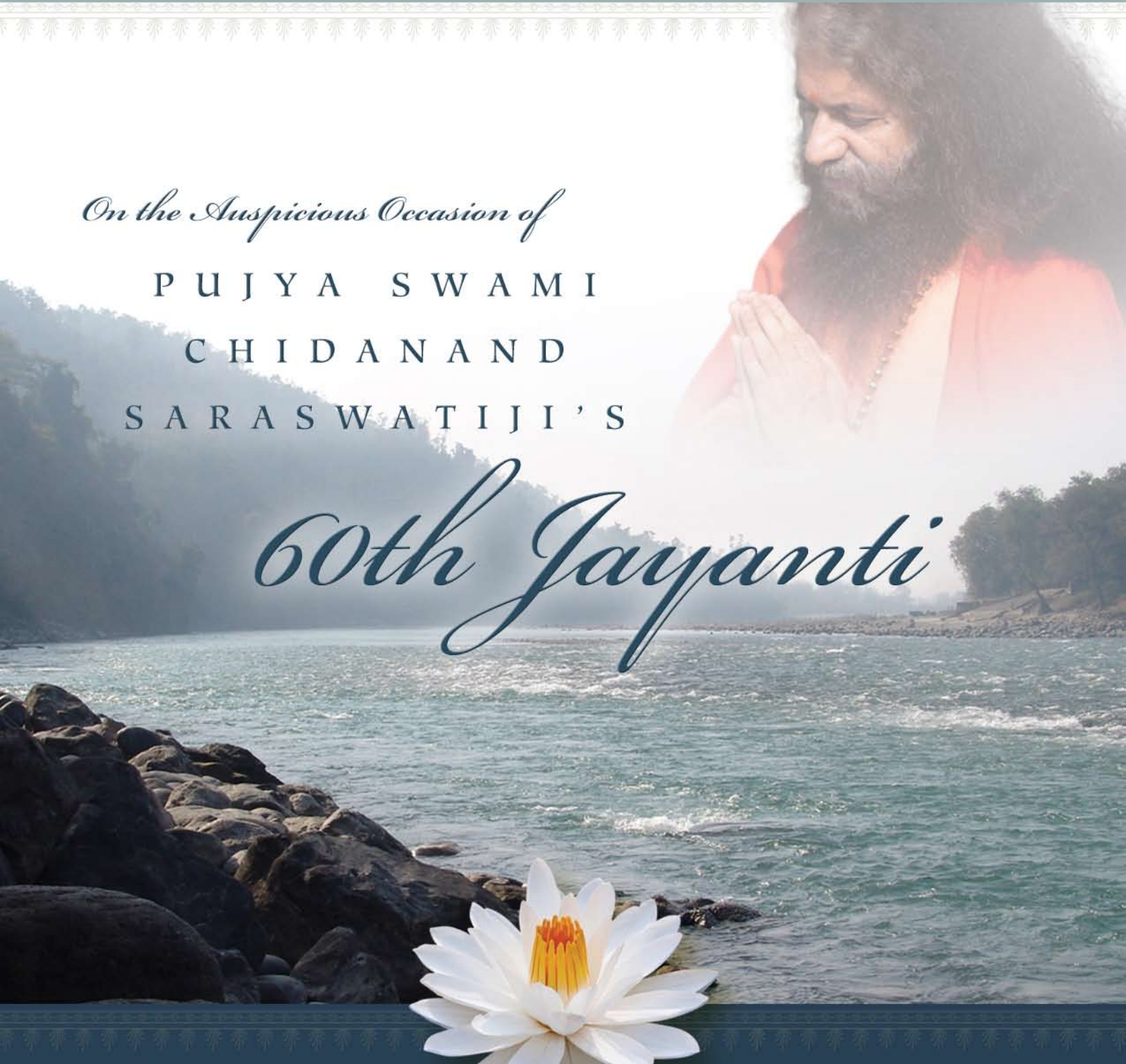


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*60th Jayanti*



# *Environmental Preservation* *for* **World Peace**

On November 3rd, 2012, Parmarth Niketan Ashram hosted a huge interfaith gathering in honor of Pujya Swamiji's 60th Janam Utsav, with the top leaders of the world's religions coming together in the name of Environmental Protection for World Peace. There were leaders of Hinduism, Jainism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, Judaism and Baha'i from India and from across the world, joining together to discuss the crucial role that religious/ spiritual leaders need to play in protecting and preserving our environment.

Revered religious/spiritual leaders, distinguished dignitaries and industrialists, politicians from both major parties and Bollywood celebrities came together, on this momentous occasion, to join hands on the banks of Mother Ganga, and pledge themselves to the cause of Environmental Protection and Preservation.







# November 1st - Day 1 of Mahayagna



The festivities began on the 1st November with a 3-day Mahayagna on the banks of Mother Ganga, for world peace and environmental protection.







# November 1st - Kavi Sammelan



On the evening of the 1st we had a beautiful Kavi Sammelan (divine poetry reading) as well as the release of Indra Prasad Akelaji's book "Ganga Ma ki Pukar."



Sivamani playing during the Ganga Aarti





# November 2nd - Day 2 of Mahayagna



On November 2nd, the sacred yagnas for world peace and environmental protection continued for the second day in the morning and the afternoon.



**Pujya Swamiji and Rabbi David Rosen during the second day of the Mahayagna**





November 2nd



From left to right: Pujya Vivek Muniji, Pujya Acharya Lokesh Muniji, Hon'ble Rabbi David Rosen, Pujya Devi Prasad Bapuji, Pujya Swami Madhavpriyadasji, Pujya Shankaracharya Swami Divyanand Teerthji, Pujya Kalbe Sadiq Sahibji, Pujya Swamiji, Pujya Swami Gurusharananandji, Pujya Bhaishri, and Pujya Brahmachari Brahmaswarupji, Shri Dinesh Agarwalji and Pujya Swami Harichetnanandji at the Ganga Aarti

In the evening, at the time of divine Ganga Aarti we had the darshan and words of revered saints and spiritual masters, special prayers by Buddhist monks from Dharamsala, an amazing yogasana demonstration, as well as an incredibly beautiful drumming concert by world famous Sivamani, a beautiful devotee of Pujya Swamiji's who filled the atmosphere with joy and soul-touching music.







# November 2nd - Sivamani Concert







# November 3rd - Purnahuti of Mahayagna



From left to right: Shri K.K. Pittieji, Sivamani, Pujya Bhaishri, Pujya Swamiji, Maulana Imam Ilyasiji, Shri A.K. Merchant, Pujya Swami Agniveshji, Pujya Goswami Sushilji, Pujya Acharya Lokesh Muniji, and other saints and devotees , performing the purnahuti of the 3-day Mahayagna

The morning of November 3rd began with the purnahuti (final offering) of the Mahayagna in 60 kunds and the divine words of many of the saints who attended.







# Mahayagnas



Pujya Shankarcharya  
Swami Divyanand Teerthji



Pujya Swamiji, Shri A.K. Merchantji, Pujya Swami Agniveshji, Pujya  
Goswami Sushilji, Pujya Acharya Lokesh Muniji, Pujya Vivek Muniji,  
Shankaracharya Swami Divyanand Teerthji, Pujya Rasyani Babaji



Pujya Rameshbhai Ozaji and Pujya Swamiji



Pujya Swamiji and Rabbi David Rosen







# Mahayagnas



Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Imam Umar Ahmed Ilyasiji



Pujya Goswami Sushilji, Pujya Lokesh Muniji and Pujya Vivek Muniji



Pujya Goswami Sushilji



Pujya Bhaishri and Pujya Vivek Muniji







# Mahayagnas



Pujya Bhaishri, Pujya Swamiji  
and Sivamaniiji



Pujya Vivek Muniji



Pujya Bhaishri and Pujya Swamiji





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After the purnahuti, Puja Rameshbhai Ozaji (Puja Bhaishri) and Puja Madhavpriyadasji bathed Puja Swamiji with the sacred milk and Ganga water from the sacred yagnas, after which they all had a sacred snan in Mother Ganga to the sound of Vedic mantra chanting.



**Puja Bhaishri and Puja Madhavpriyadasji bathing Puja Swamiji with Gangajal and milk before the snan in Ganga**





# November 3rd

Then, the main event began 4:00 pm with the national and international leaders of all major religions as well as esteemed political leaders of both the BJP and Congress parties, renowned dignitaries and Bollywood stars coming together in the name of Environmental Protection for World Peace. Great emphasis was placed by all speakers on the crucial need today for all leaders to join together -- breaking barriers of religion, race and politics -- to save Mother Earth. A special emphasis was placed on the dire need to join hands for the protection and preservation of Mother Ganga.



Everyone deeply and sincerely appreciated Pujya Swamiji for His lifetime of work for the poor and the needy and now for His tireless and huge-scale programs to protect Mother Ganga. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji was the first one to build ashrams in the holy land of Mansarovar and Mt. Kailash. He was the first one to bring out an Encyclopedia of Hinduism, an 11-volume compendium which was launched by the hands of H.H. the Dalai Lama. Now, in His 60th year, He is giving His life for Mother Ganga. All of the saints and dignitaries were effusive in their praise for Him.

Also, the event included the signing of a historic MOU between Ganga Action Parivar (which Pujya Swamiji founded in 2010) and DRDO and FICCI for the construction of thousands of bio-digester toilets on the banks of Mother Ganga to prevent villagers from having to use the sacred river as their toilet. The event also included the launch of By God's Grace, a beautiful coffee table book biography of Pujya Swamiji's life, published by Mandala Publications of California, USA. The book was launched in USA this summer but this was the first India launch. The foreword has been written by H.H. the Dalai Lama and the preface is by Rabbi David Rosen.

After the Interfaith event, we had a wonderful music program given by MunMun Ratta, Navraj Hans, Parvez Peji and Alam Khan.



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Pujya Bhaishri, Pujya Morari Bapuji, Pujya Swamiji and Shri Vijay Bahuguna



Signing of MoU between Ganga Action Parivar, FICCI and DRDO to build toilets in the Ganga Basin



Pujya Brahmachari Brahmaswarupji



Pujya Swami Gurusharananandji



Shri Vijay Bahuguna, Hon'ble CM of Uttarakhand



Pujya Kalbe Sadiq Sahib



Pujya Imam Umar Ahmed Ilyasiji, Pujya Swamiji and Shri Vijay Bahugunaji



Pujya Chief Jathedar Sahib Shri Giani Gurubachan Singhji



Pujya Dr. Pranav Pandayaji



Pujya Swami Satyamitrnanandji and Pujya Morari Bapuji

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Release of Pujya Swamiji's biography By God's Grace



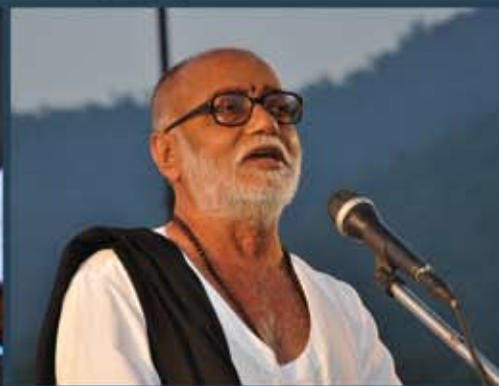
Chief Jathedar Giani  
Gurubachan Singhji



Pujya Sadhvi Ritambharaji



Pujya Morari Bapuji



Pujya Sant Seechewalji



Pujya Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswami



Sivamani playing during the release of By God's Grace



Pujya Swami Satyamitranandji



Hon'ble Dr. Rabbi David Rosen



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Shri S. Radhakrishnan,  
Director, DITM, DRDO



Pujya Swami Madhavpriyadasji



Pujya Rameshbhai Ozaji



Pujya Imam Umar Ahmed Ilyasiji



Shri Dr. W. Selvamurthy, Chief Controller  
R&D (LS & IC), DRDO



Shri Vijay Bahugunaji, Hon'ble CM of Uttarakhand



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Pujya Sant Jaggi Vasudevji



Pujya Swami Harichetnanandji



Dr. B.K. Modiji



Pujya Swami Gurusharananandji



Pujya Brahmachari Brahmaswarupji



Pujya Swami Agniveshji



Pujya Swami Harichetnanandji placing the pagari on Pujya Swamiji's head...



Pujya Acharya Balkrishnaji



...and Pujya Swamiji placing it on Anil Kapoor!



Ven. Sumedha Theroji



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The event was graced by the presence of the following revered saints:

- Puja Morari Bapuji
  - Puja Rameshbhai Oza Bhaishri
  - Puja Shri Imam Umar Ahmed Ilyasiji, President of All India Imams Organization
  - Puja Kalbe Sadiq Sahib, Vice President, Muslim Law Board
  - Puja Swami Satyamitranandji, Bharat Mata Mandir
  - Hon'ble Dr. Rabbi Rosen, Former Chief Rabbi of Ireland and Advisor to the Chief Rabbinate of Israel
  - Puja Swami Divyanand Teerthji, Shankaracharya Bhanpura Peeth
  - Puja Sant Jaggi Vasudevji, Isha Foundation
  - Puja Acharya Sudhanshuji Maharaj
  - His Grace Archbishop Vincent Concessao, Archbishop of Delhi
  - Father Dominic Emmanuel, Spokesman for the Catholic Diocese
  - Puja Shri Dewan Sahib Syed Zainul, Ajmer Sharif
  - Puja Dr. Pranav Pandya, Shantikunj and Gayatri Parivar
  - Puja Chief Jathedar Sahibji of the Golden Temple, Shri Giani Gurubachan Singhji
  - Puja Swami Gurusharananandji
  - Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Mahaswami (Suttur Swamiji), Pontiff Suttur Math
  - Puja Brahmachari Brahmaswarupji
  - Puja Swami Harichetnanandji
  - Puja Goswami Sushilji
  - Puja Sadhvi Ritambharaji
  - Puja Swami Agniveshji
  - Puja Acharya Lokesh Muniji
  - Puja Sant Seechewalji
  - Puja Swami Madhavpriyadasji
  - Puja Acharya Balkrishanji
  - Puja Sumedha Theroji
  - Puja Mahant Ravindra Puriji
  - Puja Swami Govind Giriji
  - Puja Swami Harinarayanandji
  - Puja M.M. Swami Asanganandji
  - Puja Vivek Muniji
  - Dr. AK Merchant, head Baha'i Foundation of India
  - Puja Bhai Sahib Satpal Singh Khalsaji
  - Puja Swami Rishishwaranandji
  - Mahant Lalita Giriji
  - Mahant Ramanand Puriji
  - Mahant Hari Giriji
  - Mahant Prem Puriji
  - Mahant Kailashanand Brahmachariji
  - Mahant Mohan Dassji
  - Mahant Balwant Singhji
  - Mahant Mitra Prakashji
  - Mahant Bhagat Ramji
  - Mahant Shiv Shankar Giriji
  - Mahant Satish Giriji...Atal Akhara
  - Mahant Bhairav Giriji...Anand Akhara
  - Mahant Bhagwan Dass Hathayogiji
  - Mahant Balram Dassji
  - Mahant Raghuvir Dassji
  - Mahant Durgadasji Nirvaniv
- Plus:
- Shri Anil Kapoor, Bollywood Actor
  - Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Vijay Bahugunaji
  - Many respected ministers and secretaries from Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh





Puja Dr. Pranav Pandiyaji



Puja Swamiji and Puja Bhaishri with His Grace Archbishop Vincent Concessao and Father Dominic Emmanuel



Puja Swami Satyamitranandji and Puja Swamiji



Puja Acharya Sudhanshuji and Puja Swami Satyamitranandji







Pujya Swamiji and  
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Gurmukh Kaur Khalsa and  
Pujya Shankaracharya Swami Divyanand Teerthji



Pujya Imam Umar Ahmed Ilyasiji and  
Bhai Sahib Satpal Singhji





In addition to being broadcast all over the world, this major event was covered extensively by local and even national newspapers.  
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# hindustan times

## Peace conclave vows to save the Ganga

### PARMARTH Niketan signs MoU for 5,000 bio-toilets in villages

ITT Correspondent  
www.hindustantimes.com

**ADDIS ABABA:** A three-day world peace and environmental conservation conclave on concluded here on Saturday with the pledge to conserve the Ganga and protect the environment. The conclave was organised as part of Parmarth Niketan head Swami Chidananda Sumeshwar's 80th birthday celebrations.

In the presence of thousands of devotees and several ministers, the Ganga Action Pledge jointly with the Parmarth Ashram signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) for setting up 5,000 bio-toiletter units in villages on the banks of the God of the Ganga's extra ritual. The



**Shaman performing at Parmarth Niketan on Saturday.**

objective is to prevent open defecation and to save Ganga from pollution.

Addressing the gathering, chief minister Vijay Bhargava greeted Chidananda Sumeshwar on his birthday and appreciated the religious organisations to ensure

forward for the betterment of the environment and world peace. He said that being residents of the Himalayan state, it was our moral duty to prevent the environment from pollution.

He appealed to both DRDO and FICCI to include Kodermah and Yamounotri trail in setting up bio-digester scheme on the hills routes, which would help pilgrims who visited the shrine. Bhargava said that ministers and spiritual leaders of various religions could help in creating a better social environment in the entire world.

The banks of the Ganga resonated with a spiritual performance by Ganga darshan Sumeshwar and his troops.

Chidananda Sumeshwar repeatedly requested the people to raise up for the conservation of the Ganga and its tributaries for the sake of humanity and for the betterment of environment.

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## THE TIMES OF INDIA | Environment

### Uttarakhand CM for constructing eco-friendly toilets on Char Dhaam route

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**RISHIKESH:** Uttarakhand chief minister Vijay Bahuguna today appealed to DRDO and FICCI to construct eco-friendly toilets for pilgrims on the Char Dham yatra route.

Building eco-friendly toilets on the Char Dham route would be a step towards keeping the Ganga clean, Babuguna said, speaking on the last day of the celebrations here to mark the 60th birth anniversary of Parmarth Niketan head Swami Chidananda Saraswati.

The occasion is being celebrated as the 'World Peace and Environment Conservation Mahotsav'.

Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO), Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industries (FICCI) signed an MoU on conservation of the Ganga and river ecology on the occasion.

A host of distinguished people from different fields, including film actor Anil Kapoor, religious leaders Sadhvi Ritambhara and Ramdev's close aide Bhalakrishna attended the celebrations.





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श्रविके 21। परमार्थ निकेतन में सचल जैविक शौचालय की दो मोबाइल यून का उद्घाटन किया गया। रविवार को परमार्थ निकेतन में ईको फ्रेंडली सचल शौचालय का उद्घाटन अजेय शरीफ दरगाह के प्रमुख देवन साहब सैयद जैनुल, आल इंडिया इमाम आर्गेनाइजेशन के अध्यक्ष इमाम उमर इलियासी, एक ओंकार चैरिटेबल आर्गेनाइजेशन पंजाब के प्रमुख संत बलवीर सिंह सैयवाल व स्वामी विद्वानंद मुनि ने संयुक्त रूप से मोबाइल यून का लोकार्पण कर किया। भारत सरकार के रक्षा मंत्रालय के डीआरडीओ ने देश-विदेश से आने वाले तीर्थयात्रियों की सुविधा के लिए परमार्थ निकेतन में दो सचल जैविक शौचालय यून समर्पित किया था। इस अवसर पर डीआरडीओ के चीफ कंट्रोलर डा. विलियम सेल्वामूर्ति, निदेशक डा. एस सुन्दरेश, फिक्की के वरिष्ठ निदेशक निरंकर सक्सेना आदि मौजूद थे।

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श्रविके 21

## परमार्थ में महोत्सव का आगाज आज

श्रविके 21। परमार्थ निकेतन में तीन दिवसीय पर्यावरण संरक्षण और विश्व शांति महोत्सव का आगाज बृहस्पतिवार (आज) होगा। आश्रम के प्रशासनिक अधिकारी राम महेश मिश्र ने बताया कि परमाध्यक्ष स्वामी विद्वानंद मुनि के सानिध्य में आयोजित महोत्सव में पहले दिन गंगा तट पर गुरुकुल के आचार्यों और श्रद्धिकुमार द्वारा विश्वशांति महायज्ञ का विधिवत शुभारंभ किया जाएगा, जो तीन दिनों तक यथावत चलेगा। दूसरे सत्र में सूबे के पूर्व मुख्यमंत्री नित्यानंद स्वामी और पर्यावरणविद् सुंदरलाल बहुगुणा 'गंगा मां की पुकार' सहित दो पुस्तकों का लाकार्पण करेंगे।

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श्रविके 21। इकट्ठे संगठनवादा

परमार्थ निकेतन में विश्व शांति के लिए आयोजित पर्यावरण महोत्सव में बृहत् धर्म गुरुओं, राजनेताओं, पर्यावरण प्रेमियों, शिक्षाविदों और फिल्म अभिनेताओं ने पर्यावरण व गंगा संरक्षण का संकल्प लिया। इस मौके पर 6-टी कार्यक्रमों का भी शुभारंभ किया गया। मुख्यमंत्री विजय बहुगुणा ने चाबो डीवेलपमेंट शौचालय चारों भागों में बनाने का सुझाव दिया।

परमार्थ निकेतन के परमाध्यक्ष स्वामी विद्वानंद सरस्वती के 60वें जन्मदिवस पर आयोजित महोत्सव शुभारंभ को संपन्न हुआ इस मौके पर सभी ने विश्व कल्याण के लिए आहुतियां डालीं। मुख्यमंत्री ने कहा कि केन्द्र और राज्य सरकार पर्यावरण व गंगा संरक्षण के लिए प्रतिबद्ध हैं। राज्य सरकार पर्यावरण संरक्षण के लिए गंगा

विमोचन भी हुआ। कार्यक्रम में मौलाना कबीरदास खान, स्वामी प्रेमचर्मा, पूर्व राष्ट्रीय प्रमुख केपिड रोजेन, संत बलवीर सिंह, सोमद तरुण विजय, कृषि मंत्री हरक सिंह रावत, विधायक प्रेमचंद अशपाल, विधायक सुखोष उनीवाल, विधायक विजय बहुगुणा मौजूद थे। सहमति पत्र पर हस्ताक्षर : प्रदेश में प्रस्तावित 5000 चोयो डायवेलपमेंट शौचालय निर्माण संबंधी सहमति पत्र पर डीआरडीओ, फिक्की एवं गंगा प्रकल्प परिषद की ओर से संयुक्त हस्ताक्षर किए गए। प्रथम चरण में यह शौचालय गंगोत्री से हरिद्वार तक बनाए जाएंगे।

स्वामी की सम्मान : पर्यावरण संरक्षण व सभी धर्मों को एक सूत्र में जोड़ने पर श्रीलंकाई इमाम आर्गेनाइजेशन ने स्वामी विद्वानंद सरस्वती को पीस ऑफ एंसेलस अवार्ड से सम्मानित किया गया।



# Diwali Blessings from Pujya Swamiji

In celebration of this joyous Diwali occasion, one can see beautifully lit oil lamps and candles glowing in the darkness of night throughout India and wherever Indians have settled in the world. We line our homes, our rooms, our offices and our streets with brightly shining diyas.

However, on this day we must not only light beautiful lamps in our homes and offices, but we must light the lamp in our hearts.

## ***The Divine Light Within***

Within each of us shines the Divine Light. The Divine Presence is not only everywhere outside of us, it is also within us. In the Bhagavad Gita, Bhagawan Krishna reminds us, over and over, that He resides within our very hearts. When we light the lamp within it is not creating light. No, that Divine Light is already there, always there, the very core of who we are. No matter how dark or how long the night, that Divine Light is present. That Divine Light is inextricable from the Truth of our own existence.

However, in the darkness of ignorance, in the darkness of our own egos, in the darkness of our attachment to external things, in the darkness of our petty jealousies, competitions, complaints and comparisons, we block that Light from our awareness. We identify ourselves with that which is dark rather than with that which is Light. We start to think that the illusion is real. We start to believe our own stories, to believe our own illusions which have been constructed only by our own egos. Thus, we lose sight of the Light and we live in darkness.

Today we have a plague of darkness, a plague of ignorance, a plague of illusions. Each of us is living within our own constructed selfish reality which supports our own egos, our own illusions, our own desires, our own attachments. It is this darkness that leads to crime, war and violence on every level from the individual to the international. If I

am able to truly see the Divine Light within then it eclipses everything else with its brightness, its truth and its divinity. That light, then, shows me not only my own divine Truth but the divine Truth of all of existence. When that inner lamp is lit, we are able to see the true nature of ourselves and then of others.

In the temple, we light the diya to better behold the Divine. In much of India, electricity is a relatively recent phenomenon and there are still many areas without it. After sundown, the only way to pray in a temple is to light a lamp. With the light of the diya we can behold the image of the Divine. In the same way, when we light the inner diya we can behold the Divine within. So we must be sure to light not only the lamp outside which gives us darshan of the image of God in our temple, but we must make sure that we light the lamp which gives us darshan of the Divine within ourselves.

## ***A New Year - A New You:***

At this divine time of Diwali there is a great emphasis on newness. We start a new checkbook. We clean out our homes and offices to make them feel “new”. We celebrate the “new” year. The Divine Light of these sacred diyas of Diwali should burn through the darkness of that which is old, that which is stale, and that which is thwarting our progress, clearing the way for new birth. Like a naturally occurring forest fire turns the old, dry branches and brush into fertile soil for new growth, similarly, the Divine Fire of the Diwali diyas should blaze through us, burning away that which is old and permitting the birth of new thoughts, new visions, new ideas and ideals. When we allow ourselves to be truly renewed in this way day by day, then we become truly forever young.

## ***The Light of Service***

Just as the divine light burns within our own being, the divine light burns in every being. One of the most beautiful tenets of Indian culture says that



# Diwali Blessings from Pujya Swamiji

God dwells within all –He dwells within me and He dwells within you. In this way, everyone and everything – whether it be another human being, an animal or Mother Nature – is connected to that same Divine Source. When one is able to see this Divine Light in all, God is seen everywhere, and wherever one sees God, one must try to serve Him. The same light which we light in our lamp in the temple or during Diwali is the same light which shines within all, and thus to light the true lamp of Diwali is to see and serve that light in all.

The message of the light of service can be seen in the lamp itself. The diya always burns for others, with no selfish motivation and no expectation. The sole purpose of an oil lamp's existence is to bring light to others. They burn FOR others, with every minute, every moment of their lives and every ounce of their existence.

These lamps are meant as symbols as to how we must live our lives. By lighting the lamp within our own hearts, what is the darkness which must be dispelled that keeps us from burning for others? It is the darkness within us, the darkness of ignorance, of selfishness, of duality. It is the illusion which teaches that there is an "us" and a "them", an "I" and a "you."

Indian culture says otherwise. Indian culture says we are one. Indian culture says that as our brothers and sisters suffer in darkness, as our animals are abused and their habitats destroyed, as Mother Earth's air, water and land becomes poisoned and polluted, so we too are suffering, although we may not be aware of it. It is, therefore, our divine duty to help dispel this darkness, to help alleviate this suffering.

The light from the divine diya at Diwali show us that we are not separate. We are one. That same Divine I worship in the temple resides within my very being, and that same Divine that resides within me also resides within you, and within every creature with whom we share this universe. Just as I perform puja and prayers to the image of the

Divine in the temple, so I must extend the same reverence and same care to the divine within all beings upon our planet.

At this beautiful time of time of Diwali when we will line our homes, our offices and our streets with rows and rows of brightly burning diyas, let us ask ourselves whether our lives are filled with light. Let us ask ourselves if we are truly burning for others, seeing that same Divine light which exists within ourselves in others and in our Earth, serving God by serving others. We must ask ourselves how we bring light and life to others.

On this holy day of Diwali, I pray that you will take this opportunity to examine your own lives and take a pledge to fill your lives – every word, every thought and every action -- with light, thereby bringing light and life to others.

***May the light of love and devotion shine brightly in your hearts.***

***May the light of understanding shine in your minds.***

***May the light of harmony glow in your home.***

***May the light of service shine forth ceaselessly from your hands.***

***May your presence light the lamps of love wherever you go.***

***May your smile, your words and your actions be as sweet as the sweets of this festive season.***

***May Maha Laxmi bring you the true wealth of health, happiness, peace and prosperity upon you and all your loved ones.***

With love and blessings to you all,  
In the service of God and humanity,



Swami Chidanand Saraswati