

# JOURNEY OF PEACE





*Dear Divine Souls,*

*It is so beautiful to see the continuous progress being made by all of our myriad charitable, humanitarian and spiritual/cultural programs. They are truly being carried in the hands of the Divine and blossoming beautifully under God's grace. From leading the world's first initiative to bring interfaith leaders together for improved water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), to continued progress in our efforts to clean and green the waters and banks of Ganga, Yamuna and all of India's rivers, to the publication and launching of the International Edition of the*

*Encyclopedia of Hinduism, to protection of Mother Nature, to organizing the faiths to save lives during humanitarian crises, helping prevent crises to come and abating climate change. We strive to embrace, reach and touch all of humanity, for we know that the same Divine we worship in our temples, churches, mosques, synagogues and gurudwaras pervades all of creation.*

*I always say, "Giving is Living" and "Sharing is Caring." It is through service of the needy by sharing our overflowing abundance that we attain peace, joy, satisfaction and liberation in life. Seva, Sadhana and Samarpan--these are the keys to a successful, meaningful and divine life. Through our diverse array of projects and programs we seek to encompass all 3 of these essential components. Seva (selfless service) is carried forth through our free schools, orphanages/gurukuls, women's empowerment and upliftment programs, our efforts restore and protect the free and pristine flow of Mother Ganga as well as so many more activities. Sadhana -- through our spiritual, inter-faith and cultural activities, events and programs. Samarpan -- through our ceaseless dedication to God in all forms, humanity and Mother Nature.*

*Every time I see the light sparkle in the eyes of a child who has learned to read, every time I see the relieved smile on a face of a patient whose illness has been treated, every time I see [A3] someone touched and transformed through our numerous programs, I always remember our generous and selfless donors and volunteers who, with the grace of God, have made these miracles possible.*

*May God bless you all and all your families. In the service of God and humanity,*

*In the service of God and humanity,*

*Swami Chidanand Saraswati*



## *Our Initiatives*

### **Parmarth Niketan**

*The largest ashram in Rishikesh and one of the largest interfaith spiritual institutions in India, Parmarth is home to the world-renowned evening Ganga Aarti ceremony and the annual International Yoga Festival.*  
*[www.Parmarth.org](http://www.Parmarth.org); [www.InternationalYogaFestival.org](http://www.InternationalYogaFestival.org)*

### **Global Interfaith WASH Alliance**

*The faiths come together to help ensure Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) for all.*  
*[www.WashAlliance.org](http://www.WashAlliance.org)*

### ***The Divine Shakti Foundation***

*Dedicated to the holistic well being of women, their children,  
and orphaned/abandoned children, and to all of Mother Nature and Mother Earth.*  
*[www.DivineShaktiFoundation.org](http://www.DivineShaktiFoundation.org)*

### **Ganga Action Parivar**

*Bringing together networks and partnerships of the world's preeminent researchers,  
environmentalists, engineers, religious and business leaders, as well as members  
of the general public. Together, we work towards creating thoughtful solutions to the numerous problems  
plaguing the Ganga and its tributaries.*  
*[www.GangaAction.org](http://www.GangaAction.org)*

### **Interfaith Humanitarian Network**

*Organizing the faiths to save lives during humanitarian crises and to help prevent crises to come.*  
*[www.InterfaithHumanitarian.org](http://www.InterfaithHumanitarian.org)*

### **Encyclopedia of Hinduism**

*An unprecedented encyclopedia, drafted by some 1,000 experts over a 25-year time-span.*  
*[www.TheEncyclopediaofHinduism.com](http://www.TheEncyclopediaofHinduism.com)*

### **India Heritage Research Foundation**

*Committed to education, healthcare, interfaith harmony and the upliftment of women. IHRF has also  
created ashrams in Mansarovar as well as the world's first comprehensive Encyclopedia of Hinduism.*  
*[www.Ihrf.com](http://www.Ihrf.com)*



# PARMARTH NIKETAN



*Welcome home to the birthplace  
of yoga on the beautiful banks of Mother Ganga*



Parmarth Niketan, of which HH Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji is President, is a true spiritual haven, situated on the holy banks of Mother Ganga in the lap of the lush Himalayas. It is the largest ashram in Rishikesh, providing its thousands of pilgrims who come from all corners of the Earth with a clean, pure and sacred atmosphere, as well as abundant, beautiful gardens. With over 1,000 rooms, the facilities are a perfect blend of modern amenities and traditional, spiritual simplicity.

The word “Parmarth” means “Dedicated to the Welfare of All,” and Parmarth Niketan is also one of India’s largest interfaith institutions, which supports humanitarian projects and programmes that bring together people from all religions, so all can work together to ensure a better world for all.





Parmarth Niketan's World-Renowned  
International Conference, Yoga and Meditation Centre



## GANGA AARTI

Ganga is not only a river. She is a Divine Mother, giving freely to all with no discrimination, hesitation or expectation. She irrigates not only our farms, but also our hearts, minds and souls.

Yet, the Ganga is also one of the most polluted rivers and endangered rivers in the world. Understanding that people won't pollute the same place that they worship, Pujya Swamiji began a mission to initiate Ganga Aarti ceremonies (lighting ceremonies) up and down the banks of Ganga and to convince as many ashrams as possible to turn their river fronts into places of worship.

The Ganga Aarti held every night at Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, draws people of all faiths from across the world to enjoy a serene sunset ceremony of song, inspiration and lights.

Pujya Swamiji has also been the inspiration and founder of Ganga Aarti ceremonies in Varanasi (on the eve of the turn of the Millennium with H.H. the Dalai Lama and numerous other saints), as well as in Allahabad, Gangotri, Uttarakashi, Dev Prayag, Rudraprayag, Jwalapur, and many other locations.





## INTERNATIONAL YOGA FESTIVAL

Parmarth Niketan's world-famous International Yoga Festival is a beautiful time of seeing the world come together in the name of yoga, or union, on the holy banks of Mother Ganga. In 2017, nearly 2000 people from 101 countries came to learn asana, pranayama, kriyas and meditation from over 60 presenters from 20 different nations. Each year IYF provides participants with darshan, satsang and inspiring discourses by revered saints and yogis, who fill the atmosphere with bhakti yoga (devotion) and gyan yoga (wisdom). Then, they joined hands together in karma yoga (service) and cleaned the banks and waters of Mother Ganga, pledging to work to protect and preserve the water bodies in their own cities and countries across the world.

**To learn more, visit [www.internationalyogafestival.org](http://www.internationalyogafestival.org)**



# A Lifelong Journey of Peace



Hon'ble President of India  
Smt. Droupadi Murmu



Hon'ble Former President of India  
Shri Ram Nath Kovind



Hon'ble Vice President of India  
Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar



Hon'ble Vice President of India,  
Shri Venkaiah Naidu





Discussing a Swachh Bharat with Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi



Discussing plans & projects and ideas for the betterment of India with RSS Chief Mananiya Dr. Mohan Bhagwatji.

Every year, as part of His mission of peace, Pujya Swamiji interacts with numerous world leaders – spiritual leaders, social leaders, and political leaders – in His international travels or when they come home to seek Pujya Swamiji's blessings on the banks of Mother Ganga.



Presenting a sacred rudraksh sapling to Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs, Shri Amit Shah



Discussing India's sustainability and security with Shri Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor of India



H.E. the Hon'ble former President of India Shri Pranab Mukherjee



With our Highly-Missed, Late Former President of India, HE Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam



With Mr. David Cameron, (then) Prime Minister of Great Britain at the launch of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism.



Pujya Swamiji makes a Flagship Presentation with World Bank President, Dr. Jim Yung Kim, at World Bank Headquarters on the importance of the coming together of faith leaders to help end the causes of global poverty.



Mr. Tony Blair, former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and faith leaders at the Tony Blair Faith Foundation Meeting in Delhi.

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

*- Pujya Swamiji*



With Former President of the United States of America, Bill Clinton, at the World Economic Forum



H.E. Shimon Peres, (Late) President of Israel and Rabbi David Rosen in Jerusalem



Presenting a sacred rudraksh sapling to Smt. Nirmala Sitharamanji, Finance Minister, Govt of India



Former Vice President of the United States and Nobel Laureate, Al Gore, at the Religions for the Earth Summit on Climate Change in New York



British MP, Priti Patel, offers her support and enthusiasm for the Encyclopedia of Hinduism and numerous other projects.



Presenting H.E. the Prime Minister of Japan, Shinzō Abe with water from the holy Ganga River

# INSPIRING INDIA'S LEADERS

*For a Clean and Green India and a More Peaceful World*



Union Minister of Home Affairs, Shri Rajnath Singh discussing GIWA and GAP's White Papers on the Ganga, Yamuna and Uttarakhand.



Discussing India's sustainability and security with Shri Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor of India



Discussing GIWA'S and GAP'S White Papers on Ganga & Yamuna with Shri Nitin Gadkari, Minister of Water Resources, Ganga Rejuvenation, Road Transport & Highways



Taking a pledge to protect and preserve the waters of India and the world with Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat Union Cabinet Minister of Jal Shakti (water resources)



Presenting a Tree Sapling to Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Shri Piyush Goyal after discussing the greening of India's world-renowned railway system



Hon'ble Union Minister of Information and Broadcasting, Smt. Smriti Irani and Pujya Swamiji for a clean, green and Swachh Bharat



Lamp lighting at major event with Shri Bhupendra Yadav, Minister of Forest and Climate Change Govt of India, and Shri Sarvanand Sonval, Minister of AYUSH



Sharing about Parmarth's programs with Shri Kiren Rijju Minister of Law and Justice of India



Presenting a sacred rudraksh sapling to Shri Hardeep Singh Puri, Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas and Housing and Urban Affairs, Govt of India



Sharing about Green Tourism and Spiritual Tourism with G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Development



Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Culture joins for Parmarth Niketan's Ganga Aarti



Performing Water Blessing Ceremony at Parmarth Niketan with Shri Ashwini Kumar Choubey Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Environment, Forest and Climate Change



Honoring Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh Yogi Adityanathji during his visit to Parmarth Niketan



Discussing ways to uplift and empower the women and girls of Uttar Pradesh with Governor Smt. Anandiben Patel during her visit to Parmarth Niketan



A beautiful meeting of minds and hearts for a Green Uttarakhand with Governor Shri Gurmeet Singh



Giving a rudraksh sapling to Chief Minister Uttarakhand Shri Pushkar Singh Dhama



A beautiful moment of ideas and insights for the Green Development of India with Shri Arif Mohammad Khan, Governor of Kerala



Gifting a rudraksh sapling to Shri Ajay Bhatt, Minister of State for Tourism, Govt of India



Their Royal Highnesses, King Charles III, (the Prince of Wales at the time of the visit) and Queen Consort Camilla, (then, the Duchess of Cornwall), graced Parmarth Niketan Ashram, Rishikesh with an official visit just days before HRH King Charles' 65th birthday in 2013. It was the first destination of their nine-day visit to India.

During their visit, they participated in a beautiful Ganga Aarti ceremony as well as a ceremony in which waters from around the world were poured onto a globe with prayers for water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) for all. His Royal Highness, King Charles, shared beautiful words of inspiration and spoke about how glad he was to be present for this ceremony and also how pleased he was to have heard about the wonderful work for the environment and humanity being done by Pujya Swamiji. He said: "It has been a particular pleasure to meet Swamiji, about whom I have heard so much. I know that he and his ashram, and all the work that he and his colleagues do, is of remarkable significance."

Near the conclusion of their visit to Parmarth Niketan, Pujya Swamiji presented the royal couple with a sacred Rudraksha tree, which serves as a symbol for the crucial importance for all people to come together from all places to ensure a greener, cleaner, more sustainable world.



# Mount Kailash/ Mansarovar Tibet Ashrams



In July 2003, we inaugurated the Parmarth Kailash-Mansarovar Ashram on the banks of Lake Mansarovar, the first ashram ever in this holy land. There are 20 rooms with 5-8 beds each. Additionally there are 2 large halls for katha, meditation and satsang, which can also serve as additional dormitories. In 2004, a team of nearly 40 doctors and medical assistants traveled from USA in the first free medical camp in Mansarovar and Mt. Kailash.

There are now 3 Parmarth Kailash-Mansarovar ashrams, on the banks of Lake Mansarovar, in Paryang, Tibet and in Dirapuk at a height of nearly 17,000 feet, on the sacred Mt. Kailash parikrama route. Dirapuk is the place where all yatriis who are undertaking the parikrama spend their first night, 20 km beyond the starting point. It is the location from which the darshan of Kailash is the closest, clearest and most spectacular. The ashram is double-storied with nearly 50 rooms, as well as a hall and dining facilities. All rooms face Mt. Kailash.

In September 2009, Pujya Swamiji officially inaugurated the Dirapuk ashram, with over 150 yatriis from around the world, as well as local Buddhist monks and dignitaries & officials of the Tibet Autonomous Region. The ashram is already a great boon for the town, as we hired local people for the construction and trained them in masonry, carpentry and painting. The ashram is run and maintained by local Tibetans, and proceeds from the ashram go back into the community for education, health care and other projects.

Previously, in 2006, we inaugurated the Parmarth Mansarovar Ashram in Paryang, Tibet, the place where all yatriis stay the night before reaching Lake Mansarovar. The ashram has more than 20 rooms -- singles, doubles & triples, and also two large halls for satsang, meditation or for use as dormitories.





Rear view of Parmarth Mansarovar Ashram, Dirapuk. All rooms in the ashram face Mt. Kailash



Local children in Paryang at the Parmarth Paryang Ashram



Parmarth Mansarovar Ashram on Lake Mansarovar



Medical Clinic at Mansarovar Ashram



Front view of Parmarth Dirapuk Ashram

# Gurukuls & Orphanages Cultivating Jewels



Simple shelters with food, beds and babysitters are not sufficient for the impoverished, orphaned and disadvantaged children of rural and mountainous India. All children need not only to be fed and sheltered -- they need to be educated and trained so they can be productive members of society. They need to

be inculcated with values, ethics and spirituality which will make them torchbearers of Indian culture.

Our education initiative includes the following essential components: (1) a full, standard academic education, (2) training in the ancient Vedic knowledge and traditions, (3) a moral and value-based education which is crucially needed in modern society.

In the "Dust to Diamonds" program, our gurukuls/orphanages provide 500 young, impoverished, disadvantaged boys with a basic academic education, as well as intensive Sanskrit and ancient Vedic texts. Their days are filled with yoga, meditation, Vedic chanting, reading of scriptures, mathematics, seva and special programs designed to infuse their lives with essential values and ethics. They are not only getting a full academic education, but they are also being trained to be cultural ambassadors, carrying with them -- wherever they go -- the deep values and culture of honesty, integrity, purity, piety, dedication and selflessness.

Once a child comes to the orphanage/gurukul, a rapid, divine transformation takes place. Looks of hopelessness become looks of great optimism and hope. Lightless eyes become bright shining eyes. Feelings of destitution and despair become feelings of pride, of faith and of enthusiasm.

The rishikumars travel on yatra to the Himalayas, perform yoga, yagna and prayers on the banks of Mother Ganga, study academics and computers as well as the scriptures, perform dramas based on Indian spiritual history and -- of course -- have time to run and play!





# Ganga Action Parivar

*Hope is in Your Hands*



The holy, life-giving Ganga is one of the most at-risk rivers in the world. Every day, it is polluted by some three billion liters of sewage and chemical waste, threatening the health and lives of millions. Its ecology, containing some of the world's rarest plants and wildlife, is under similar threat.

On April 4th, 2010 by the hands of H.H. the Dalai Lama, H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati, former Deputy Prime Minister Hon'ble Shri L.K. Advani, former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal Nishank, former Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Major General B.C. Khanduri and many revered saints and dignitaries, Ganga Action Parivar was officially launched at Parmarth Niketan Ashram in Rishikesh at a special "Sparsh Ganga" ("Divine Touch of Ganga") function, an event to raise awareness about the need for collective and holistic, solution-based action to address the crucial issues facing the holy river. Since then, hundreds of supporters and family members have been mobilized, coming together to find solutions to the problems facing Ganga and Her tributaries.



Pujya Swamiji leads a sankalp (pledge) to work to keep Ganga's waters clean with H.H. the Dalai Lamaji, Shri L.K. Advaniji, Pujya Swami Ramdevji and other distinguished leaders



Hindu saints and respected Muslim Leaders meet to raise awareness on issues related to Mother Ganga



Dr. Vandana Shiva and Dr. BD Tripathi inaugurate a lamp for a workshop to collectively write a compelling white paper on the Ganga.



Clean-ups of the banks of Mother Ganga bring together the young and the old to make their communities clean, green and serene.

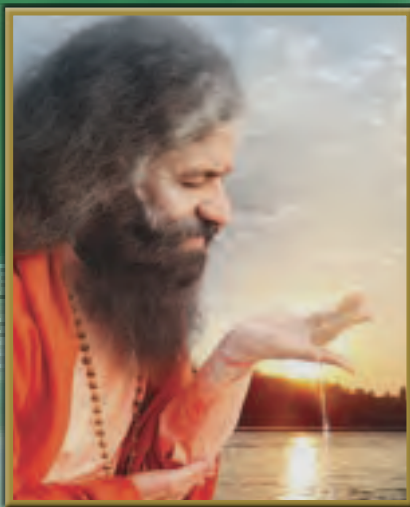
*“We must give and give like Mother Ganga- with no hesitation, no expectation and no discrimination.”*

*- Pujya Swamiji*



Holidays and birthdays are celebrated with tree plantations to turn them into a beautiful message of giving back and protecting our environment.

# 7 For Environmental Preservation T's



In honor of When Pujya Swamiji, Founder of Ganga Action Parivar, completed 60 years of life, everyone wanted to give Him birthday presents. He however declared that there is nothing He wants, nothing He needs, but only the gift of people committing themselves to the “6Ts” program, which signifies six-ty years of life.

Now, entering his 70th year, Ganga Action Parivar’s Seven Ts program provides a foundation for a cleaner, greener, more sustainable Ganga River Basin. Through its comprehensive, interlinked initiatives, the people, animals and ecology of the watershed are enabled to not only survive, but thrive.

In so doing, GAP has identified seven categories of outreach that are designed to complement each other: Toilets, Temperature, Trash, Trees, Taps, Tracks and Tigers.



## Toilets.

Over 500 million people live near the Ganga River and its tributaries. Many have no access to sanitary facilities. Populations are forced to use the Ganga as a toilet out of necessity, fouling its waters and potentially spreading disease. We will be providing thousands of eco-friendly toilets to villages and other locations throughout the Ganga River Basin.



## Temperature.

As the Earth heats up due to climate change, glaciers are melting, including Gaumukh glacier, the source of Mother Ganga. We are working actively to investigate, promote and implement technologies and programmes that can help control the impacts of climate change and protect the environment, populations and precious natural resources.



## Trees.

Trees are crucial to life. Yet, to meet the needs of rapidly-expanding populations, far too many trees have been cut down, robbing the Ganga River Basin of its key benefactor. GAP is planting and maintaining thousands of trees as a direct response.



## Tigers.

Under the Six T's program, "Tigers" represents all endangered animals inhabiting the Ganga River Basin. Working side-by-side with conservation groups, GAP provides education and awareness programs, enabling populations and visitors to become protectors of their own environments, enabling nature's creatures to flourish as they should.



## Taps.

Access to clean and safe drinking water is a basic human right. Yet, every year in India alone, 400,000 children die, and many more are sickened, by water-borne diseases such as typhoid, dysentery and cholera. Adding to the problem are contaminated and shrinking ground water tables alongside untamed pollution in the Ganga. GAP works to provide taps to the rural poor, as well as water filtration systems, while also teaching skills in proper water use management.



## Trash.

In the Ganga River Basin, trash is often disposed of directly into or near the river, endangering wildlife, plants, and populations, while also spoiling the appearance of what should be pristine waters. GAP works with local populations, municipalities, and administrators to ensure proper trash disposal, including rubbish bins and recycling. Additionally, GAP provides mass awareness campaigns, aimed at motivating populations and visitors as to how to properly dispose of their waste before it reaches the Ganga.



## Tracks.

The Indian train network is one of the most impressive in the world and also one of the dirtiest. GAP is providing the Ministry of Railways with concepts and ideas for new initiatives for cleaning and greening the land alongside the rail tracks. GAP also helps to advise regarding the improvement of sanitary facilities within India's trains and train stations.



Hundreds of people from across the world pledge to be caring stewards of Mother Ganga, vowing to help inspire more for the mission of keeping Her waters clean.



Shri RS Goenka, Joint Chairman of Emami Foundation, and other dignitaries lay the first bricks for a GAP/GIWA Bio-Toilet Complex for girls.



A team of scientists and experts from Organic India to meet Hon'ble Shri Prakash Javedekar then Minister of HRD & Former Environment Minister, for an Organic Revolution in India.



School girls team up with Ganga Action Parivar to plant trees for clean, green and serene banks of the River Ganga.



Dr. Vinod Tare of IIT Kanpur, Pujya Swamiji, environmentalist Dr. Vandana Shiva and other delegates at a GAP conference of experts at Parmarth Niketan



Ganga Nandini gifts a sapling and GIWA's "Clean India" umbrella to parents of GIWA's youth peer educators during a special program.





Planting a tree sapling from the original Bodhi Tree with HE, President Ram Nath Kovind at the Grounds of President House in Delhi



Gifting a rudraksh sapling to Shri Faggan Singh Kulaste, Minister of State for Rural Development and Steel, Govt of India



Gifting a rudraksh sapling to Prahlad Singh Patel, Minister of State for Food Processing Industries and Jal Shakti, Govt of India



India's first Ganga Gram is inaugurated by Hon'ble Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Cabinet Minister of Rural Development & (Then) Drinking Water and Sanitation, as well as revered faith leaders and esteemed dignitaries. It had been made ODF by GAP and GIWA's combined efforts,

# GANGA GYAN DHARA SAMAGRA SAM

Working Together, Serving Together  
for a Green and Nirmal Ganga



Inauguration of the Ganga Gyan Dhara Workshop at Parmarth Niketan with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand Shri Trivendra Singh Rawat, Convenor of Yamuna Jiye Abhiyan, Shri Manoj Mishra, Fmr. Chairman Central Pollution Control Board, Shri Paritosh Tyagi, and other lauded experts.



Thousands of people converge under the leadership of Pujya Swamiji for a mass Ganga Clean-Up and Sankalp in support of the Hon'ble Prime Minister's historic Swachhta Hi Seva Campaign



Ganga Action Parivar leads a special World Environment Day celebration in which school children display their personal messages of hope for this world.



GAP joins forces with the Army and local school children to clean and green a train station between Rishikesh and Haridwar.



Giftng a rudraksh sapling to Hon'ble Shri Ramnath Kovind, President of India with Nobel Laureate Shri Kailash Satyarthi



Giftng a rudraksh sapling to Bollywood star Shri Amitabh Bachchan at Parmarth Niketan



Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Sri Sri Ravi Shankar discuss plans for greening flood-stricken Kedarnath and Kedar Valley.



Actress Dia Mirza joins for a clean up on the banks of Ganga.



Yogis from over 100 nations celebrate togetherness for Mother Ganga and sign the Yogis for Ganga Declaration.



India's First Ganga Awards Presented during GIWA's "You are the Solution" Summit of Leaders to Hon'ble Smt. Hema Mailiniji with Hon'ble Rural Development Minister Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and Pujya Swami Ramdevji



Pujya Swamiji receives a special honor for His leadership in the wake of the Uttarakhand Flood. (left to right): Minister of Agriculture, Harak Singh Rawat, Minister of Industries & Labour, Harish Chandra Durgapal, then Hon'ble CM of Uttarakhand, Vijay Bahuguna, Deputy High Commissioner of Britain, David Lelliott.



Tree Plantation in Ladakh with Hon'ble Dr. Harsh Vardhan and interfaith leaders during GIWA's Worship for WASH Summit.



GAP inspires young girls to join the "Shakti for Prakriti" greening drive.



Pujya Swamiji leads a special interfaith prayer, joined by Hon'ble Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan, during the Worship for WASH Ladakh Summit.



Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Madhavpriyadasji lead a special pledge for the protection of water and the environment with hundreds of saints and devotees of the Swaminarayan tradition during a camp at Parmarth Niketan



Pujya Swamiji leads a mass interfaith clean-up of the River Ganga



# *Divine Shakti Foundation*



The Divine Shakti Foundation is dedicated to the holistic well being of women, their children, and orphaned/abandoned children, and to all of Mother Nature and Mother Earth. Our programs include free schools for children, women's vocational training programs, women's empowerment programs and international events bringing women (and men) together to discover and nurture their oneness with the Divine Feminine.

Schools, vocational training and empowerment programs: poverty, illiteracy and lack of training are tragically common in India. With increasing population, basic education and marketable skills have become absolute necessities in order to subsist in even the smallest communities. Hence, those who lack this education and training go to sleep hungry each night. DSF is dedicated to providing them with the best chance possible to live a life free from destitution. The Divine Shakti Foundation's programs encompass children's schools for both girls and boys as well as computer centers where they learn practice and theory, as well as specialized vocational training and empowerment centers for girls and young women.







Shakti and Prakriti - Women and the Earth -- major plenary panel by Divine Shakti Foundation and Global Interfaith WASH Alliance at the World Parliament of Religions. Left to right: Grove Harris, Kiran Bali, Mary Evelyn Tucker, Marianne Williamson, Dr. Vandana Shiva, Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati.



Divine Shakti Foundation's livelihoods centre just 25 km from Kedarnath Dham is filled with Himalayan women working with joy.



A DSF beneficiary shares her smile and gratitude for the new livelihood skills she learned to feed her family.



Women learning computer skills through a Divine Shakti Foundation programme.



Distribution of fruit to the students of Parmarth Nari Shashakti Kendra women's empowerment center.





Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji speaks at the special Vaicharik Maha Kumbha - Shakti Kumbha - event in the Simhastha Kumbha Mela.



Sadhvi Bhagawati speaks at the United Nations during a conference on Sustainability and Globalization organized by the UN Alliance of Civilizations, Global Citizen Forum and United Federation for Peace.



Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, President of the Divine Shakti Foundation (DSF) is presented with beautiful artwork on environmental preservation by children from a DSF-sponsored school.



Inspired and excited students and teachers at Parmarth Vidya Mandir, one of DSF's free schools



Sadhviji gives the Keynote Address at the Convention of AAPI (American Association of Physicians from India)



Girls at DSF's centers learn yoga and karate



Inauguration of DSF's newly constructed skills training centre, in joint partnership with the Paropkar Sansthan, in Uttarakashi, Uttarakhand that had been washed away in the tragic 2013 floods.



DSF's rebuilds a school in Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand that had been destroyed in the 2013 floods.



Sadhviji joins women faith leaders of different traditions at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) headquarters for an event during the Convention on the Status of Women



DSF's new Girl Power Project in partnership with Just Like My Child



Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati lovingly embraces a young developmentally challenged girl



Clean Hands Celebrated During Global Handwashing Day at a DSF-Supported School

# Encyclopedia of Hinduism



Presentation of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism to the Hon'ble President of India with Mananiya Shri LK Advani and Minister of Law and Justice, Gov't of India, Shri Ravi Shankar Prasad.



Singing the national anthem, led by Sonu Nigam, at the presentation of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism to the Hon'ble President.



The first volume of the Encyclopedia is blessed by (right to left): Pujya Bhaishri, Pujya Swami Ramdev, Pujya M.M. Swami Asanganand, Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Acharya Balkrishna.



Presenting the Encyclopedia of Hinduism to Hon'ble Shri Yogi Adityanathi, Chief Minister of UP



Launch of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism in London by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of England Mr. David Cameron with (left to right) Lord Dolar Popat , MP, Lord Andrew Feldman, President of the Conservative Party, Ramniklal Solanki C.B.E, Kalpesh Solanki, G.P. Hinduja, Shailesh Solanki, Pujya Swamiji, Sadhvi Bhagawati, Samantha Cameron, Chandrukewal Ramani, Raoul Goff, Publisher of the Encyclopedia and Prity Patel, MP.

Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji conceived of the idea for an Encyclopedia of Hinduism in 1987 when He was in Pittsburgh, USA, after establishing the Hindu-Jain Temple there. In order to bring the vision to fruition, He founded and chaired the India Heritage Research Foundation (IHRF). Over the next 25 years, IHRF, with more than 1000 scholars from around the world, led by Dr. K.L. Seshagiri Rao, Late Dr. Pandit Vidya Niwas Mishra and Dr. Kapil Kapoor, compiled the first Encyclopedia of Hinduism in history.

Eleven gorgeous volumes, approximately 7000 entries and thousands of illustrations, comprise the recently-completed and launched encyclopedia. The Encyclopedia was reviewed and blessed in India by HH the Dalai Lama and many revered saints. The academic launch of the international edition, published by Mandala Earth Publications of California, USA, was hosted by the University of South Carolina,

Columbia, USA in the summer of 2013 in the presence of the Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, and many other dignitaries and internationally-esteemed scholars. The first set in India was presented to the Hon'ble President of India in a grand function in June 2014 in the presence of revered faith leaders, national leaders, social leaders and celebrities.

The Encyclopedia was presented to the Hon'ble President of India HE Pranab Mukherjee at a glorious function in June 2014 by revered interfaith religious leaders, distinguished cabinet ministers, and dignitaries. In October 2014, the Encyclopedia was officially launched in India by the hands of the Hon'ble Vice President of India Dr. Hamid Ansari & Mananiya Dr. Mohan Bhagwat with renowned religious leaders and dignitaries. On the 27 October 2014, the Encyclopedia was launched in London by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of England Mr. David Cameron.

Welcome You to

THE LAUNCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL EDITION OF THE

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF HINDUISM



Launch of the Encyclopedia of Hinduism in New Delhi by the Hon'ble Vice President of India, Shri Hamid Ansari & Mananiya Dr. Mohan Bhagwat with (left to right) Bollywood Actor Vivek Oberoi, Acharya Lokesh Muni, Dr. Pranav Pandya, Smt. Smriti Irani, Minister of Human Resources Development, Pujya Swamiji, Imam Umer Ahmed Ilyasi and Diwan Zainul Abedin Ali Khan.



Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, Smt. Sushma Swaraj, is presented with the Encyclopedia of Hinduism.

**The Encyclopedia of Hinduism** comprises 11 volumes of approximately 600 pages each. The more than 7000 entries that can be found within these historically-unprecedented volumes are the collective work of more than 1000 scholars from around the world.



Presenting the International Edition of the Encyclopedia to Pujya Shri Morari Bapuji and Pujya Goswami Indra Beti..



Sadhvi Bhagawati speaking about the Hindu tradition and culture at the launch in London by the Hon'ble Prime Minister Mr. David Cameron.



Presenting the Encyclopedia of Hinduism to Hon'ble Shri Subramanian Swamy, of India's Upper House of Parliament.



Launch of the Indian edition of the Encyclopedia in the Maha Kumbha Mela in Haridwar by H.H. the Dalai Lama, and (left to right) Dr. Kiran Patel, Puja Swami Gurusharananand, Puja Shri Rameshbhai Oza, Puja Swamiji, Puja Swami Ramdev, Mananiya Shri LK Advani, Dr. Ramesh Pokhariyal "Nishank" and Shri Hasu Shah.



Presenting of a sacred rudraksh sapling to Mananiya Dr. Mohan Bhagwat and Imam Umar Ilyasi, President of the All India Association of Imams and Diwan Zainul Abedin Ali Khan, Ajmer Sharif Shrine.



Minister of Tourism, Dr Mahesh Sharma, accepts a beautiful Encyclopaedia of Hinduism set from Puja Swamiji.



Academic launch of the Encyclopedia at the University of South Carolina, Columbia, presided over by Dr. Harris Pastides the President of the University.



Presentation of the Encyclopedia to Shri Ajit Doval, National Security Advisor for India during his visit to Parmarth Niketan

# Global Interfaith WASH Alliance (GIWA)







Since the dawn of history, faith has provided a foundation from which social norms develop. It is to faith leaders that billions are drawn in times of joy and sorrow, as well as in the search for inner meaning. As teachers to the masses, the words of faith leaders motivate, persuade and enable. Through their speech and actions, they

can bring about change in a way unparalleled by others. An estimated 5 billion people around the world are members of religious communities, underscoring the critical role religious leaders can play in addressing seemingly intractable problems – such as access to safe water and sanitation.

The Global Interfaith WASH Alliance (GIWA), of which Pujya Swamiji is co-founder, is the world's first initiative that is engaging the planet's many faiths as allies in efforts to create a world where every human being has access to safe drinking water, improved sanitation and proper hygiene. GIWA was launched by UNICEF at UNICEF Headquarters during the United Nations General Assembly Meetings in New York at an event sponsored by USAID and the Government of the Netherlands.

Learn more at:  
[www.washalliance.org](http://www.washalliance.org)

## GIWA'S MANY PROGRAMMES INCLUDE:

**The Swachhta Kranti:** GIWA feels that nothing short of a behaviour change revolution is required in order to ensure healthy, sustainable WASH for nearly half of India's population. Our compelling faith-based Swachhta Kranti (Clean Revolution) campaign has been designed to do just that. Through the inspirational words of beloved faith leaders, populations that had never dreamed of building and using toilets are being motivated to embrace improved sanitation and more. As they do so, they join GIWA in expanding the Swachhta Kranti campaign amongst their friends, neighbours and others through their own endeavours and by participating in GIWA's grand processions, mass pledges, Sanitation & Hygiene Rallies and more.

**World Toilet College:** GIWA's World Toilet College offers classroom and outreach trainings that cover the entire range of sanitation topics. So far, our World Toilet College provided more than 3000 people with knowledge and skills to directly address India's most pressing sanitation needs. Courses offered included Toilet Building, Sanitation Ambassador Training Programme, Hygiene in Schools, Student Led Total Sanitation, Healthy Homes and Families, Professional Toilet Cleaning, and various capacity building programmes on WASH for key stakeholders such as SHG members, grassroots-level volunteers and natural leaders of communities.

**WASH on Wheels and Swachh Bharat Yatras:** Dedicated social workers, volunteers and performers are providing outreach in festivals, events, streets, slums and villages through GIWA's unique WASH on Wheels programme and Swachh Bharat Yatras. WASH on Wheels is an inspired mobile educational platform which features videos

of foremost faith leaders promoting the use of toilets, as well as street theatre, puppet shows, sanitation walks and more. With two trucks in constant use, a full-fledged outreach team motivates people of all ages through interactive activities geared towards promoting lasting change.

**WaterSchool:** Providing classes within two schools a day, 6 days a week, GIWA's WaterSchool programme trains and motivates teachers and students to learn the principles of sustainable water, sanitation and hygiene for becoming social change agents. WaterSchool also offers teacher's workshops, large-scale student programmes, and the provision of WASH needs including toilets, hand-washing stations, clean water and more. So far, thousands of teachers and students have been sensitized through our classroom programmes, workshops and practical demonstrations.

**Women for WASH:** GIWA's Women for WASH Initiative is enabling women from villages and slums to become WASH entrepreneurs. Together, they are assembling to wage their own local Revolution against pollution, hardship and disease by helping to ensure their neighbours embrace, and have access to toilets, clean water, and more.

To enable disadvantaged women to become WASH entrepreneurs, GIWA officially launched special toilet building classes under its Women for WASH Initiative. This was accompanied by other capacity building trainings to enable these women to become more involved in making their communities OD-Free.

**And Much More. Visit [www.WashAlliance](http://www.WashAlliance) to learn more.**



Distinguished Spiritual Leaders and Delegates Pledge for a Swachh Bharat with Sanitation for All at GIWA's Mass Event, "You are the Solution: The Summit of Leaders"



India's Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, tweets 5 times about GIWA's work



GIWA's WASH on Wheels and Swachh Bharat Yatra Campaign Travels Across India to Motivate and Mobilize



Kailash Kher and Shivamani Inspire at a Mass GIWA Event



Joining hands with religious leaders around the world



A batch of recent sanitation workers who have been trained at the World Toilet College



10,000 people take a pledge for improved Water, Sanitation and Hygiene at a katha broadcast worldwide.



Distinguished spiritual leaders with Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, then Speaker of the Parliament of India at GIWA's Summit of Grace during Kumbha Mela in Prayag Raj



Inauguration of bio-digester toilet facility in Haridwar. The function was attended by leaders of the world's religions, executives from FICCI, DRDO and BHEL and friends of GIWA from around the world.



Nalanda District, Bihar and LSBA (SBM) Bihar Applaud GIWA's Renowned Swachh Yatra Campaign



A massive GIWA-led sanitation march at the Ujjain Kumbha Mela



GIWA's Empowered Women for WASH Participants Cherand Sing as they Begin to Build Toilets



The annual General Assembly of Members of PaRD, the International Partnership for Religion and Sustainable Development. Sadhvi Bhagawatiji serves on the Steering Committee of PaRD



HH the Dalai Lama joins Pujya Swamiji and Sadhvi in supporting the move for menstrual hygiene



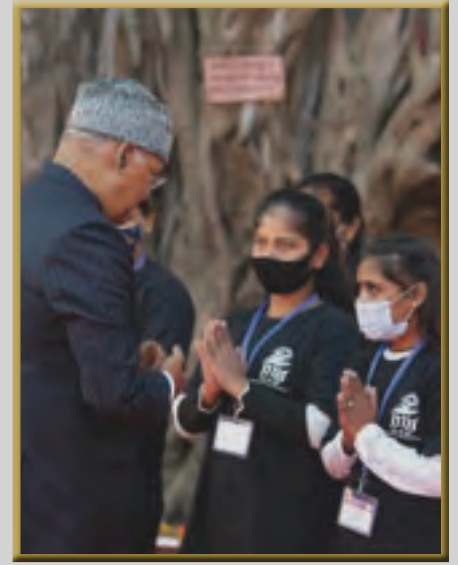
Presenting a rudraksh sapling to Argentina Matavel Piccin, then country head of UNFPA in India and Bhutan



GIWA leaders lead a water blessing ceremony at the House of Commons in London with MPs and Lords from the British Parliament



Youth in GIWA and DSF's Lifeskills Education program



Adolescents in the Lifeskills Education program share with Hon'ble President of India about their learnings during his visit to Parmarth Niketan



GIWA leads a special interfaith WASH program at the Assam Sanitation Summit with then Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal



One of innumerable mass mobilization events in which GIWA inspires the masses to pledge for a clean, green, open-defecation free India



Ganga Nandini leads the youth in planting trees for the future



GIWA works to bring new technologies into schools, villages, communities, cities and the nation

# FAITHS FOR PEACE

PUJYA SWAMIJI BRINGS TOGETHER THE WORLD'S FAITHS  
FOR A MORE PEACEFUL, HEALTHY AND SUSTAINABLE WORLD.



Pujya Shankaracharya Swami Jayendra Saraswati.



A loving greeting from H.H. the Dalai Lama



Leaders of all faiths converge at a Summit for Interfaith Harmony, co-hosted by GIWA and the AJC



**Pujya Swamiji's 60th Janam Utsav:  
Environmental Protection for World Peace**



A warm meeting about water and the environment with HH Pope Francis at the Vatican



Chief Jathedar of the Golden Temple, Giani Gurubachan Singh greets Pujya Swamiji on His 60th Janam Utsav.



Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thami, Emir of Qatar, at the World Economic Forum.



Discussing Visions for a Water-Secure World with Hon'ble Abdullah Abdullah, Chief Executive of Afghanistan at Parmarth Niketan



Sadhvi Bhagawati with the Hon'ble President of Singapore and renowned international leaders at the International Conference on Cohesive Societies in Singapore



Sadhvi Bhagawati meets with United Nations Secretary General, António Guterres during a high-level event at the UN and shares with him the work that GIWA is doing by bringing faith leaders together for WASH and peace



A loving discussion with Puja Rakeshbhai Jhaveri of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission.



His Excellency Cardinal Jean-Louis Pierre Tauran, President of the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious dialogue in the Vatican.



Global Interfaith WASH Alliance leaders lead a pledge for water protection and preservation with HH the Dalai Lama and hundreds of thousands of followers at a huge event in Bodhgaya





HE the President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, presents Pujya Swamiji with the Mahatma Gandhi Lifetime Peace and Service Award with Prof. Sankar Kumar Sanyal, President, Harijan Sevak Sangh



With Pujya Mata Amritanandamayi Devi at the United Nations in New York.



A warm discussion with the Patriarch Bartholomew, Archbishop of Constantinople, New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch.



Minister of Rural Development, Govt of India, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar and GIWA's interfaith leaders join in a water blessing and pledge in Ladakh to protect and preserve all water bodies.



Sadhvi Bhagawati joins UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore, Faisal Bin Muammar, Secretary-General KAICIID and other leaders at the Kofi Annan Briefings by the Multi-Faith Advisory Council to the UN, in New York during the High Level Political Meetings.



Sadhvi presents her book *Come Home to Yourself* to the Head of the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations, Mr. Miguel Ángel Moratinos and his wife, during the World Conference of Religions for Peace in Lindau, Germany



Ms. Alice Nderitu, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the UN and head of the Office of Genocide Prevention, Mrs. Meenakshi Lekhi, Minister of State Tourism and Culture Government of India and other dignitaries join Pujya Swamiji and Sadhvi at the Indian Consulate in New York City for the launch of Sadhvi's memoir *Hollywood to the Himalayas*



Pujya Swamiji leads the leaders of Ulama-i-Hind Summit and other esteemed faith leaders in a s pledge for a more sustainable and peaceful world



Together with Prof. Azza Karam, Secretary-General, Religions for Peace, at the Parliament of World Religions



With HRH Prince Faisal Bin Abdullah bin Mohammed Al-Saud, Minister of Education, Saudi Arabia



With Pujya Swami Ramdev, Pujya Swami Satyamitranand Giri, Pujya Swami Avdheshanand Giri, Pujya Swami Ramanandacharya Hansdevacharya, Pujya Swami Govind Giri, and other saints.



Distinguished GIWA leaders from many faiths raise their hands in unity at the prestigious Delhi Sustainable Development Summit



A pledge for a clean, green and sustainable world at the United Nations



Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji meets with United Nations Deputy Secretary-General, Amina J. Mohammed at the United Nations' Summit on Prevention of Violence & Atrocity Crimes



With M.M. Pujya Karshni Swami Gurusharananandji Maharaj and Pujya Rameshbhai Ozaji



A GIWA Water Blessing Ceremony with Pujya Shri Morari Bapu and other Revered Faith Leaders



With His Excellency, Archbishop Desmond Tutu



With BK Sister Shivani at the NDTV & Dettol Cleanathon in Mumbai



The Alliance of World Religions Summit for Peace in Seoul, South Korea -- Opening Day Parade.



Pujya Swami Avimuktेश्वरानंद Saraswati of Jyotirmath and Diwan Zainul Abedin Ali Khan, Ajmer Sharif Shrine inspired to take the pledge for peace and oneness.



Global Interfaith WASH Alliance and Parmarth Niketan brought together indigenous leaders including medicine men and women for a Kiva Kumbha Mela during the Prayag Raj Kumbha of 2019.



Pujya Swamiji being presented with a special proclamation of appreciation, love and respect from the Sikh Dharma Worldwide Community.



Sharing a loving moment with Pujya Swami Ramdev and Pujya Acharya Sudhanshu.



Meeting of Guru Sangamam: with Pujya Sri Sri Ravi Shankar and Pujya Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev.



Interfaith leaders pledge to protect and preserve our water and environment with HH the Dalai Lama at the Gandhi Ashram in New Delhi



Faith leaders come together in Assisi, Italy for a special program on convergence and protection of the world's water

HUMANITARIAN  
INDUSTRIALISTS,  
AND RENOWNED  
LEADERS  
*Coming together  
For peace*



Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayeeji, then Hon'ble Prime Minister of India attends the contract signing ceremony for the Encyclopedia of Hinduism in New York



Shri S.P., Shri P.P., Shri A.P., and Shri Sanjay Hinduja at their home in London.



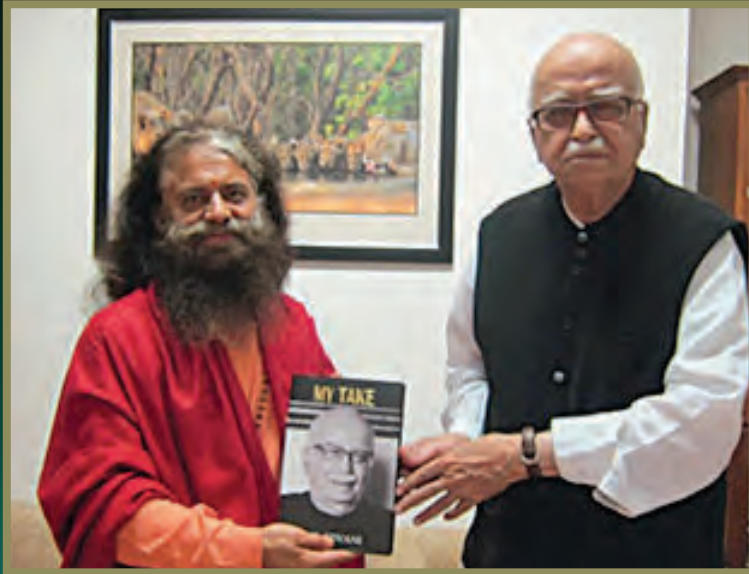
Shri Mohanlal Mittal, the "Steel King" and father of Shri LN Mittal receives blessings after a sacred peace yagna.



Bollywood actress Shilpa Shetty and esteemed businessman Gopichand Hinduja take part in purnahuti of sacred peace yagna on the first day of Maha Kumbha Mela.



Presenting the Encyclopedia of Hinduism to Shri Chandru and Smt. Sunita Kewalramani in London, with renowned Muslim leader and author, Sayyed Ata Mohajerani.



Shri LK Advani, Former Deputy Prime Minister of India, presents a copy of his acclaimed new book, "My Take".



Pujya Swami Ramdevji plants trees with Shri Yogi Adityanathji and Pujya Swami Ramdevji



Blessing Nita Ambani that her service for the poor and needy may continue to flourish.



Gifting a rudraksh sapling to Himanta Biswa Sarmaji - Chief Minister of Assam at Parmarth Niketan



Beautiful meeting with Minister of Forests and Climate Change, Shri Bhupendra Yadav and Shri Sarvanand Sonval, Minister of AYUSH during International Yoga Day



Shri Kishore Lulla, CEO of Eros Entertainment and his family come to Parmarth on his birthday to seek Pujya Swami's blessings and inspiration

# ENTERTAINERS FOR PEACE

*The stars are inspired to shine for a more peaceful world*



A beautiful meeting with famous singer, Sting, and his wife, Trudie Styler.



Deepak Chopra and Bollywood star Anupam Kher join Pujya Swamiji and Sadhviji for the release of Sadhviji's new memoir Hollywood to the Himalayas in New York City



Actress Uma Thurman comes to Parmarth Niketan and performs sacred Ganga Aarti.



Pujya Swamiji gives satsang at the home of actress Demi Moore in Hollywood.



Bollywood actress, Deepika Padukone, performs Ganga Aarti at Parmarth Niketan



America's top recording artist, Macklemore, discusses a sustainable and green future for the world.





Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan and other stars join for Ganga aarti while filming the Goodbye movie at Parmarth Niketan



Top Indian recording artist, Sonu Nigam shares a beautiful song during the sacred Ganga Aarti at Parmarth Niketan.



Blessing actor Anil Kapoor and his family.



Famous singer Kailash Kher offers his full support in creation of a "Ganga Anthem."



Speaking with actress Dia Mirza about protection and preservation of Ganga.



Water Blessing Ceremony with famous Bollywood actor Govinda.

# THE INTERFAITH HUMANITARIAN NETWORK



*Working Together. Serving Together.*

Founded by HH Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, the Interfaith Humanitarian Network is focused on reducing the impact of natural disaster, building bridges to prevent conflicts, and responding in times of crisis. IHN's work began as Project Hope in the wake of the Asian Tsunami of 2004. Later, Project Hope combined forces with Global Interfaith WASH Alliance, giving rise to the Interfaith Humanitarian Network. In times of disaster, our teams are on the scene.

## Major Interventions Have Included:

### The Nepal Earthquake (2015):

- Medical aid, relief supplies, clean water, direct rebuilding assistance; WASH consultations and education; women's and children's vocational training assistance and other humanitarian measures.

### The Mass Himalayan Flood Disaster in Uttarakhand, India (2013):

- Massive evacuation through 20 large buses; mass distribution of relief supplies; multiple relief camps within disaster zones and IDP transit points; comprehensive, computer-based family reunification services; clean water and medical assistance for 60,000 people; facilitation of dignified final rights for thousands of the deceased; fact-giving consultations with governmental officials; provision of food and supplies to 50 villages for three months; regular mobile medical camps including for prosthetic limbs; policy consultations with Uttarakhand Government for the

sustainable redevelopment of the region. Rebuilding of schools. Vocational training centres for widows and disadvantaged women; permanent clean water systems and eco-friendly toilets within schools and pilgrimage centres; mass tree plantations; WASH training; and more.

### The Muzaffarnagar Riots (2013):

- Interventions Included: a targeted Interfaith Unity Peace Programme at the peak of the riots, with foremost Muslim, Hindu and Jain leaders; as well as the provision of humanitarian disaster assistance.

### Tsunami in South India (2004):

- Direct humanitarian aid including community kitchens and wide-scale medical assistance for many thousands of people immediately after the crisis.

- construction of an orphanage, school, medical clinic, women's vocational training centre, renovation and expansion of a residential centre for 200 widows and abandoned women, reconstruction of villages with hundreds of permanent houses.

**Other Major Relief Interventions Included: the Gujarat, India Earthquake (2001), the Orissa, India Super-Cyclone Disaster (1999), the Chamoli, India Earthquake (1999) and the Uttarakashi, India Earthquake Disaster (1991), and more**





# The National Ganga Rights Movement



Founded by Pujya Swamiji, the National Ganga River Rights movement is a coalition of concerned citizens and organizations that are taking a stand on behalf of the Ganga River and its tributaries—while there is still time.

For far too long, people have said there is nothing that can be done. But all the while, the water that nourishes us has become so polluted that it has become a hot-spot for cancers and other deadly diseases, such as typhoid and cholera. The beautiful river that has inspired poets and sages has sadly become one of the most endangered rivers in the world.

As a coalition, we bring a new and strong voice, backed by the successes in nations such as Ecuador, New Zealand and the United States. But we need you to help us make the change. Sign the petition for Ganga's rights at [www.gangarights.org](http://www.gangarights.org).



Pujya Swamiji, revered saints and people from some 50 nations come together to say, "Ganga's rights are our rights."



Bollywood celebrities, Emraan Hashmi, Huma Qureshi and Ekta Kapoor Say Ganga's Rights are Our Rights!



5,000 students raise their voices during the Ganga Rights Rally organized by Ganga Action Parivar at the Kumbh Mela.



Pujya Swami Ramdevji and Pujya Prem Baba for Ganga's Rights.



The cast of C.I.D. stands for Ganga's Rights.



Shri Anna Hazare and Muslim leaders stand with Pujya Swamiji to declare, "Ganga's Rights are Our Rights."



Hon'ble Manoj Tiwari stands with dignitaries from DRDO and FICCI for Ganga's Rights.



Vivek Oberoi and other guests at the Kumbha Mela stand for Ganga's Rights.



School children march alongside the Ganga for the National Ganga Rights Movement.

# Project Give-Back

## The Heart of Healing

We are committed to providing health care to those who would otherwise go untreated. To this end, we sponsor and support numerous health care programs and runs several annual free health care camps in Rishikesh as well as in other rural areas ranging from Mansarovar and Kailash to the Himalayan region.

Each year, there are numerous free medical health care camps, ranging from urology camps to eye camps (including free cataract surgeries), and including nearly every discipline. Hundreds of patients receive free testing, diagnoses, medicines and treatment for ailments that otherwise would go undiagnosed and untreated.





An overjoyed recipient of a prosthetic limb during one of our free medical camps shakes Pujya Swamiji's hand for the first time.

Every week, our caring volunteers travel to some of the most remote of Himalayan villages, disaster zones and other areas to provide compassionate medical care. Many of the men, women and children treated by our team of medical professionals and sevaks have few to no opportunities to see doctors, and are thus overjoyed when our *Free Medical Camp* banner rises for all to see.

Beautiful medical camps are also held at Parmarth Niketan throughout the year, offering specialty services, including prosthetic limbs, eye care, physiotherapy and much, much more.



Chiropractic care and physical therapy in a remote Himalayan vilage.

**If you are a medical practitioner and would like to volunteer to serve with us, please email: [ganga@parmarth.com](mailto:ganga@parmarth.com)**





New prosthetic limbs, made on-site at Parmarth Niketan as patients wait during a special medical camp.



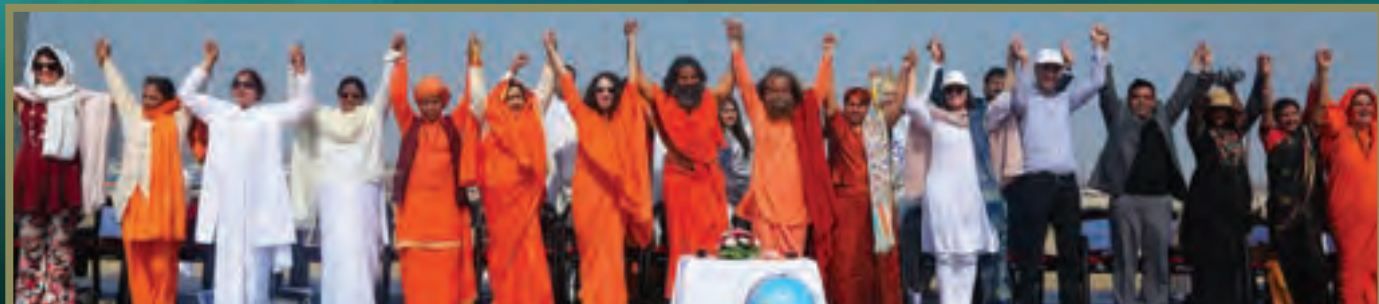
Above and Left: compassionate medical care at Parmarth's Medical Camps by professionals and loving volunteers from around the world.



# The Green Kumbh Initiative

Kumbh Mela is one of the most ancient, and yet still living, traditions of India's glorious past. The festival dates back to the pre-Vedic period, as even in the Vedas Kumbh Mela is described as a tradition that was already well established. The popularity of Kumbh Mela has only increased over the millennia, gathering up to hundreds of millions of people every twelve years at each of the four holy places: Prayag Raj (Uttar Pradesh), Haridwar (Uttarakhand), Ujjain (Madhya Pradesh) and Nasik (Maharashtra), making it the largest gathering of people on Earth.

At every Kumbha Mela, you can likely find us rallying with beloved faith leaders and the masses for great and lasting change. From grand rallies to processions to mass events to live shows and community interactions through our WASH on Wheels and Education Stations, you will find us working to ensure Kumbha Melas result in a cleaner, greener and more sustainable world.



# GREEN KATHAS *for a* CLEAN, GREEN & SERENE WORLD

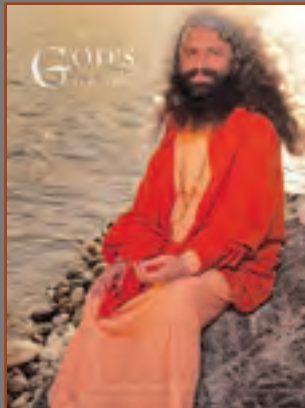


Pujya Swamiji has inspired “Kathakar Social Responsibility” (KSR), like Corporate Social Responsibility, to utilize the immense power that Kathakars have in reaching their communities through their commentaries on religious scriptures to create positive change and green action amongst the masses. He urges that the time has come that our festivals, our kathas and our holidays must be green and sustainable. He says, “through our respected Kathakars and their Kathakar Social Responsibility, we can be inspired and charged to make every moment and minute of our lives more green and more sustainable.”



# Publications

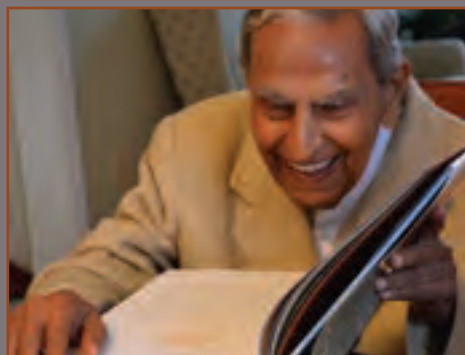
## By God's Grace



The Life and Teachings of H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji by Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, with a foreword by H.H. the Dalai Lamaji and preface by Rabbi David Rosen. 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. You will read about His travels around the world, touching and teaching people of all religions, all cultures and all walks of life.

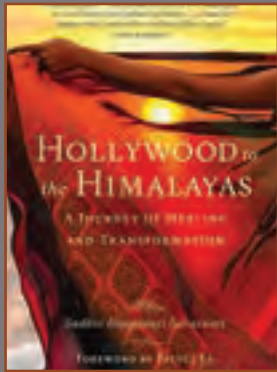
For more information, visit [www.bygodsgracebook.org](http://www.bygodsgracebook.org)



Presenting By God's Grace to (counterclockwise from top): HH the Dalai Lama, interfaith leaders and dignitaries at the launch of By God's Grace, Music Icon Sting and his wife Trudie Styler, Prince Andrew and Sarah (Fergie) Duchess of York, Pujya Dada JP Vaswani, Rev. Jesse Jackson,

# Hollywood To The Himalayas:

## *A Journey Of Healing And Transformation*



Hollywood to the Himalayas is an enlightening memoir of a reluctant spiritual seeker who finds her true self and lifelong calling when she travels to India. Agreeing to travel — because she loved the food — Sadhvi never imagined she would meet her guru and, as a result, find a way home to herself. Now one of the preeminent female spiritual teachers in the world, Sadhvi recounts her journey with wit, honesty, and clarity and, along the way, offers teachings to help us all step onto our own path of awakening and discover the truth of who we really are — expansive love, perfection, and an embodiment of the Divine.

For more information, visit [www.HollywoodToTheHimalayas.com](http://www.HollywoodToTheHimalayas.com)



Launch events of H2H with (clockwise from top): Gifting Hollywood to Himalayas to President of India, Shri Ramnath Kovind and his family; Launch at Indian Consulate in New York with the United Nations Special Advisor to the Secretary General Ms. Alice Nderitu, Minister of State for Tourism and Culture, Government of India, Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, Religions for Peace Secretary-General Prof. Azza Karam, and Consul General of India to the United States Shri Randhir Jaiswal; leaders of numerous United Nations offices and different faith traditions gather at the Indian Consulate for the launch; Launch in New York City with Deepak Chopra and Anupam Kher

# Come Home To Yourself:



## Wisdom For Life From The Parmarth Niketan Ashram

Written in a beautiful, simple and conversational style, Sadhvi covers the most pertinent issues affecting all of us – how to discover inner peace, find love, let go of anger, know your purpose, and connect with God, regardless of your religion. For more information,

For more information, visit [www.sadhvi.org/books/](http://www.sadhvi.org/books/)



Launch events of Come Home to Yourself with HH the Dalai Lama and revered saints in Delhi at Gandhi Ashram, and in Mumbai at the Governor House, hosted by Shri Bhuvan Singh Koshiyari, Governor of Maharashtra with Bollywood stars Anil Kapoor, Kailash Kher, Dia Mirza, Vivek Oberoi and Sivamani

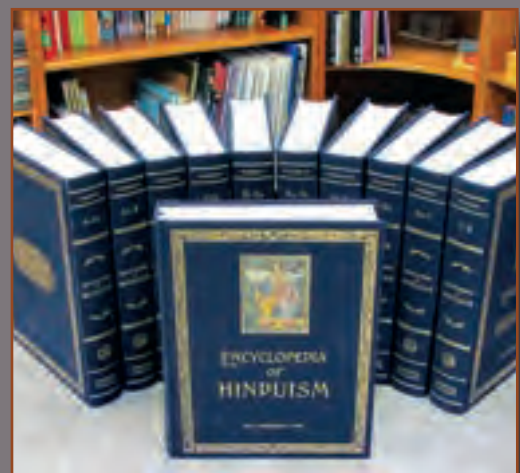
# The Encyclopedia of Hinduism

Under the inspiration and leadership of H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, India Heritage Research Foundation (IHRF), of which He is the Founder and Chairman, has accomplished the momentous feat of publishing the first, complete, authentic multi-volume Encyclopedia of Hinduism.

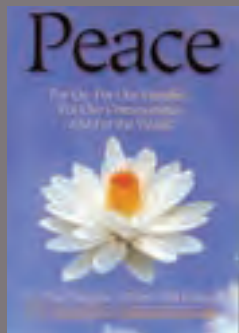
The gorgeous 11-volume series delivers depth, breadth, and unsurpassed scholarship with fascinating photos, illustrations, and art. This book is ideal for educators, the general public, and anyone looking for definitive, comprehensive, authentic, and reliable information about the spiritual culture of India.

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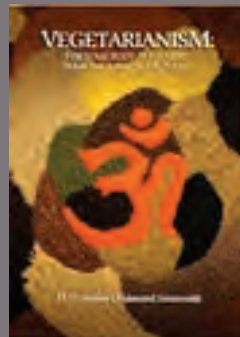


## Peace

For Ourselves, Our Families, Our Communities & Our World by H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

In this beautiful book, Pujya Swamiji eloquently explains how we must find peace within ourselves in order to bring peace to the world. He explores the different levels of peace: internal, family, community and global. He shows us how to

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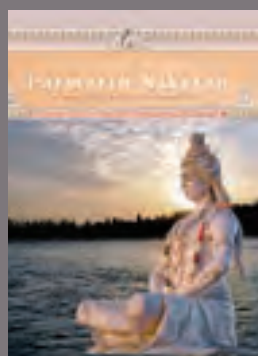


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For Your Body, Your Mind, Your Soul and Your Planet by H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

In this widely-released publication, Pujya Swamiji describes the ecological, health and spiritual benefits of a vegetarian diet, with enlightening details on how food contributes to our thoughts. His insight on how

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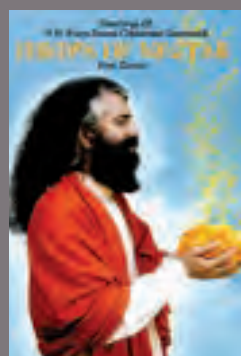


## A Place to Be Parmarth Niketan: An Abode of Peace Dedicated to the Welfare of All

Celebrating 25 years under Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati's leadership

In this beautiful book, the history, lineage and tradition of Parmarth Niketan, from its early inception under Pujya Swami Shukhdevanandji Maharaji, to its present status

as one of the largest and most influential ashrams in India is exquisitely detailed, illustrated to chronicle Parmarth's efforts to serve all.



## Drops of Nectar

Teachings of H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

In this compilation of articles and stories, Pujya Swamiji's wisdom flows forth simply and eloquently, teaching us how to live divine lives and how to be “better instead of bitter.”

Pujya Swamiji's teachings have a simplicity even a child can understand, the compassion which is so important in

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## Grace in the Home

Wisdom For All Ages by H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

In this comprehensive volume, Pujya Swamiji counsels on the common conflicts and struggles of Indian families, especially those living abroad. The book covers each phase of life, giving practical tools for living a peaceful family life. Pujya

Swamiji's love and depth of wisdom will inspire every home.



## Living the Divine Married Life

Make Your Home A Temple by H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

Pujya Swamiji's book explores the sacred institution of marriage from a scriptural perspective. With His characteristic grace, humor and wisdom, Pujya Swamiji lovingly offers divine guidance and insight to those on this lifelong journey, offering ways to nourish

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A Year of Spiritual Celebration by H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

In this unique book, Pujya Swamiji takes the reader through a year of festivals, from traditional Indian holidays to modern-day celebrations. He explores the spiritual and historical background behind “holy days” and reveals their true meaning and import. The book also explains how, why and when

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### Guru Purnima (in Gujarati)

Lectures on the Guru-Disciple Relationship by H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

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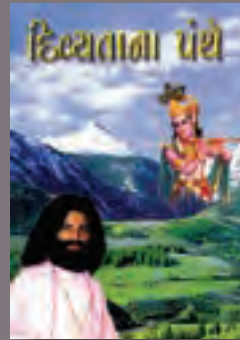


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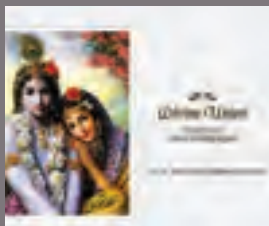


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### Divine Union

by H.H. Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati

In this book, the ancient Hindu rituals one goes through to get married – from the events leading up to the main ceremony, to the

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### CD: “Songs for the Soul”

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This is a unique collection of songs that are not typically heard during aarti. The CD includes traditional Vedic chants, as well as beautiful original songs composed by Pujya Swamiji.



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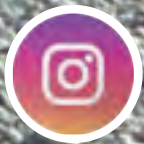
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