



Happy New Year!

A year of severe stress

The year that has ended (2012) saw Master going through a life threatening illness. In July, Master's serious illness forced him to stay away from Tiruppur where his birthday celebrations were held. He called a special bhandara in Manapakkam on 15th August to announce his 'resignation' as President. He changed his decision in the presence of over twenty thousand abhyasis who had gathered at short notice and appointed Br Kamlesh Patel as the Vice President to take over part of the administrative burden. From then on, his strength seemed to pick up ever so slowly.

In the last three months, Master seems to have made definite strides in regaining his health. Slowly, we have seen the withdrawal of the oxygen cylinder and the wheel chair being discarded. Now Master has been walking with his stick and the supporting arm of an aide, into the meditation hall, garlanding the photos of the masters. He travels in his car and uses the golf cart in the ashram. He has even started talking about resuming travel in India! In the meantime, groups of abhyasis have been continuously pouring into Manapakkam ashram and Master makes it a point to conduct satsanghs for them. He finds enough time and energy for administrative work and email correspondence.

After going to Gayathri, Master's recovery seems to have speeded up. He surprises abhyasis in the ashram by sudden visits to conduct satsanghs. His food intake has improved and his face no longer shows signs of pain although he seems to tire easily.

Not long ago, in Br Madhava's house, an abhyasi told Master, "Master, hereafter, you should have no more pain. You have suffered enough." Master brightened up and stretched his right hand and said, "Tatatsu" [Let it be so]. We wish and pray that the New Year will usher in a period of spring in Master's life and endow him with good health and happiness.



The New Year began for Master in Gayatri with Master getting ready quite early and greeting his family and a few other abhyasis who were present. Master did everything early as he was eager to go to ashram to meet all of his abhyasis. Master reached the ashram well ahead of time. There were around 7500 abhyasis in the ashram. A long line of abhyasis and children greeted Master as he entered the ashram and Master conducted the satsangh which lasted for one full hour. After satsangh, Master gave a speech touching upon the topic of Prejudice which means "Pre-Judging" and how prejudice happens because we judge others, but it is also prejudice when we judge ourselves "because when I judge myself, I have condemned myself to that judgment". He said, "Happiness is not the goal of human life. The goal of human life is evolution".

After the talk, Master went to the auditorium block. Even though he was tired, he met with several abhyasis, giving and receiving gifts, discussing Mission matters, naming babies, etc. Master had his lunch at the ashram and went back to Gayatri around 1 p.m. Again in the evening, he met with a group of abhyasis from France and Switzerland who were leaving that night. Master started talking about all the trips he had made to Europe.

Master was talking about "Babuji talks about ignorance to knowledge to again ignorance. What is the difference between these two ignorances? The first order of ignorance is where you know nothing and the second order is where you know everything and yet you know nothing. Knowledge is infinite. You can never exhaust knowledge."



October 2012

In the first couple of weeks of October, Master's health was improving and his regular morning routine included physiotherapy, rest and breakfast. Usually, the newspaper would be read out to him while he was having his breakfast. After that, Master would start his email work.

On Friday October 12, after the 9 a.m. satsangh, Master came to Dorm A to meet with the Pune abhyasis. He gave a talk and then a sitting to all.

On Saturday October 13, the renovation of the cottage started. The cottage has been dismantled and work is in progress.

Once after lunch, Master was talking for more than an hour. About fifteen abhyasis from France had come to meet him. There was one person whom Master remembered from the old days and when he said her name that sister was visibly moved. Master said, when we love, we remember. Even the physical aspects of remembrance have an impact that we remember a smell, something that we had seen or heard, etc. and this remembrance brings that particular event to the present.

Sunday October 14 was an extraordinary day as Master came to the meditation hall to conduct the Sunday satsangh after more than three months and he conducted an hour long satsangh. After this, he went back to Br Madhava's house, sat outside and Br Sanskrit Kannan continued his usual Sunday routine of reading of a chapter from the Bhagvad Gita with his interpretation of the shlokas.

Saturday October 20th was another landmark in Master's recovery as he came walking with the help of just one person and the walking stick. Master met with a group of abhyasi sisters from Iran. He spoke for a long time with them and many others who had assembled in the hall around him. One could feel his work happening at a subtler and deeper level on all.

Master said, when it comes to spiritual work, there is no beginning and no end. Work has always been going on and work will go on in the future and that there is so much work to do in the present. It would be egoistic to think that no work has happened till now. Our current work is just on top of the work done by so many of our predecessors that we should be careful and not let our ego think that nothing much has happened till now. Instead, we should keep working in a humble and loving way.

One evening, Master was a little under the weather and did not come out but still met with the children from Omega who had won the second prize in a debate competition. He was happy to meet them; he listened to them and also shared his experiences with them.

Br A.P. Durai came to meet Master and was talking about his recent visit to various centers in Tamil Nadu. He said that all the growth that we are seeing now is due to the tireless efforts and travels of our beloved Master and the many times he must have travelled in these cities and centers. Master said that when one is around 30 - 40 years, it is the best time to travel and do such work as efficiently as possible and then as we get older, the physical tiredness for such travelling becomes a hindrance.

One day Master went around the ashram visiting the cottage to

see the renovation work, the meditation hall to see the work happening there, then to Dorm A





to give a talk and a sitting, to the canteen and everywhere he stopped he spent time with abhyasis. This really long round of the ashram took a toll on Master's health. He was visibly tired and in pain for the rest of the day. In the evening, Master was not feeling well and some tests done by the doctors revealed that it was only stress and tiredness.

Towards the end of October, Master had some fever. He was in bed most evenings with saline drips and could sit in bed with back support. He did not speak much and looked very dull. Master said, "I do not feel like eating anything but these people feed me and make sure that I take in something".

During the Bangalore seminar, Br Kamlesh told Master that the evening satsangh in the ashram was exceptional and out of the world. Master said it must have been because of the preparation, which a prefect from Bangalore confirmed as all abhyasis had taken sittings before coming for the gathering. Master said, "Yes, it is because of the cleaning." It is essential that all of us who come to meet Master in Manapakkam ashram take sittings and come so that we can receive the gift of love that Master is ever ready to shower upon us.

November 2012

Master's health has been quite low and the antibiotics make him dull and drowsy most of the time. He was not able to breathe properly except with the BiPAP machine. However there was visible improvement after some fluid accumulation in the lung was cleared. A CT scan was also done to rule out internal infections.

A few days before Diwali, Br Bhaskaran brought in some sweets that had been made specially. Master instructed how it must be done, that one should not use wet hands when preparing it because that will spoil the sweet soon, etc. His attention to detail, for perfection in anything he does is impeccable.

On Friday November 9, several marriages were



performed in the ashram by Br Kamlesh and then the abhyasi couples came to meet Master and he gave them all a sitting. In the evening, he would come out walking after the physiotherapy and sit in the hall. As soon as a few abhyasis started to assemble around him, Master would close his eyes and it looked like he had started to give a sitting. He opened his eyes after about 30 minutes, said good night to everyone and went back inside.

It has been a regular evening routine lately that Master comes and sits in the hall, and as soon as the abhyasis sit around him, Master closes his eyes. There have been times when he has not said, "Please start" but would only say, "That's all" in the end. One evening, after Master went back into his room, there were some children from Nagpur center, who had been trying for two days to meet him and they came in. One of them said, "Get well soon Master. We love you

Master." And Master responded to this by saying, "Yes I know. That is why I am living". As Master said this, one could see the brightness in his face

On Sunday November 11 Master came in his motorized wheelchair, driving it by himself, maneuvering more comfortably around turns and going up the stage easily. As Master entered the meditation hall, all abhyasis started applauding, welcoming their beloved with happiness and love in the hearts. Master conducted satsangh that lasted for one hour and five minutes. On Diwali day, Master conducted satsangh even though he was not well. It was sheer will-power, which he exercised just so that he could come out and meet the abhyasis who had come. Master continued to meet many abhyasis, who came in large numbers to wish him. He met about fifty or more abhyasis in about five minutes and then said, "I am tired, I need to rest, no more visitors". In the afternoon, he again met with a group of abhyasis in his bedroom.

Master had a meeting with around thirty prefects from centers in South East Asia. He gave them a sitting and gave a very powerful talk addressing the

prefect's work and about work in general. Master talked about how one should take the work seriously and if we dive deep, things open up and one would be amazed at what we learn and benefit from the work. Relating to starting and ending a sitting, Master said, "One can only begin some work. It is for Him (Babuji) to end it."

One night after watching a movie, Master had '*more-kali*', a south-Indian delicacy made of curd and rice. Master distributed it to everyone and then said, "This is a sign of my recovery". As Master's health improved, the Gita discourses by Br Sanskrit Kannan resumed on Sundays. By the end of the month, Master had become increasingly mobile. He was able to come out regularly and sit in the sun and meet with many abhyasis. In one discussion, Master was looking at pictures of some modifications suggested for the meditation hall stage. He was very particular about getting opinions from everyone and said, "We are brainstorming here." Finally, having heard from everyone, he gave some guidelines on how to take it forward.

Another incident that shows Master's recovery was when he came out walking with his walking stick. The physiotherapist said, "Master, today you have made my day." And Master responded, "It was possible only because of your efforts. Thank you."

December 2012

The month of December saw further improvement in Master's health. He used the golf cart to come to the meditation hall on a Sunday and walked on to the stage in the meditation hall. This was the first time he had come this way to the meditation hall after his prolonged illness. In the first week it was raining continuously and Master wanted to try going in the

car. So, as part of his evening physiotherapy session, Master walked from his room all the way to the entrance and got into the car and went for a short round outside in the car. This was a clear sign that Master was doing fine physically.

On one of the evenings, Master watched a documentary "The Revelation of the Pyramids". It was a very informative program and talked about the great pyramids and the various historical constructions. There was a lot of discussion and Master was talking about how change is important, about cosmic work, etc. When one person asked if some natural disaster falls, what we should do, Master said, "The best way to be during that time is to be meditating, so, even if any disaster comes, we will be ready to face it."

A couple of prefect candidates came and were introduced to Master and he jokingly said, "Now that I am well, I have to take back this work". Ever since Master has been sick, Br Kamlesh has been making prefects.

Return to Gayathri

After a gap of five and a half months, Master went back to Gayathri. After returning home, he resumed his daily routine like sittings, administrative work, receiving visitors, holding informal discussions and so on. Master was talking at the dining table for almost an hour after lunch. He did not remember many things that had happened during the peak period of his illness and expressed his surprise when reminded by abhyasis of what had happened.

During an informal discussion, Master was talking about jealousy Master said, many people were envious of him and his closeness with Babuji Maharaj. So, one brother asked, if envy was okay. ➡





Master said, "I asked Babuji Maharaj this question and he said, 'No, it is bad to have envy or jealousy.'" He added, "Jealousy is an incomparable sin and there is no advice that can be given to one who is jealous. Jealousy basically means that you are questioning the Master's capacity to give you what he has already given to another person."

Visit of Dr. Ichak Adizes

Br Ichak Adizes had come to conduct the GST program for three days from December 14 to 16. One day Br Ichak asked Master about the future of the human race and Master said it would be fine. Then the brother insisted referring to nuclear threats, destruction, etc. and Master responded saying, "It is not destruction. It is removal of obstruction to make progress." The topic then went to God, Master and who to trust and Master said, "I trust my Master, Babuji Maharaj and not God as according to Sahaj Marg, God has no mind and he created the universe and his role is done with that creation". Master then said, "The beings who are guiding the destiny cannot work by themselves but they need a medium on earth like a master, through whom they work." Br. Ichak then asked why there is fear in love. Master said, "The only reason for that is that we cannot give. Give and keep giving and the fear will go away". He added, "Give and then you will get more to give more. I guarantee this".

On Sunday December 16, Master met abhyasis from Jharkhand who were waiting to see him at his residence. He then conducted satsangh at the ashram and attended Dr Ichak Adizes' programme for functionaries. Referring to prefects' work, he said that they were privileged to oversee the spiritual journey of a group of abhyasis entrusted to them. "Prefects should be prepared to go down even into

hell to rescue abhyasis," he observed.

On Sunday December 23, Master performed eight marriages in Gayathri. On Christmas day, he gave a surprise to abhyasis by conducting satsangh in the ashram. After satsangh, he did his usual routine of inspecting the cottage renovation and then went to the auditorium block. He invited several overseas and Indian abhyasis hailing from Christian background and gave them gifts.

On Saturday December 29, it had been raining continuously but Master came irrespective of the bad weather and conducted the satsangh for one hour and then left immediately for Gayatri. In the evening in Gayatri, after the sitting, he received gifts from some abhyasis. Sis. Alla and Br. Igor had brought a big photograph of the second largest tree in the world, a sequoia tree from California, and they were explaining to Master that this tree is getting stronger as it is getting older and they wished that Master should also grow stronger in this way. They then gave him some winter clothing saying that since he is getting stronger, he would need winter clothing to travel to Russia and Sathkol and Master laughed and graciously accepted these gifts.

Before going to bed on the 31st December night, one abhyasi told Master, "Master, the greatest gift that we have got this year is that you have come back to us healthy from the serious illness you faced" and Master replied, "The greatest gift that I have is to have you all by my side". It was a very moving moment and there was a silence that followed. Master wished everyone a very happy new year and went to sleep.





Seminars at Manapakkam

16 to 21 October 2012

About 250 abhyasis from Gorakhpur and about 400 abhyasis from centers in Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh were present for the seminar.

23 to 28 October 2012

Around 200 abhyasis from Noida and many other centers like Faizabad, Faridabad, Aligarh, Rampur and Chikli to name a few. Overall, there were about 500 abhyasis participating in the various satsanghs, group discussions, meetings, sittings, etc.

30 October to 4 November 2012

Around 1300 abhyasis from Bangalore turned up for the seminar. Br Kamlesh spoke on the first day and there were talks on other days followed by DVD screenings in the evenings. Special sessions for the Prefects were also conducted.

6 to 11 November 2012

Abhyasis from Virudhunagar, Aluva and other sub-centers along with abhyasis from Nagpur and Bareilly have come for the seminar. A group of children from Nagpur center made the ashram very lively. A total of about 500 abhyasis have turned up for this week.

12 to 18 November 2012

The Diwali week saw about 1200 abhyasis from Gujarat participating in the seminar. Master's health was better and he came on Tuesday and Wednesday to the ashram, conducted satsangh, met with many abhyasis, children and his presence was felt and experienced by one and all.

20 to 25 November 2012

Abhyasis from Karimnagar district and Tirupathi in Andhra Pradesh including Godavarikhani (Peddapalli, Jammikunta, Mancherial, Jaipuram, Srirampur, Mandamarri, Bellampalli, Goleti, Asifabad, Sirpur etc.), Tirupathi, Bellary, Kamplikottal and Gangavathi. A total of about 700 abhyasis attended this seminar.

27 November to 2 December 2012

There were about 150 abhyasis from Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia, Philippines, Thailand and Japan. Master took special interest in the proper

functioning of this seminar and that the program was scheduled effectively. Master invited all the prefects to Br Madhava's house and gave them a long talk and then a sitting. As a grand finale Master came in his golf cart to the ashram on Sunday and conducted the morning satsangh.

4 to 9 December 2012

Another large group of around 750 abhyasis had come mainly from Agra and nearby centers including Rae Bareilly, Chadrapur, Fatehpur and Etah. Master was in Gayatri and has been emphasizing that he was at Gayatri to rest and recover. The seminar proceeded as usual with all the satsanghs and Br Kamlesh played an active role in participating in satsanghs, meetings, etc.

11 to 16 December 2012

Abhyasis from Bihar and Jharkhand had taken a lot of effort to come to Manapakkam in large numbers and a total of about 750 abhyasis have turned up. Master tried to meet with as many as possible at Gayatri and gave everyone a pleasant surprise when he came to the ashram on Sunday, 16th December and conducted the morning satsangh.

Tuesday 18 to 23 December 2012

Abhyasis from Amalapuram, Guntur and Kadapa (AP) totaling about 600 and about 25 abhyasis from Raichur (Karnataka) attended the seminar. Apart from the regularly scheduled satsanghs, there were several talks on the topics of purity, samskaras, Role of the Master, and Religion and Spirituality and also a prefect meeting. Br Kamlesh conducted the Sunday satsangh on 23rd December while Master performed eight marriages in Gayatri the same day.

25 to 30 December 2012

The highlight this week was about forty abhyasis from Sri Lanka who also participated in a two-day 'Grounding in the Practice' session in Tamil. The main focus was Master's presence in the ashram on Christmas as well as on Saturday when he came just to meet abhyasis who had come from far. About eighty abhyasis from Jammu and Kashmir, many coming for the first time, got to meet Master. Apart from this, abhyasis from several centers of Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Himachal Pradesh had also come, bringing the total to about 950.



History of SRCM in Sri Lanka - Part II



In the initial stages we ran the centre according to our own understanding as we were unaware of the practices of the Mission with regard to other centres. Eventually we received necessary advice through contacts made with abhyasis in Manapakkam. Later with Master's grace, abhyasis who have been in the Mission for considerable time arrived in Sri Lanka to work in Government and private sector establishments. They had much conviction and helped us in various aspects in the growth of our Mission, bringing about a great change in our activities.

We contacted Master as well as Mission functionaries on a regular basis for clarifications. Gradually we printed and distributed leaflets on the Sahaj Marg system, initially in Tamil and English and later in 2003 they were brought out in Sinhala.

The arrival of Dr Srinivasan Charan to work in the Apollo Hospital, Colombo, brought tremendous change as he was an abhyasi since 1992. He completely transformed the organization to be worthy of calling it a centre. He brought in a number of new abhyasis, organized seminars, discussions etc. and we could feel a lot of activity in the centre.

Master's birthday was celebrated in Colombo in 2003. Br V.K. Somakumar, RiC at that time, participated in the occasion. We organised an Open House where Br Somakumar delivered a speech on

the Sahaj Marg system of meditation. There was good response to his speech and many started the practice.

Sis. Jayalakshmi Perera, who joined the system in July 2003, volunteered to translate the leaflet on Sahaj Marg. Then with permission from Master, she translated two booklets 'The Practice of Sahaj Marg' by P. Rajagopalachari, published in December 2003 and 'Basics of Sahaj Marg Sadhana - Questions and Answers' by Br A.P. Durai in June 2004. Later she also translated the books 'My Master', 'Reality At Dawn' and 'He the Wonder' into Sinhala.

We had a second Prefect in November 2003, Br Mahenthiran Karthigesan. Four prefects were appointed by Master in 2005 at Hyderabad after Master's birthday celebrations: Br Sirilal De Silva, Br H.M. Dilruk Nishantha, Sis. Kamalathevi Subramaniam and Sis. T. Krishnarani. Dr. Srinivasan Charan was made a prefect in June 2006. Two more prefects were nominated after their scholarship programme in 2008, Sis. Jayalakshmi Perera and Br K. S. Ratnavale. Dr S. Charan had to go back to India and the number of prefects in Sri Lanka dropped to six. Mr. T. Kanagasingam from the Colombo Centre was appointed a Prefect by Master in 2010. During this trip to Manapakkam in 2010, Master made Dr. Shamila Ahamed a Prefect again and she was assigned to work in Kandy. Presently, we have eight prefects in Sri Lanka.



Visit to Manapakkam

December 2012

A group of forty-two abhyasis from Sri Lanka travelled to the Babuji Memorial Ashram, Manapakkam, Chennai on 23rd December 2012. They were among the multitudes of abhyasis from all over the world who thronged the ashram in December to savour and immerse themselves in the spiritual atmosphere that pervades it.

On 25th December, the Sri Lankan abhyasis had a glimpse of Master from close quarters at the morning satsangh. The love, kindness and warmth exuded by Master and his majestic presence despite his physical frailty, captured the imagination of these abhyasis, most of whom were first time visitors to the ashram. On the request made by the country-in-charge Br Suntharamoorthy, special lectures and a workshop were organized at short notice. On 26th December a talk was delivered in Tamil by Sis. Geetha on 'Practice'. The following day these abhyasis were privileged by a visit by Br. Kamlesh Patel whose talk on the right attitude and condition expected of abhyasis in Sahaj Marg. Sr.Kasturi spoke on "Sahaj Marg: A way of Life" the same afternoon.

The next two days, 28th and 29th, were hectic days for the group as a workshop was conducted to deepen their knowledge of Sahaj Marg practice, thanks to Br Rajesh Rathod who obliged the request for such activities. The subjects for discussions were Meditation and Cleaning. The methodology of



forming groups for in depth discussion of the subjects promoted better understanding of the Sahaj Marg sadhana by the abhyasis. Laterally, many questions on the practice were also answered which brought greater clarity on the practice. The few Sinhala speaking abhyasis in the group were also accommodated with English sessions being provided for that group.

Prefects from the Sri Lankan group were addressed by Br.C.Rajagopalan and Br.Rajesh Rathod on the finer points of the functions of prefects.

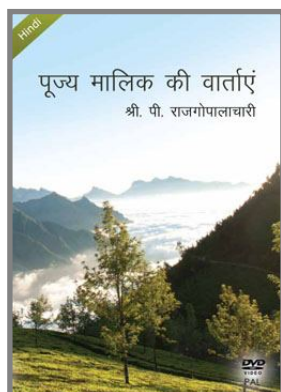
The group had another opportunity to see Master on 29th December as he made a visit to the ashram and conducted the 9 a.m. satsangh showering his benevolent blessings on all. They were also pleased to mingle with other abhyasis from far flung parts of India with their families.

The Sri Lankan abhyasis were particularly struck by the vibrant spirit and the spiritual atmosphere that continuously permeates all locations in the ashram, particularly the meditation hall, library, dormitories, book stall and dining hall and the entire compound that was filled with greenery. The group left for Sri Lanka on 30th December with abundance of spiritual knowledge gathered from the week-long stay at Babuji Memorial ashram at Manapakkam which will forever be etched in their memories.

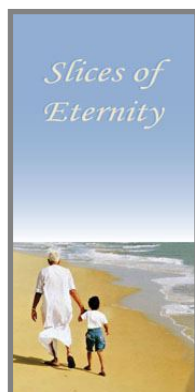




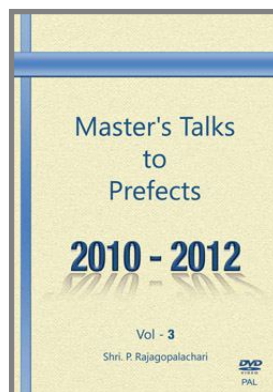
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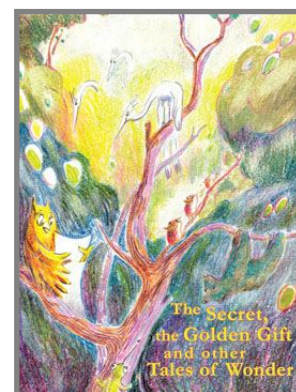
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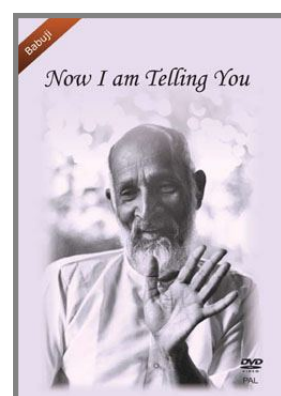
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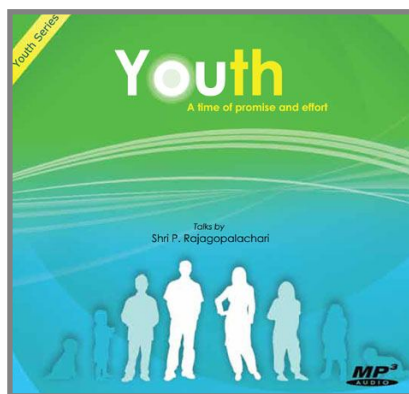
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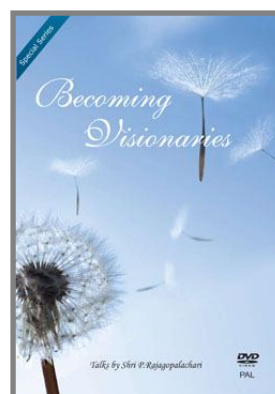
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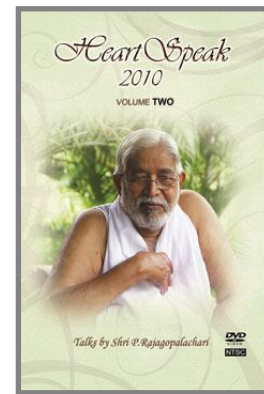
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Master's Message on the New Year (an extract)

But I have pondered over this through the years and I have come to the conclusion that when I judge myself, I have condemned myself to my own judgement. This is what makes us feel guilty in a higher sense, sinful, which brings us desperation, sorrow, the futility of what we think to be a wasted life. All this is a result of our own self-judgement.

I would suggest that judging others is a very common thing but judging your own self, which we do quite unconsciously... because when I am afraid of something, when I am afraid of my examination, I am judging myself and my preparedness to face that examination. I know that I have not prepared myself, which is, I am judging myself. Then if my result comes out against me after the exams are over, I should not feel disappointed because I have known already in my own judgement, conscious or unconscious, that I have not prepared myself for what I have to do. Therefore, I must accept failure with the cheerfulness and joy with which I would have accepted success. When we are afraid of an interview, we know we are not ready.

So, fear of external things is something else, but the fear that we feel against events – whatever we have to do (we have to do), is nothing but prejudging my own self. People don't understand that prejudice can be against one's own self. Prejudice is not only against others, prejudging others ("He is a fool," "She is an ass," and so on and so forth), but we are all the time judging ourselves. Therefore, we are afraid – of events, of situations, of possibilities. So prejudice eventually turns out to be the fear of oneself. "I am never prepared." "I am not ready." "How will I face God?"



Anand Ashram, Gujarat

Centre of Light

"So the Master is to be used as an index of what we have to become, and you have to look into yourself and see what Sahaj Marg is doing for you. Then we will continue on the path, we will go serenely, ignoring everything else. I have to reach the goal; the goal is before me. It shows me what I have to become. Looking at myself, I see what else I have to chisel away or add or subtract from myself. That becomes an easy, smooth and convenient journey where the goal can be quickly reached."

Master's talk on 29th January, 2004 at Anand, Gujarat



'Anandashram' is the name given by Master for the ashram in Anand, Gujarat because here you find a lot of joy. Anand is the district headquarters located between Ahmedabad and Vadodara and is famous for Amul Dairy, IRMA and NDDDB, the precursors of the 'White Revolution' in India.

Anand centre flourished due to frequent visits of Master in the '80s and early '90s and in 1992-93 when Master's wife Sulochana mami underwent treatment for a few months in Anand. Master has also given talks in IRMA, National Dairy Development Board and the Veterinary College.

In 1995, Master permitted Br P.S. Bhargava to use a part of his residential plot to construct a shed to use

as SRCM meditation hall. Master named it 'the Mandapam'. In 1996, Sister Anjana Nagar made a humble offering of a small piece of land in the village of Hadgud, about 5 kms from Anand for construction of an ashram. In January 1997, Master visited the ashram site and named the colony where the plot is located as Shri Ram Chandra Puram. The new structure with a capacity to seat 150 abhyasis was, with Master's permission, inaugurated on 5th September 2000, by Br. Madhukar Kochar, the then ZIC. The function was attended by about 165 abhyasis from Anand, Vadodara, Vanakbori and Nadiad centers.

Master visited Anand on 29th January 2004. By this time an outer verandah was added and the garden was also developed on the vacant land, as by this time a source of water was also identified on the site. After satsangh, Master planted a 'Kadamb' sapling towards the front of the ashram. Today, the tree stands almost 40 feet tall and along with other trees and shrubs brings unique charm to the ashram.



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