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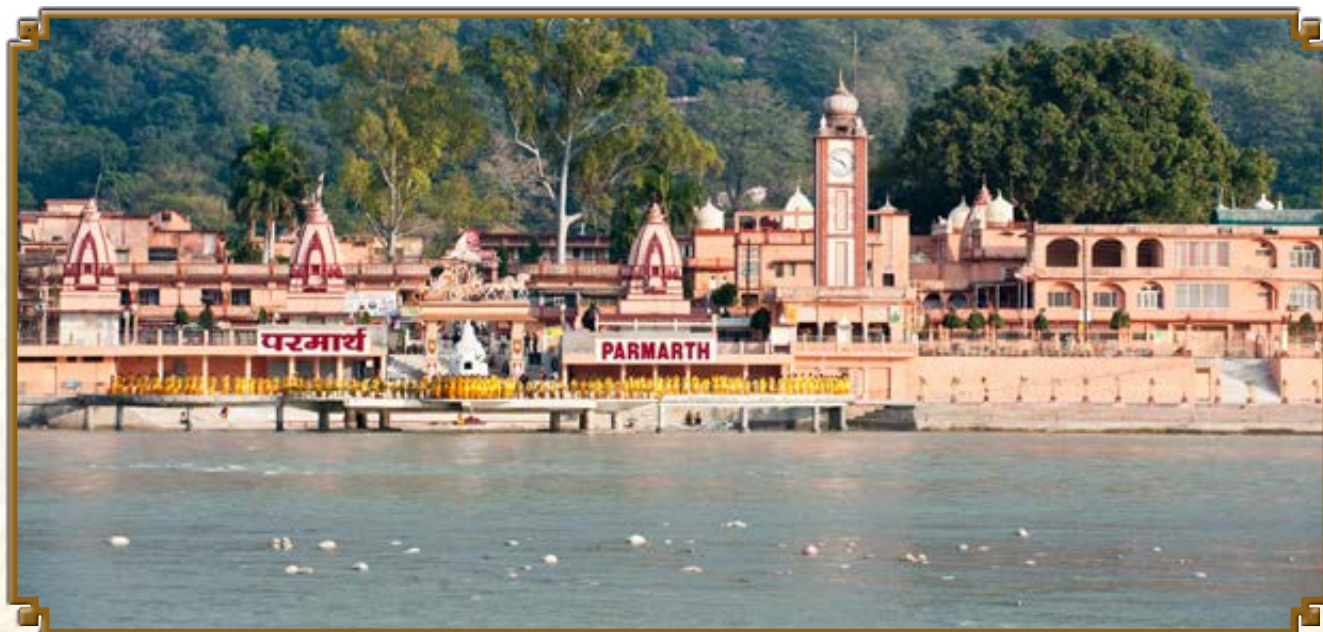


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JAGESHWAR YOGA FESTIVAL

Yoga Amidst Holy Temples, Relics and Mountainsides



The first ever, two day Jageshwar International Yoga Festival, held on November 5 and 6, was jointly organized by the Government of Uttarakhand, KMVN and Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh). Parmarth Niketan Ashram is well known for organizing and hosting the world famous annual International Yoga Festival, from March 1-7 each year, attracting hundreds of Yogis from across India and across the world, which is now in its 17th year. Together with the department of Tourism, Government of Uttarakhand, it was decided that the inspiration and transformation of Parmarth's International Yoga Festival should also be extended to the Kumaon region during the beautiful Autumn season.



The Jageshwar festival was inaugurated by HH Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, President of Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh), Hon'ble Speaker of Government of Uttarakhand, Shri Govind Singh Kunjwal, Bharat Mitraji, Founder-President of Organic India, Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji, Director of the International Yoga Festival at Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh), and senior members of the Ministry of Tourism and KMVN.

The two-day Yoga celebration brought together yoga practitioners and enthusiasts from over 15 different countries, including America, Australia, Belgium, China, Czechoslovakia, Colombia, Lithuania, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Israel, South Korea, United Kingdom, Vietnam and many others. The two day festival was filled with Yoga asana, pranayama, meditation classes by expert Yogacharyas, divine discourses by Yoga Masters, international and interfaith musical programmes by world-renowned Musicians,, special aarti and puja, nature walks and much more.

Pujya Swamiji shared, "Uttarakhand is the birthplace of Yoga and Lord Jageshwar, or Lord Shiva, is the ultimate Yogi, so it is very fitting to host the first ever Jageshwar Yoga Festival in this sacred land, one of the twelve holy jyotirlingas. With the promotion of such festivals not only will the locals get employment, a great sense of pride in their heritage, as it attracts so many participants from abroad, but also the participants will be deeply touched and uplifted by the warmth and hospitality of its people and by the awakening that comes from practicing Yoga and meditating in this holy land. In this way it's a mutually beneficial relationship for all."

He also added, "While the promotion of such sacred heritage sites is essential we must ensure that we develop them as eco-tourist spots in which solid waste and waste-water are effectively managed and energy is conserved as much as possible so that all our festivals and celebrations are green, leaving the least amount of carbon and water footprint. In this way, the rivers can

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continue to flow unpolluted, the forests can still be lush with indigenous trees and the biodiversity can be maintained and sustained.”

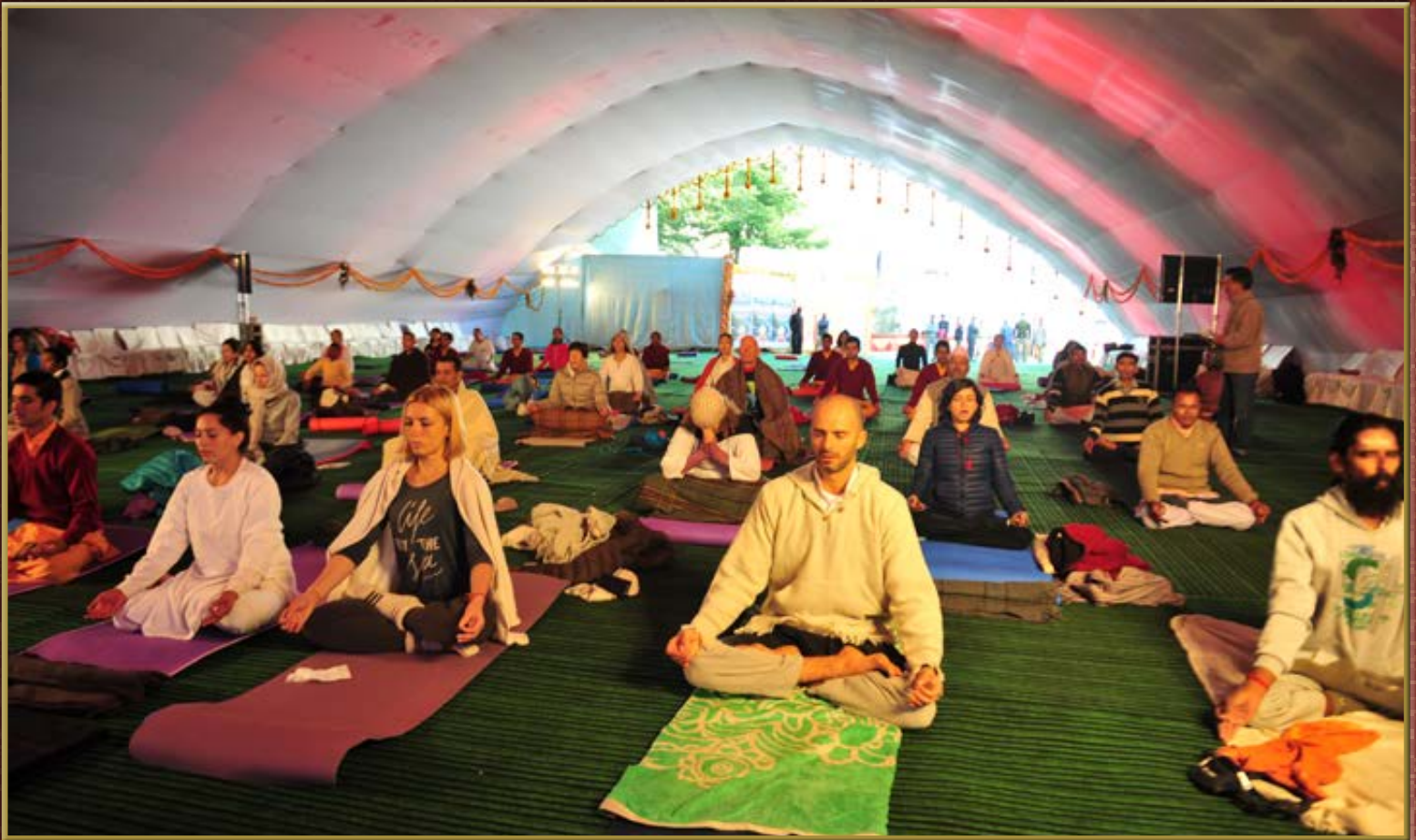
Sadhvi Bhagawatiji welcomed participants by adding, “ You have all been called here to India, to Uttarakhand, to this sacred Jageshwar Dham for a special reason. This is not like a yoga conference in London or Paris or New York or Sydney. In this sacred land of Jageshwar, you not only receive teachings but you also receive the divine touch and divine transformation.”

The festival was also geared at highlighting the historic and sacred Jageshwar Dham, as part of the rich and abundant natural and spiritual heritage of the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand. As an integral part of the Festival, the participants visited and meditated at the Jageshwar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, also known as the Lord of Yoga, one of the most ancient and sacred 12 Jyotirlingas. All participants were deeply inspired and touched by the holy sanctuary in the lush Deodar forests.

A special song for world peace was sung by internationally renowned musicians, in the spirit of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam, bringing together a global family with the sacred chanting of Om Shalom Salam Amen, signifying a yogic union of countries, cultures, colors and creeds.

















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Yoga festival begins at Jageshwar, may be held every year

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Almora: The two-day International Yoga Festival kicked off at Jageshwar on Thursday with much fanfare. About 100 foreigners from 16 countries, including China, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Belgium, Israel, UK, America, Columbia, Kenya and Mexico, have come all the way to participate in the two-day event.

The festival has been organised by Rishikesh-based Parmarth Niketan, which hosts yoga festivals every year, and Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam. It is backed by Uttarakhand Tourism Development Council.

Uttarakhand assembly speaker Govind Singh Kunjwal and Chidanand Swami, spiritual head of Parmarth Niketan, inaugurated the festival in the presence of international delegates.

Kunjwal told TOI, "From now on, Jageshwar has come on the global map of yoga festival. Every year, the government will conduct a yoga festival at Jageshwar. This is an attempt to develop Jageshwar as the fifth religious and spiritual spot after Char Dham. This is also an attempt to encourage spiritual tourism in Kumaon region."

Chidanand Saraswati said, "Parmarth Niketan and the government of Uttarakhand are mulling together to create a brand of Uttarakhand as an 'organic' state. This is a land of organic horticulture. We will like to organize international yoga festivals of 300 members at Jageshwar where participants can be put at homestays of local people, so that local people can also get business. Parmarth Niketan has connections throughout the world while the government has the infrastructure. Together, we can develop Jageshwar as a spiritual spot in the state."

Yoga festivals will also be organized at the Ardh-Kumbh 2016, Saraswati said.

the foreigners hoped to hear divine discourses, learn about "pranayama", attend meditation classes, practise yoga "asana and participate in aarti and puja besides going for nature walks.

The evening saw a performance of a special song bringing together the world faiths with the sacred chanting of "Om Shalom, Salam, Amen", signifying a yogic union of countries, cultures, colours and creeds in the heart of the sacred Himalayas.

The second day will start early morning with meditation and "pranayama" and "asanas". There will be a tree-planting session, heritage visits and a question-answer session at the end.

For the first time, a yoga festival is being held in the hills of Kumaon region. Its also the first time that a yoga festival of an international stature is being held away from Rishikesh.

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International yoga fest begins in Jageshwar

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Pithoragarh, November 5

The first-ever International Yoga Festival began at Jageshwar today.

Chief Minister Harish Rawat took stock of the preparations today. While talking to mediapersons afterwards he said "We are aiming to develop Jageshwar as a Yoga Sadhana Kendra on the lines of Char Dham pilgrimage centres of the state. People from across the world could come to have yoga sadhana in this place, which is enlisted in ancient puranas as an eminent religious centre."

Congress president Sonia Gandhi will visit the venue on November 7 to take part in yoga and state raising day ceremony, which will also be held by the state government here. Gandhi will also lay the foundation stone of Rs 100-crore Hiram Tamta Shilp Unnayan Sansthan and inaugurate the Uday Shankar Natya Academi built near Almora town.

"Swami Chidanand Muni of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, will come with 15 of his yoga experts to guide over 125 foreign participants in practicing various asanas for two days," a source from the Almora district administration said.

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Chief Minister Harish Rawat instructed the State Government officials on Wednesday to complete all the preparations regarding the International Yoga Festival slated in Jageshwar well before the deadline.

People visiting the festivals from other places should get all the facilities there, he stressed. "The festival being organised to promote tourism, the tourists and others visiting the festival from outside the State should not face any sort of inconvenience," he said.

The Yoga Festival would be celebrated on November 5 and 6 under the aegis of Parmarth Niketan Rishikesh and KMVN in conjunction with Uttarakhand Tourism Development Council. CM offered prayers at Jageshwar Temple in the morning.

Jageshwar Dham was being developed as Yoga spot to promote the tourism activities, CM said while making physical verification of the preparations in Jageshwar. CM directed the DM that all the arrangements should be in place by respective departments with full sincerity so as to spare the visitors any kind of inconvenience.

Officials have been instructed to ensure foolproof security arrangements along with health related services, considering the huge number of footfalls expected. All the lodging, food and health facilities have to be taken care of seriously, he emphasised. He also laid emphasis on uninterrupted drinking water supply while asking Jal Sansthan to work sincerely. "The same applies to the electricity department officials. They must ensure uninterrupted electricity supply during the festival," CM said.

He directed the DM to present the assessment report after selecting the land for barrage construction at Jataganja.

Later, CM also inspected Food Festival site which is slated to start on November 7 in Garuraj and instructed the officials to fulfill all the assignments regarding preparation well before time.

He directed KMVN officials to complete the preparations for Nainital Food Festival to make it a success. Udayshanker Natya Academy would be inaugurated on November 7 along with laying of foundation stone of Late Hari Parsad Tamta Shilpa Unnayan Sansthan, he informed.



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कल्पनाओं से भी सुंदर जागेश्वर धाम

● प्राकृतिक सौंदर्य से अभिभूत दिखे सैलानी ● पारंपरिक संस्कृति से किया विदेशियों का स्वागत

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● जागेश्वर धाम में की पूजा-अर्चना ● यादों को संजोकर वतन को स्वाना हुए योग साधक

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संस्कृति समागम का गवाह बना जागेश्वर

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Almora gears up for int'l yoga, Kumaon food fest

Almora district magistrate Srini Bansal told TOI, "Preparations for the yoga festival have been completed. Police officials have been deployed at various places."

ALMORA: Almora is gearing up for two major festivals back to back, the International Yoga Festival, and the Kumaon Food and Cultural Fest which will be held at Jagdishwar and Garurshahj respectively from November 3 to 7.

The Uttarakhand Tourism Development Council (UTDC) is organizing the yoga festival which will see participation from more than 200 foreigners from Malaysia, Belgium, the US, China, Columbia, Kenya, Israel, South Korea etc.

Rahikesh-based Parmarth Niketan has been roped in to collaborate with the government for the event. The Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam (KMVN) is the nodal agency which will provide facilities such as boarding and lodging to the visitors.

To ensure that all preparations are in place, chief minister Harish Rawat visited Jagdishwar on Wednesday.

He also directed the district administration officials to finish all arrangements to avoid inconvenience to visitors. Stating that he wanted to develop Jagdishwar as a tourist spot for yoga and spiritual activities, Rawat added, "Ensure that all security measures are in place for the event. We need to provide proper services and facilities to tourists."

Giving information, an official of Parmarth Niketan, said, "Representatives from around 20 countries including Malaysia, Belgium, the US, China, Columbia, Kenya, Israel and South Korea will take part in the event. Participants from Israel and Arab countries are also likely to be in attendance."

Almora district magistrate Srini Bansal told TOI, "Preparations for the yoga festival have been completed. Police officials have been deployed at various places."

KMVN general manager Tribh Singh Marudya said "The event will comprise yoga courses, heritage visit, tree-plantation sessions, yatra chanting, question-answer session and cultural evenings. The KMVN and all private hotels have been booked for the event. More than 100 foreigners are likely to attend the event. Sattvik food will be offered to visitors."

Meanwhile, the CM also inspected the site at Garurshahj, 30 km away from Jagdishwar, where the Kumaon Food and Cultural Festival will be organized.

The Kumaon Food and Cultural Fest will be inaugurated by Congress party president Sonia Gandhi in Garurshahj.

Almora D04 Srini Bansal said preparations were on in full swing for the Kumaon fest.

अंतर उजाला

वैभवातल, शुक्रवार 6 नवम्बर, 2015 (कार्तिक कृष्ण एकादशी संवत् 2072) पृष्ठ 12

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कल पहुंचेंगी सोनिया

अल्मोड़ा। जागेरवर में आयोजित अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग महोत्सव में 7 नवंबर को वरिष्ठ अन्धधरम सांस्कृतिक कोष प्रतिभार करीब। शुक्रवार को वरिष्ठ कर्माचार्य में हुए बैठक में नेहरूजी ने उनका भ्रम दूरकर करने का निर्णय लिया।

अल्मोड़ा। शुक्रवार को पर्यटन विभाग के उपपरिचार्य ने जागेरवार में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग महोत्सव शुरू हो गया। प्रथम दिन महोत्सव में 16 देशों के लगभग 100 पर्यटकों ने प्रतिभाग किया। इस अवसर पर जागेरवार कार्यालय में विचारधारा अन्धधरम कोष प्रतिभार करीब। प्रतिभार ने कहा कि शुभ्र में धार्मिक पर्यटन के साथ आध्यात्मिक पर्यटन को बढ़ावा दिया जायेगा।

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नई दुनिया

Sunday, November 8, 2015

संस्कृतिक कार्यक्रमों का आयोजन किया जा रहा है।

जागेरवर में अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग महोत्सव शुरू

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इस अवसर पर विचारधारा अन्धधरम कोष प्रतिभार ने कहा कि जागेरवार धाम को पर्यटन धाम के रूप में विकसित करने का उद्देश्य पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देना और क्षेत्र को पर्यटन के मन्थनिक पर अधिक ध्यान देने का है। वही पर्यटन विभाग अधिकृत के पर्यटन पर इसकी विचारधारा अन्धधरम कोष प्रतिभार ने कहा कि प्रेरित साधक पर्यटन को बढ़ावा देने के लिए जागेरवार धाम को पर्यटन धाम के रूप में विकसित करने के लिए प्रयास है।

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INDO-CHINA YOGA FESTIVAL: A HISTORIC FIRST

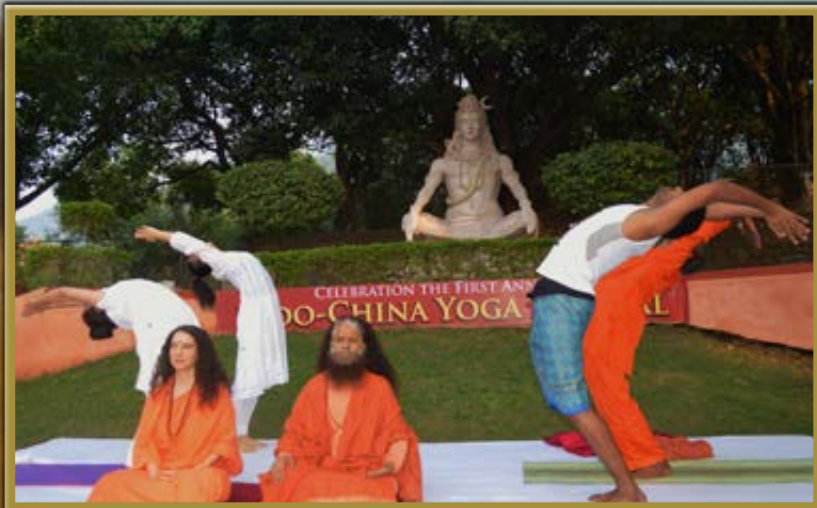
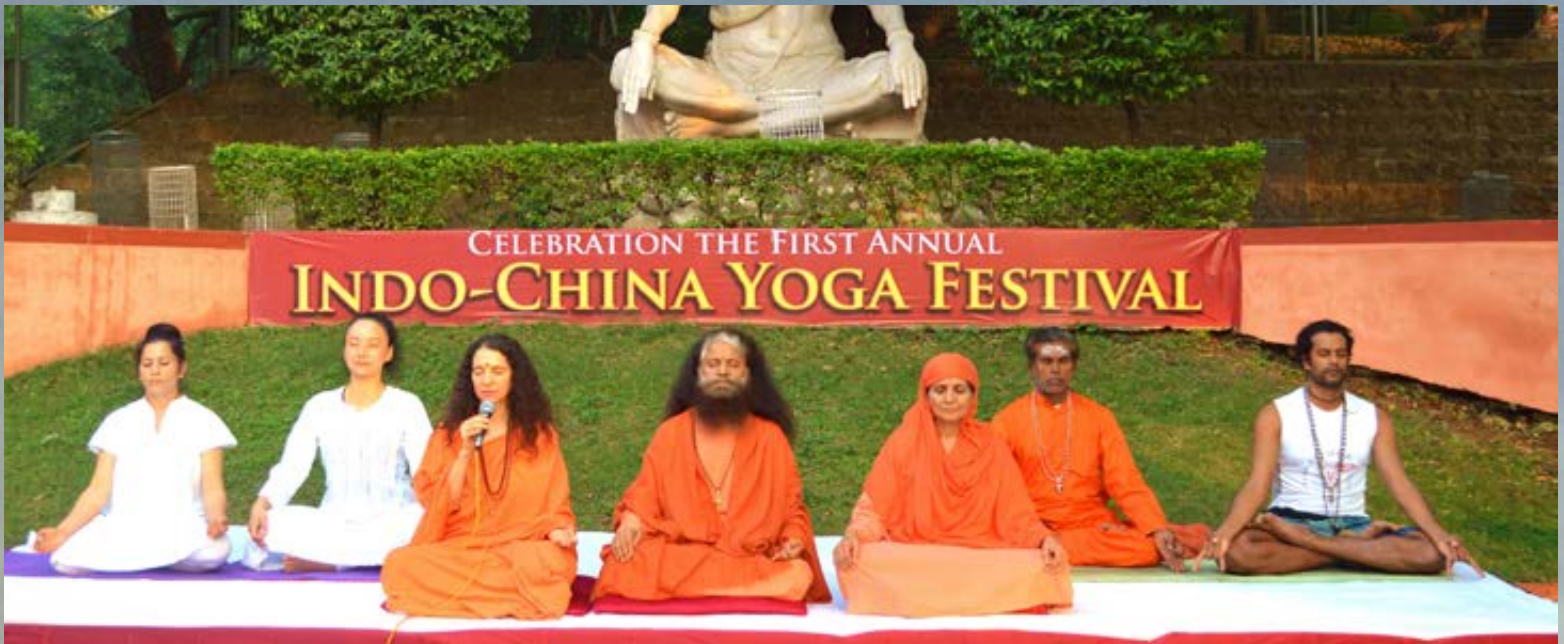


The first ever Indo-China International Yoga Festival in India took place on the holy banks of Mother Ganga in Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh), with participants from 31 nations. The festival ran from the 5th through the 9th November with the first 2 days in Jageshwar Dham organized and run jointly by the Government of Uttarakhand and Parmarth Niketan (see pgs 15-25), and the second 3 days at Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh.

It was inaugurated by Pujya Swamiji, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture Shri Harak Singh Rawatji, Shri Rajeev Swaroop, SSP Rishikesh, Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji, Mr. Zhu Thai, CEO, Keep Yoga, Beijing, China, Dr Yuva Dayalan, Founder-President of Yuva School of Yoga, Hong Kong and many others.

Every day participants took part in a plethora of Yoga classes from 6am-5pm, joining each evening in the yagna/havan and Ganga Aarti, in which they sang and chanted joyfully.





Some of the main leaders, organizers and yogacharyas at the Indo-China International Festival were:

Mr. Zhu Thai, CEO, Keep Yoga, Beijing, China

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- Ms. Sharmila Mahesh Kumar, Grand-daughter of Pratabi Jois, Mysore, India
- Sadhvi Abha Saraswati, Senior Yogacharya, Head of Parmarth Yoga Department
- Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, Director of the International Yoga Festival- Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh)
- Mr. Zhao Te La, Famous Yoga Teacher in China with hundreds of Yoga studios in China
- Ms. Liu Je, Famous Yoga Teacher in China, First Yoga Beauty of Asia

- Dr. AM Moorthy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University
- Dr. R Elangovan, Professor and Head, Department of Yoga at Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University
- Mr. Brian Siddhartha Ingle, Eminent Yogacharya from America
- Mr. David Jumbo Troung, Yoga Teacher from America
- Shri HS Arun, Senior Iyenger Teacher, Bangalore, India
- Dr Yuva Dayalan, Founder-President of Yuva School of Yoga, Hong Kong
- Dr. Indu Sharma, Yogacharya, Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh)



During the festival, Dr. AM Moorthy and Dr. R Elangovan from Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University proudly presented Pujya Swamiji with a lifetime achievement award for His contributions in the field of Yoga and selfless service. There was also a launch of Radhika Khanna's book on Yoga, entitled "Yoga: The Ganges to Wall Street." During the writing of the book earlier in the year, Radhikaji had come to Parmarth Niketan for support in gathering material, pictures and inspiration for her book which seeks to find the spirituality in everyday life and also includes a special chapter on Yogic food by Master Chef, Vikas Khanna. Radhika and Vikas Khanna joined for the launch.

All of the Yoga Festival participants were so deeply touched and transformed as they learned yoga, pranayama and meditation in Rishikesh in the birthplace of yoga, on the banks of the sacred Ganga river.

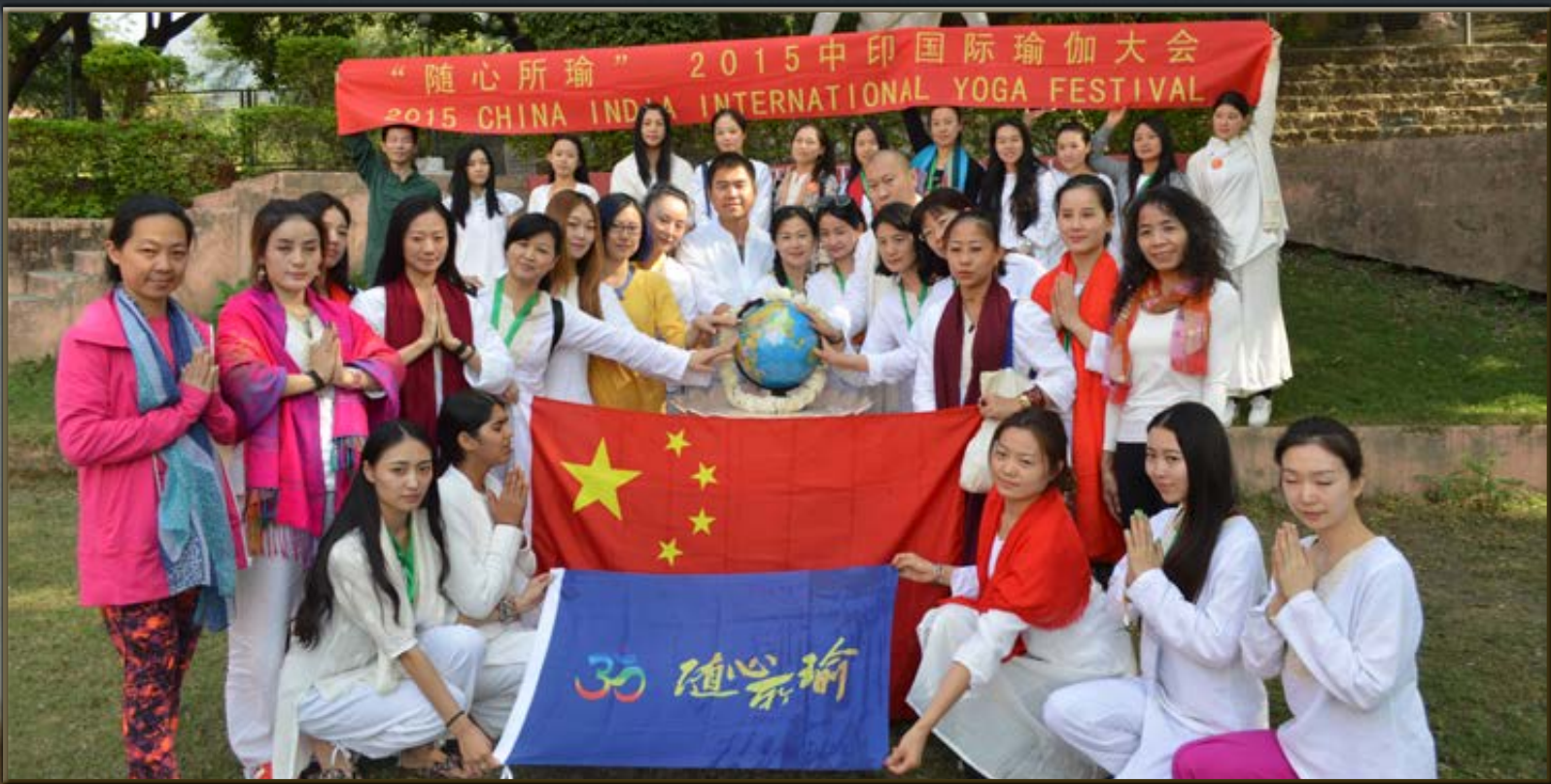
On the final evening, they expressed their wishes to also have a Lord Shiva statue in Beijing, similar to those at Parmarth Niketan. In response, Pujya Swamiji gifted them with a beautiful Shiva murti, which was taken back to China for installation in their yoga centre. A larger one will also be prepared and sent to their beautiful nation.

Said Pujya Swamiji, "This Shiva statue symbolizes a bridge between India and China. It is a bridge between countries, cultures and creeds. The Shiva murti is a symbol of the joining of our hearts together in true yoga. It is a symbol of the Power of Peace. That is the power we need today – not power for power but power for peace! India and China, together, joining hands and hearts in a true yoga, or union, of "Power of Peace" can change the whole world!"



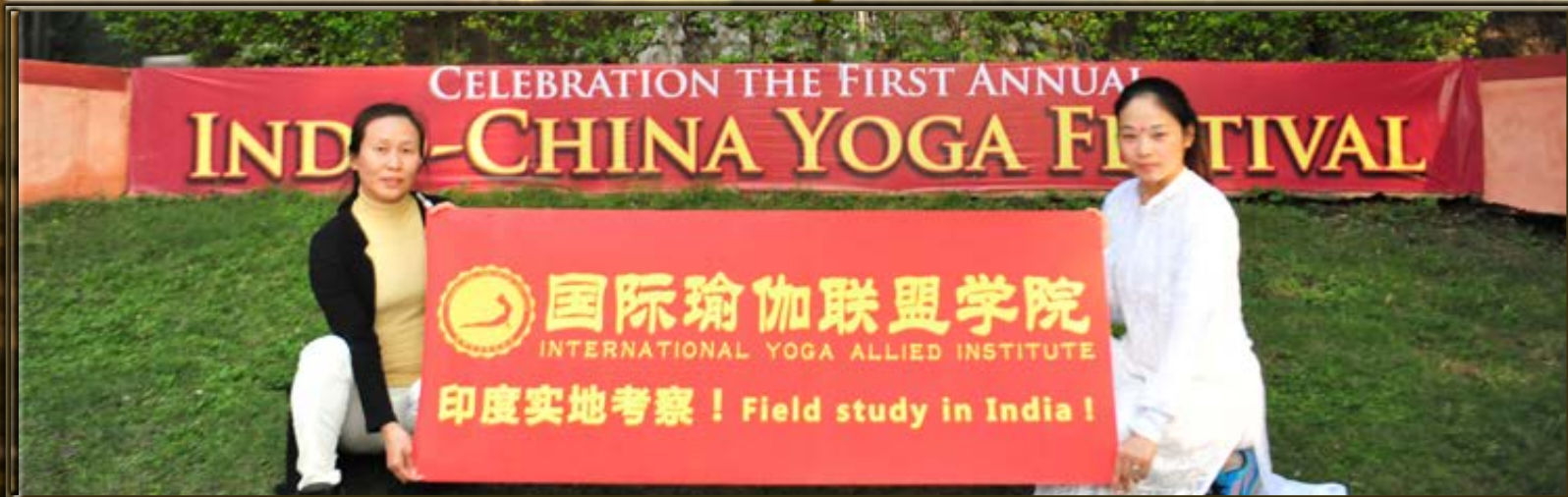


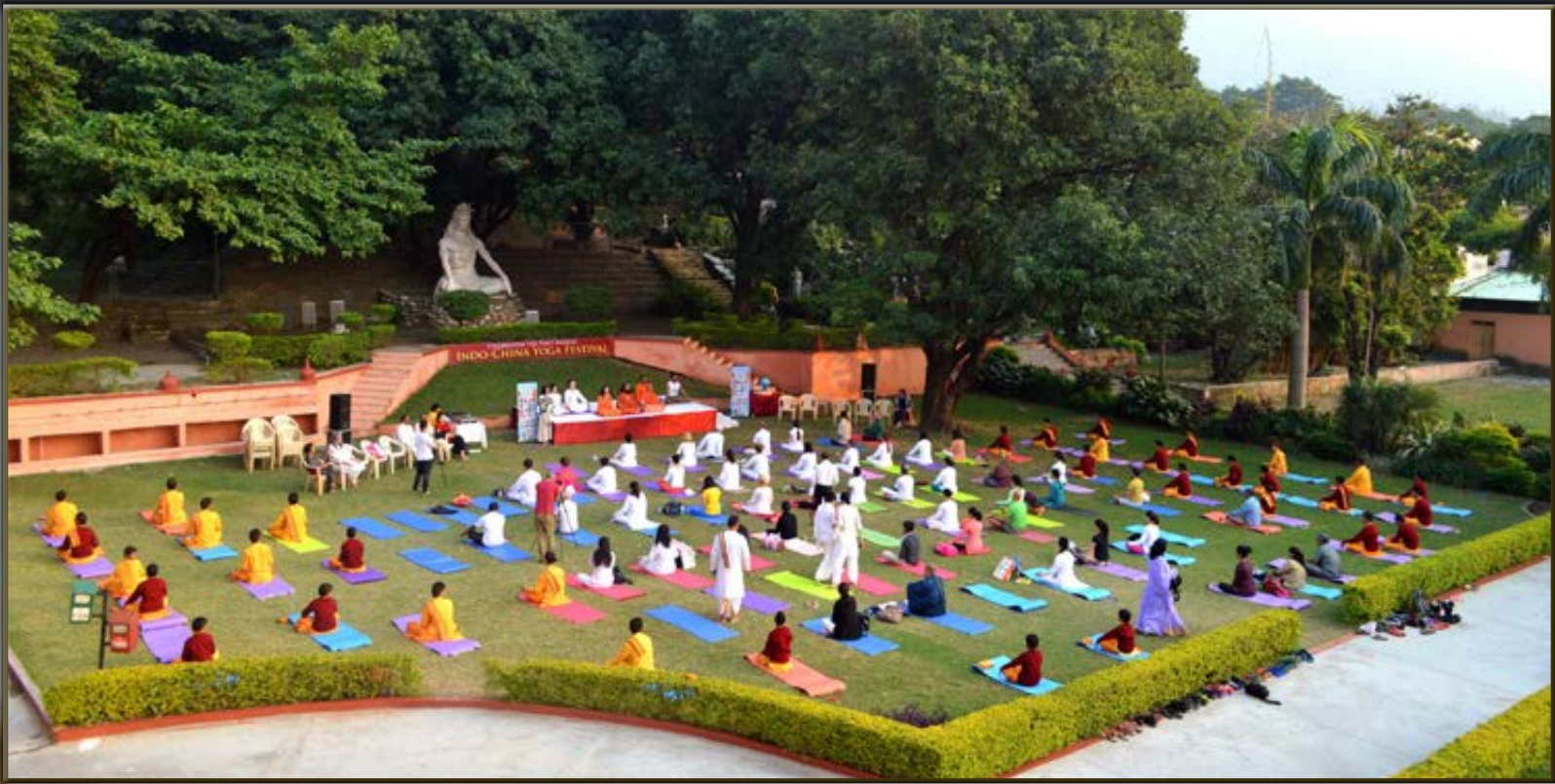












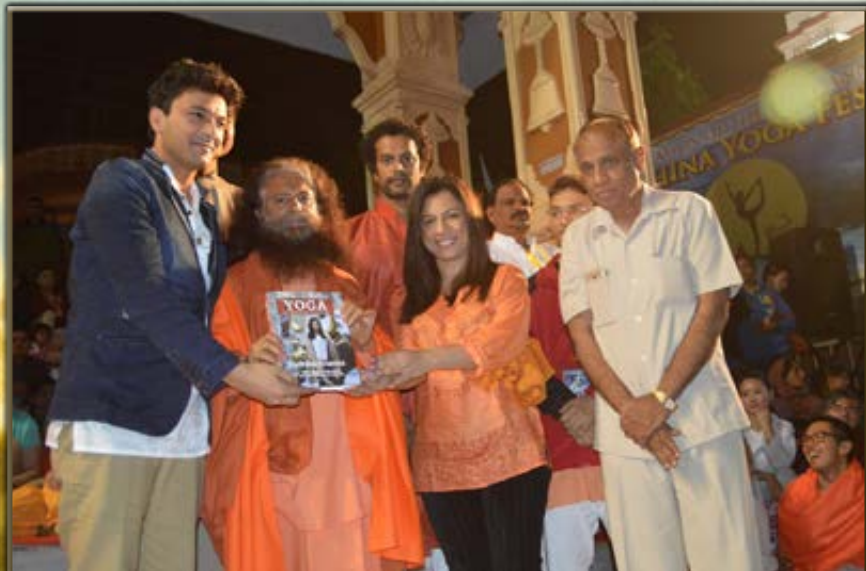








At the conclusion of the Indo-China Yoga Festival was a beautiful evening of ceremonies, beginning with the signing of an MoU that brings together the families of Parmarth Niketan and _____. Later, Pujya Swamiji was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from _____ and a beautiful new book on Yoga by _____ was launched by Pujya Swamiji's hands.



The Danube River and Ganga River Meet For A Divine Concert with Two Ambassadors



The Danube River met Mother Ganga on the evening of 30 October 2015 at Parmarth Niketan for a forever-memorable concert on the Ganga's divine banks.

All were honored with traditional European classical musical selections in addition to inspiring Indian bhajans, performed by the Spring String Quartet and Ensemble Pasticcio from Austria, along with Parmarth's Rishikumars. The conductor was the esteemed Gerald Wirth, President & Artistic Director of the Twice Grammy Award Winning Vienna Boys Choir. H.E. Bernard Wrabetz, Ambassador of Austria and H.E. Deep Kumar Upadhyay, Ambassador of Nepal were in attendance along with Joana Daniel Wrabetz, wife of the Ambassador of Austria, and Michael Heinz, Director of the Cultural Forum of the Austrian Embassy. Along with the beautiful music, a highlight of the evening was the ceremonial merging of the Danube into Ganga performed by Ambassador Wrabetz and Pujya Swamiji.



DIVINE SCHOOL INAUGURATED *at* *the Sacred Confluence of Rudra Prayag*

Pujya Swamiji visited Rudraprayag recently to inaugurate a beautiful Chatra Vas (Hostel) and Meditation Centre at the Sanskrit Mahavidyala Rudraprayag at Sangam Ghat. These buildings were devastated in the floods of 2013 and new construction by the Swaminarayan Gurukul Parivar, with the blessings of HH Pujya Swami Madhavpriyadasji, in collaboration with the Divine Shakti Foundation-Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, took place to restore the building.

The opening programme was joined by the Hon'ble Education Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Mantri Prasad Naithaniji, head Acharyas of the school as well as all the students and their families.

The school seeks to bridge the gap between culture and computer, in essence preserving the Indian culture while also maintaining our strength technology. Pujya Swamiji also shared His vision of a sacred Ved Dham in this location, creation a Centre of Excellence and a world-class Priest Training Centre in this historic heritage site, which would attract people from across India and the world to stay rooted in their sanskriti while also be given the tools and flexibility through innovative spirituality to navigate through changing times.

After the inaugural programme there was a divine Ganga Aarti ceremony on the Sangam, joined by Pujya Swami Durganandaji and members of more than 15 countries. Pujya Swamiji emphasized that time has come to develop Uttarakhand as an eco-tourism destination for the world by inviting and sustaining spiritual, cultural and wellness tourism.







THE MUSIC OF ISRAEL AND INDIA CONVERGES *on the Banks of Mother Ganga*



Artists from Israel, Turkey and Australia and many other countries, led by Bharat Mitra, Founder- President of Organic India and eminent Israeli artist Gill Ron Shama and his interfaith band from Israel, shared their music with their global family.

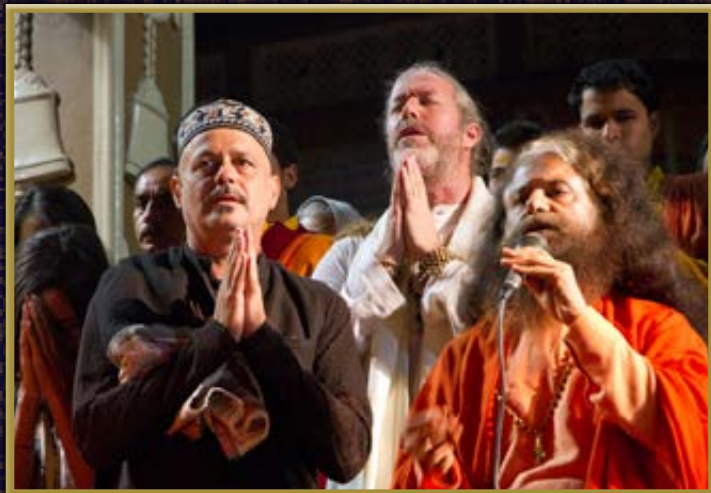
They joined Pujya Swamiji on the yatra to Devprayag and Rudraprayag as well as for the first ever International Yoga Festival in Jageshwar.

They shared their music of love and harmony along with a special song for world peace, called One Source Waking Up in the spirit of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam,

bringing together the world's faiths with the sacred chanting of Om Shalom Salam Amen, signifying a yogic union of countries, cultures, colors and creeds. This special song was recorded in each location and will be part of a unique music video. The song will ultimately be chanted by one billion people from all over the world, singing together.....

The artists were so deeply touched by the beauty, spiritual-cultural heritage of the Himalayan state that they have planned to return back for the 17th Annual International Yoga Festival and Kumbha Mela in Spring 2016.



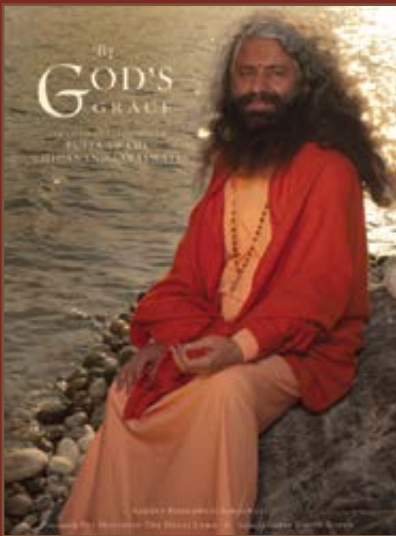


Special Announcements



By God's Grace

The Life & Teachings of Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati



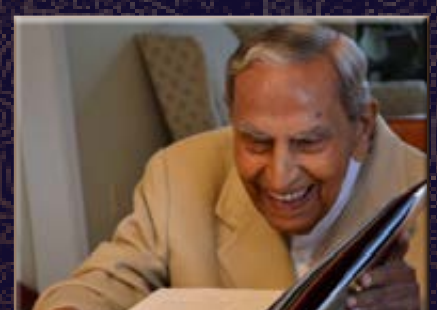
In this compelling biography, **Pujya Swamiji's** divine life is beautifully detailed chronologically. Upon its release, this book held the **NUMBER ONE** position as the best-seller in Amazon.com's Hindusim section, out of a total of over 17,000 books!

Illustrated with exquisite photos of Ganga, the Himalayas, and all of the saints and world leaders with who Pujya Swamiji has spent the first 60 years of His life, it tells the inspiring, uplifting and transformative stories of Pujya Swamiji's whole life – from meeting His Guru at the tender age of eight, to His youth filled with intense sadhana in the Himalayan forests and jungles, including standing on one leg for 11 hours a day. *By God's Grace* then goes on to beautifully describe Pujya Swamiji's arrival into Rishikesh and choice of stay there, followed by the history of His life at Parmarth Niketan, first as a young student and then as head of one of India's largest spiritual institutions. You will read about His travels around the world, touching and teaching people of all religions, all cultures and all walks of life.

Pujya Swamiji's very life is His message; the book also includes special "teaching" sections. Each special teaching spread takes one of Pujya Swamiji's most fundamental teachings and shares it, in His own words, through His own voice, on gorgeously illustrated pages.

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