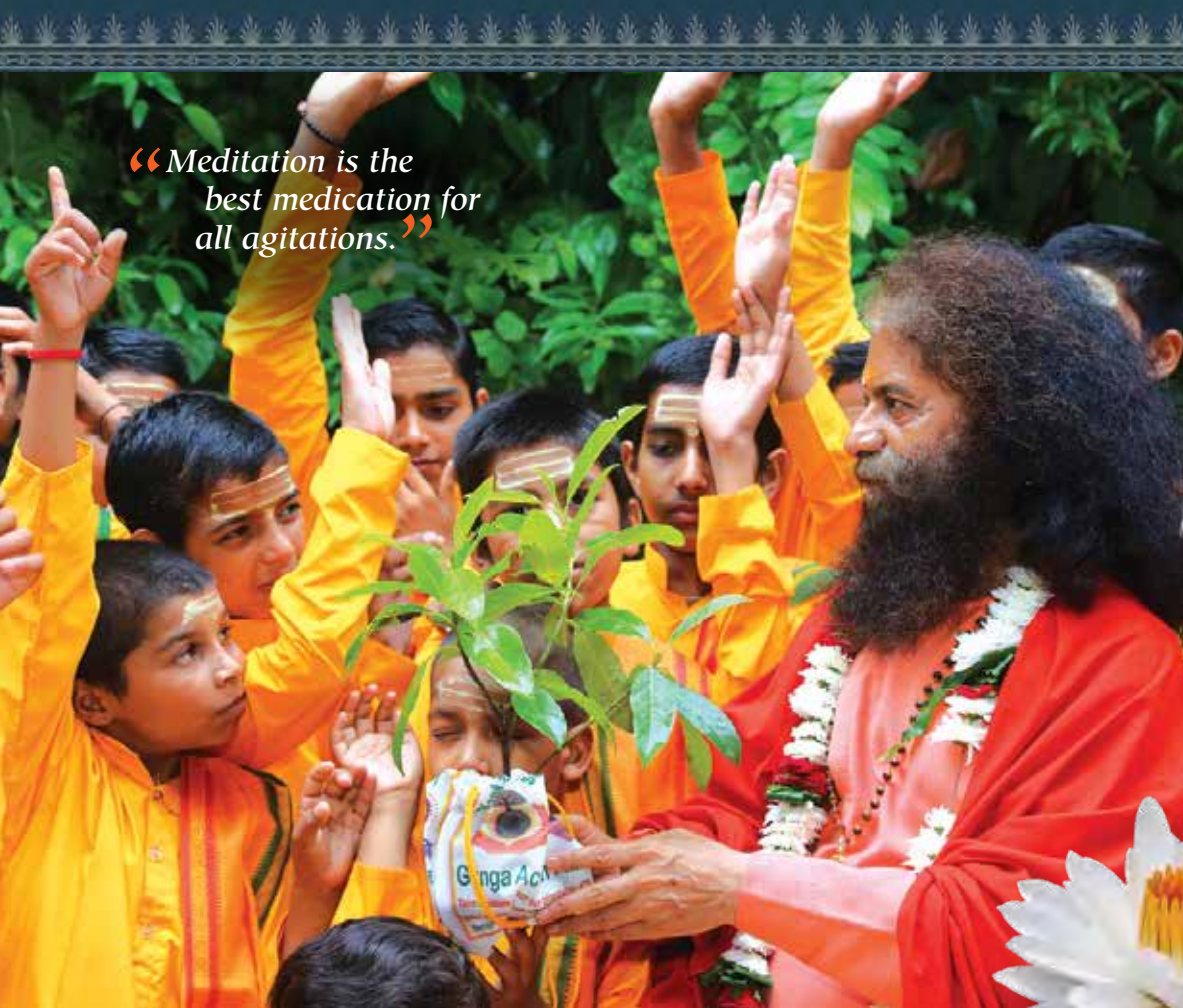
10 Thursday

11 Friday

12 Saturday

His Holiness Drikung Kyabgon Chetsang Rinpoché and Pujya Swamiji lovingly greet each other at the launch of the Green Himalayas Initiative in Delhi





“Meditation is the
best medication for
all agitations.”

December

13 Sunday

14 Monday

15 Tuesday

16 Wednesday

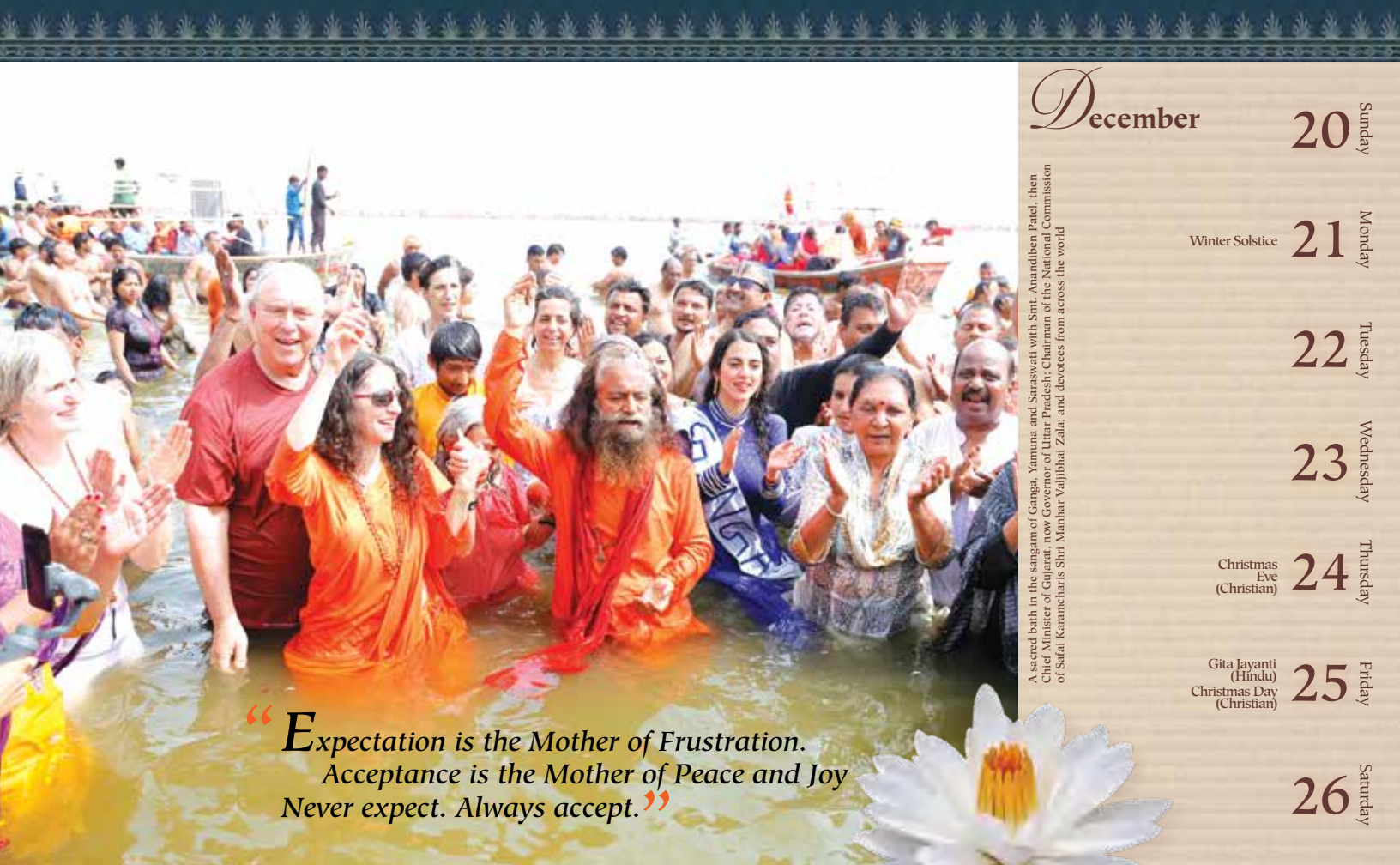
17 Thursday

18 Friday
Hanukkah
Ends
(Jewish)

19 Saturday

Festivals can become green when the message and focus is environmental preservation.
Pujya Swamiji encourages young Rishikumars to plant trees and conserve water





December

20 Sunday

Winter Solstice

21 Monday

22 Tuesday

23 Wednesday

Christmas
Eve
(Christian)

24 Thursday

Gita Jayanti
(Hindu)
Christmas Day
(Christian)

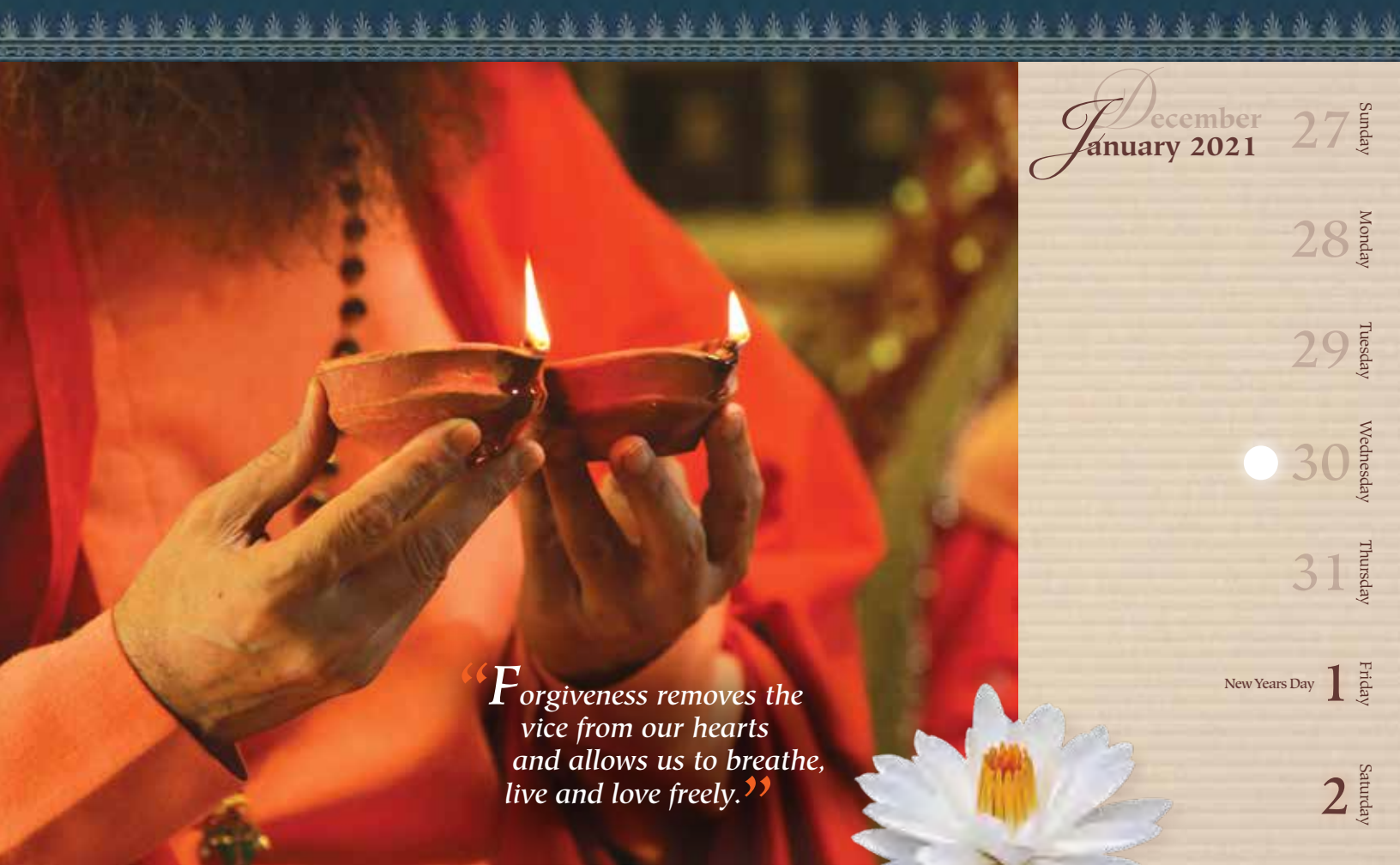
25 Friday

26 Saturday

*“Expectation is the Mother of Frustration.
Acceptance is the Mother of Peace and Joy
Never expect. Always accept.”*

A sacred bath in the sangam of Ganga, Yamuna and Saraswati with Smt. Anandiben Patel, then Chief Minister of Gujarat, now Governor of Uttar Pradesh; Chairman of the National Commission of Safai Karamcharis Shri Manihar Valjibhai Zala; and devotees from across the world





December
January 2021

27 Sunday

28 Monday

29 Tuesday

30 Wednesday

31 Thursday

New Years Day 1 Friday

2 Saturday

*“Forgiveness removes the
vice from our hearts
and allows us to breathe,
live and love freely.”*



“To perform actions without any expectation,
just as an instrument of divine grace, is Yoga.”

January

3 Sunday

4 Monday

5 Tuesday
Birthday of Guru
Gobind Singh
(Sikh)

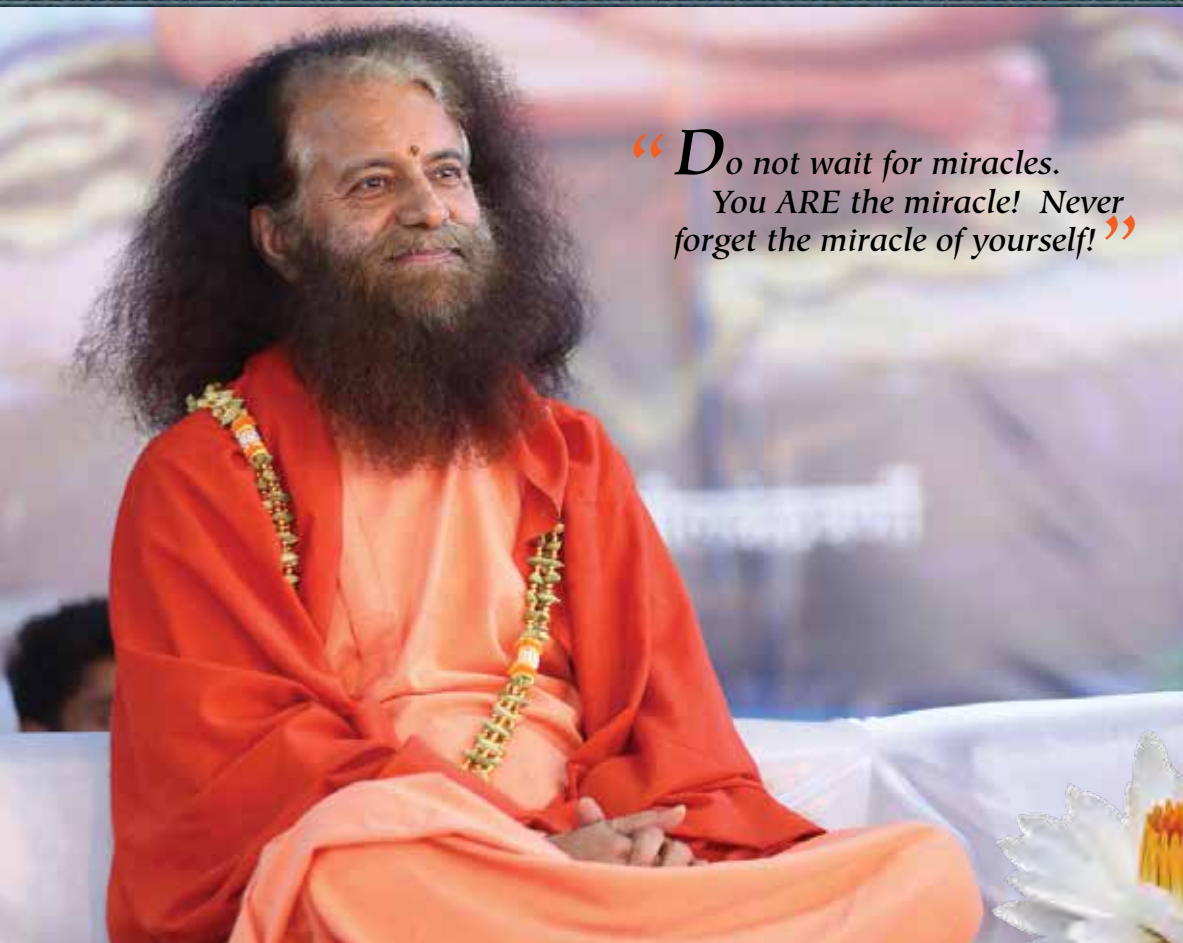
6 Wednesday
Epiphany
(Christian)

7 Thursday

8 Friday

9 Saturday





*“Do not wait for miracles.
You ARE the miracle! Never
forget the miracle of yourself!”*

January

10 Sunday

11 Monday

12 Tuesday

13 Wednesday

Makar Sankranti
(Hindu) 14 Thursday

15 Friday

16 Saturday



H.H. Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji's motto in life is, "In the Service of God and humanity." Selflessly dedicated to the welfare of all, He leads, directs and inspires numerous, wide-scale service initiatives. Touched by the hand of God at the tender age of eight, Pujya Swamiji left His home to live a life devoted to God and humanity, spending His youth in silence, meditation, yoga and austerities high in the Himalayas. Today, he is world renowned as a spiritual leader, visionary and divine guide.

Pujya Swamiji is President and Spiritual Head of **Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh, India**, one of the largest interfaith institutions in India. Under His divine inspiration and leadership, Parmarth Niketan has become a sanctuary known across the globe as one filled with grace, beauty, serenity and true divine bliss. (www.parmarth.org). The word Parmarth means "Dedicated to the Welfare of All;" the ashram is not only a spiritual haven for those who visit, but it also provides food, shelter, education, training, and health care to those in need.

He is Co-Founder of **Global Interfaith WASH Alliance (GIWA)**, the world's first international interfaith initiative which brings together the world's faiths as allies in ensuring every child around the world has access to safe, life-giving Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). (www.washalliance.org)

Pujya Swamiji is also the Founder of:

- **Ganga Action Parivar (GAP)**, a global family dedicated to the preservation of the River Ganga and Her tributaries in their free-flowing and pristine state. GAP work includes everything ranging from solid waste management to wastewater management as well as awareness and educational outreach to make this vision of a clean and free-flowing River Ganga and Her tributaries a reality for all. (www.gangaaction.org)
- **Divine Shakti Foundation (DSF)**, which is dedicated to the holistic well being of women, their children, and orphaned/abandoned children, and to all of Mother Nature. DSF runs and sponsors free schools, women's vocational training programs, orphanages/gurukuls, frequent free medical camps, animal care programs, a rural development program, and innumerable other humanitarian projects. (www.divineshaktifoundation.org)
- **India Heritage Research Foundation (IHRF)**, an international, non-profit, humanitarian foundation which compiled, edited and published the first-ever comprehensive Encyclopedia of Hinduism (www.theencyclopediaofhinduism.com) in 11-volumes, as well as ashrams and medical clinics in the sacred land of Mansarovar and Mt. Kailash in Tibet. (www.ihrf.com)
- **Interfaith Humanitarian Network**, an organization that brings the faiths together to save lives during humanitarian crises and to help prevent crises to come. IHN is dedicated to disaster relief and has been active in providing both short term, immediate relief as well as long-term permanent relief to victims of the 2004 Asian Tsunami, 2013 floods in Uttarakhand India, and 2015 earthquake in Nepal. (www.projecthope-india.org)

Pujya Swamiji's religion is unity, and he is a leader in numerous international, inter-faith summits and parliaments including the United Nations, World Economic Forum, Parliament of Religions, Religions for Peace, and more.

However, Pujya Swamiji seems unaffected by this incredible list of accomplishments and remains a pious child of God, owning nothing, draped in saffron robes, living a life of true renunciation. His days in Rishikesh are spent offering service to those around him. Thousands travel from across the globe simply to sit in his presence, to receive his "darshan." He travels the world, bringing the light of wisdom, inspiration, upliftment and the divine touch to thousands across the world.



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