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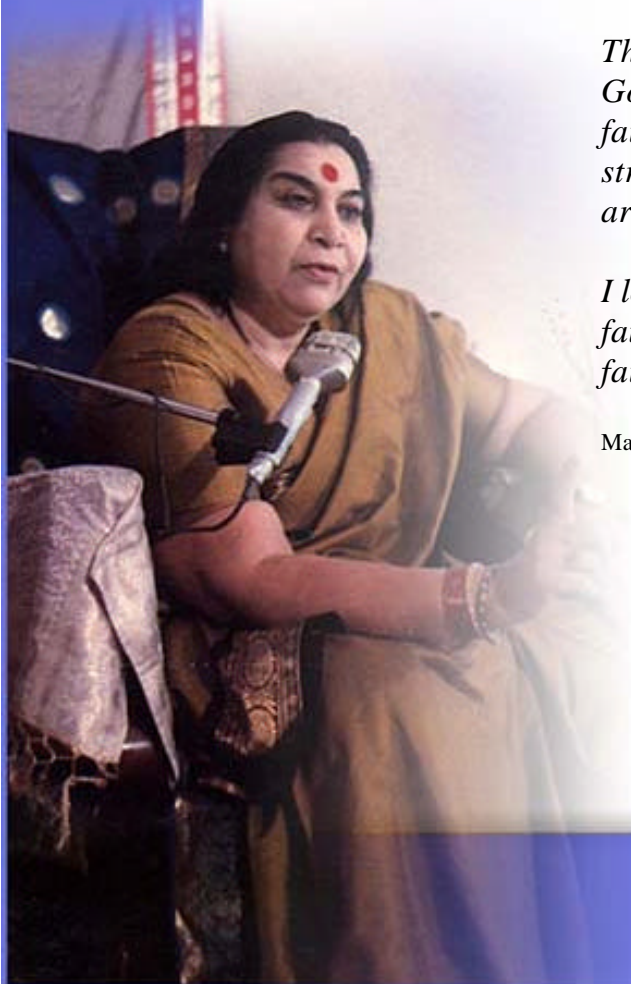
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There is no one without faults, not even men of God. They are men of God not because they are faultless, but because they know their faults, they strive against them, they do not hide them, and are ever ready to correct themselves.

I look to the good qualities of men. Not being faultless myself, I won't presume to probe into the faults of others.

Mahatma Gandhi



NATIONAL NEWS

Registration Costs for Easter Puja National Seminar next weekend

This is for the whole weekend including Puja Dakshina:

<i>Adults</i>	\$120
<i>Interstate Visitors, Students & Pensioners</i>	\$90
<i>Children ages 12 to 18</i>	\$60
<i>Children under 12</i>	Free

The maximum charge to any one family will be the cost of two adults plus two children.

People experiencing financial difficulty should still attend the seminar. Please speak to Chris Kyriacou to come to some arrangement.

Neil Avoledo
Sydney

Musical presentations sought for concert at Easter Puja

Lyndon de Valle and John Smiley are looking after the entertainment for the Easter Puja weekend. We need to have at least one item from each state (given that our seminar is spread over a longer time frame than normal, we will have room for quite a lot of things).

Please consider some collective presentations. It would be great if each state collective could present at least one song at some stage during the seminar. We are able to support each collective with dholak/harmonium/guitar/backing singers players from Sydney for any groups wishing to present a bhajan/song. Also, if musicians from any state have prepared a bhajan for Easter Puja, we will include in the Puja.

It would also be good to have some items from the children (maybe they could also learn some things during the weekend). Individual items will also be accommodated after we have scheduled the collective presentations.

Please encourage Yogis to share whatever Divine gifts they have been given with the wider collective. Send any responses as soon as possible so that we can start planning some sort of schedule.

Looking forward to a beautiful, enriching collective experience.

John & Lyndon
Sydney

Divine Cool Breeze Subscriptions will be available at Easter Puja weekend

If you would like to subscribe and receive 6 issues/year filled with Mother's precious written words, I will be attending Easter Puja. Annual Subscription is AUS\$50.00.

See you there! With love,

Suzanne McHutchison
Australian Distributor, Divine Cool Breeze

STATE NEWS

from New South Wales...

Sahaja Yogini seeks help to run public programs in the Bankstown area

I would like to run some day time programs for new people in the Bankstown area. Wouldn't mind some help and regular commitment from few yogis/yoginis.

If anyone is interested please contact Mahima Morgan on 9790 0506 or 0425 26 11 19.

Gifts from Australian Sahaja Yogis for a dear sister now living in the Ukraine

Just to bring to your attention. I was asking for a small token of money so that we could send Belinda a collective postal order of money to purchase some gifts and clothing for her new born baby.

Belinda has explained that clothes over in Ukraine are difficult-to-find things and are not of good quality. She thinks that clothing from Australia would be far better. So instead of giving me money you can purchase a small gift yourselves. We will then bundle it up and send a collective parcel of beautiful loving vibrations from our collective in Sydney.

Keeping in mind that baby is due 5th May or thereabouts!! We would aim at sending the parcel off no later than say 14th April just after Easter Puja.

For those who have already given monetary donations I have collected \$88 which can still be given as a gift of money if you would like. Plus the postage cost to be taken out after we know the weight of the parcel. Again thank you for all the love and support for Belinda and family.

Carole Carlstrom
Sydney

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

from India...

Report from Birthday Puja held at Nirmal Nagri, Chhawla, Delhi

It is difficult to express and put in words the excitement and the joy the Sahaja Yogis bathed in on this day. Overall, the day was quite hot. The collectivity kept on swelling up as one of us remarked "this year it seems it surpasses all previous years in gathering...it must have crossed the eighteen thousand mark by now" Wao! I was literally wondering as I got into *vichar* (thoughtfulness) emerging out of the *Nirvicharita* I was enjoying till then...that very soon probably we shall have to acquire additional area to accommodate may be the future scope! Shri Mataji we thank Thee a million for this day and the gathering to enjoy the collectivity of approx eighteen thousand yogis.

The main pandal was aptly decorated to welcome Adi-Shakti, with beautiful colorful bunches of balloons hung in poles and flowers all around. The stage emitted the fragrance of Divinity - a living fountain of vibrations - which was meant to hold the most precious throne in that evening: the seat of Sakshat Shri Adi Shakti. Every face emitted the fragrance of joy and the spring of love was overflowing. A few were seen holding dearly bouquets of fragrant flowers...maybe waiting for their turn to run up to the destination to present their dear offering at Her Holy Lotus Feet while, it was so pleasing to see greet Jai Shri Mataji reverberating as one passed by the other in the campus. The milieu in overall seemed a living dynamite of joy that was waiting for its final explosion that evening with the advent of our beloved Mother for whom the entire globe congregated. Maybe the ganas and the other deities in Formless dimension created the environment for us to be conceived with this inner joyous feeling.

The organizing committee in this Nirmal Nagri had done a really commendable job. Right from the accommodation of the Yogis to the dining hall to the series of stalls selling various Sahaja items it all seemed so well-managed.

It was half past seven in the evening that the meditation started with the three Mahamantras. The LCD Projection screens did the wonder that the collectivity really enjoyed spread over all the campus but enjoying the meditations as every heart felt the nearness to the visual events that happened that evening. Even the yogis were seen to fix up their camcorders to stand projecting on the screen to capture the event. May be there were around 12-13 screens besides a few TV monitors inside the pandal housing approximately ten thousand Yogis while the outside the arena were filled with maybe odd eight thousand. But all had the feeling of being very near to the vision range of the event without much strain of twisting their neck muscles.

At 7:45 the Bhajans and the devotional songs in praise of

Shri Adi Shakti were sung as the atmosphere then became really charged to aptly place it as the Divine concert. The skilfully live LCD projections focused closely on the prominent singers like Deepak Verma, Talwar, Pt Bhaskar Subramaniam, Dr Rajesh, and other maestros on their instruments. There were a number of scores in chorus as the entire collectivity also joined the choir to sing...or to express their presence before Adi Shakti in Her Nirakar presence. The bhajans were *Binati Suniye*, *Namami Shri Gananaraja Dayal*, *Chhindwara mein Janam Hua*, *Meri Ma Poonam Ki Chand*, *Ankhe Band Karoo ya Kholu*, *Jab Raat Dhale Subaha Ke Liye*, *Pawan Jhakora Layore Sande-sha*, *Vandana Kare Vandana*. Then it must be around a quarter to nine in the evening announcements were heard to play on the Shanai tune. The collectivity got alert as the joy sprang in every heart to capture the glimpse of the Holy Presence and the arrival of Shri Mataji in Nirmal Nagri. Within moments the sky was filled with various flowery fire-cracker show. For a moment every heart expressed the joy of Shri Ganesha...the child in us was awakened to express joy with childlike applause with each firecracker projectile transforming into an umbrella of fragrance full vibrations of sparkers enlightening not only the sky but our collective hearts too. The enthusiast yogis were seen rushing to the gate outside to welcome along with the traditional band and the pilot leading Shri Mataji's white Mercedes. While, the projection on the LCD kept still with the freeze altar photo frame of Dhwanwantari (Mudra) pose. As the screen came live with Mother at ten in the evening seated in Her Divine altar, the collective heart yearned for the instructions and the first blessings of Mother and permission to resume respective seats to listen to the greatest of *Vaani* from our Mother on this 81st Birthday as we desired our Puja to be offered at Her Holy Lotus Feet.

Then there was a pause and the silence with the hearts opened and eyes all focused to the stage or the screen. But all collective attention almost made the long pause unbearable until Mother spoke the first *Amrut Vaani* (the Divine nectar). The talk started at twenty past ten. It lasted for three to four minutes. Each and every word spelt subtly spoke thousands of senses to understand and absorb. Personally it was felt that it directed all of us to introspect ourselves and the delegation of the greatest responsibility from none other than Adishakti on the Sahaja Yogis across the globe on this day. I recall sometimes in yester-years how Mother had once said "I wish that I speak less" and now suddenly I felt the time has come for us to accept one word from Mother and transform it into thesis of our introspections and actions. That's the message. Our Mother was very pleased and desired to thank all the efforts of the collective hard work and toils to date, as we understood Sahaja Yoga. She spoke with greatest humility as She desired to thank all for this felicitation. She spoke alternatively in Hindi and in English. (This is a trial and an attempt to transcribe the entire message that was spoken by Shri Mataji from whatever is recalled. The exact version can be heard from the audio),
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Pujas for the Year 2004

Here is the schedule of the remaining pujas for the year 2004, as approved by our Respected Divine Mother.

Sahasrara Puja

7th, 8th & 9th May Cabella, Italy

AdiShakti Puja

4th, 5th & 6th June Cabella, Italy

Guru Puja

2nd, 3rd & 4th July Cabella, Italy

Shri Krishna Puja

13th, 14th & 15th August Canajoharie, USA

Ganesha Puja

17th, 18th & 19th September Cabella, Italy

Navaratri Puja

15th, 16th & 17th October Cabella, Italy

Diwali Puja

12th, 13th & 14th November Los Angeles, USA

Christmas Puja

25th December Ganapatipule, India