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**Beloved Papa Swami Ramdas (1884-1963)**

*Om Sri Ram jai Ram jai jai Ram*

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*Om Sri Ram jai Ram jai jai Ram*

## MY GOD, MYSELF

**J**N the stillness of thought

God reveals in me.

His light fills my being;

Joy overflows. Love floods my heart.

I am Peace — am Bliss.

All-pervading Truth am I.

I only am.

I am my own God

— ***Swami Ramdas***



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## FROM THE EDITOR

**R**eaders will remember that the issues of THE VISION for July and August 2019 brought out various articles highlighting Eternal Peace.

Peace expresses itself in the form of contentment, fullness, joy, love for all, a sense of fulfilment and freedom from anxiety, expectation, recognition, a sense of insecurity and the like. Beloved Papa Swami Ramdas said: **“If we leave God out of calculation, we will not live a life of peace. If we want real peace, we must think of God, talk of God, do all our actions in the name of God, and live in God. There is no peace in the world because people have forgotten God.”**

Tuning one's thought to this Reality and ultimately sublimating it into that Divine existence can be done only by taking up various spiritual disciplines like constant contemplation and meditation. At the same time, we all know that not many will be able to lead purely a contemplative life throughout the day because of our preoccupation and commitment with the family life, professional life and social life. As everyone knows, there are umpteen number of external factors, over which we have no control, that cause disturbances. Therefore, we need to find

a practical methodology whereby our peace would not depend on any external factors so that we can remain unaffected even when outer disturbances occur. So, along with our disciplines like inward journey, chanting, etc., we must live our life in coordination and in consonance with the supreme ideal in thought, word and deed. How can we thus weave in the ‘peace’-dimension in all that we think, talk and do is the challenge before us.

As a part of this Sadhana to experience peace, the month of July 2019 witnessed a camp for 9 days under the banner of ‘DISCOVER PEACE WITHIN’, from 6<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

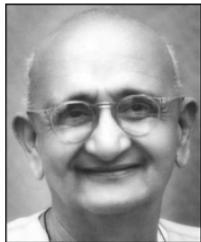
The content for the camp was designed in such a way as to understand how the Ashram programmes help experience peace within, and also to motivate the participants to assimilate the teachings of Beloved Papa and other Mahatmas on this theme, and thus initiate a process, suitable to one’s nature, to move towards the goal. Every day, apart from attending some of the Ashram programmes, the participants, enthusiastically dwelt upon the various preparatory measures, viz. Nama, Seva, Dhyana and surrender for ultimately realising PEACE, which is inherent in us.

This month’s issue of THE VISION carries details of the camp.

# TRUE HAPPINESS

By Swami Ramdas

Dou know happiness is the goal of our life. Happiness can come to us only by tuning ourselves with the Immortal Spirit whose nature is pure bliss and peace. That universal spirit is dwelling in everyone of us. We are seeking this happiness in the external life where we do not get it. We know from experience that whatever we get from outside does not contribute to real happiness. Happiness lies in recognising the existence of Divine Spirit within us. As we turn our mind inward, in a state of meditation and prayer, we find that true happiness is not without but within us. So, we are asked by sages and saints of the world to turn our vision inward and find our source in God. Unless we realise the basis of our life as the Immortal Spirit, we can never know true peace in the world, in spite of our material enjoyments and high position. In the course of his wanderings, Ramdas has met very wealthy persons who were not at all happy. It is clear from this that happiness does not consist in possessing things and that one gets real peace only when one's life is tuned with the Immortal within.

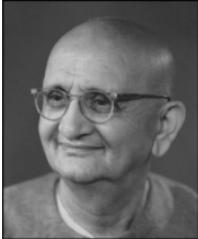


Therefore, we should, from time to time, draw our vision inward and tune it with the Eternal. As we go on praying to the Divine and remain in communion with Him for longer and longer hours everyday, all our mental agitations, disturbances and unrest gradually disappear and the mind is bathed in an ocean of peace. God stands for peace. The mind gets in tune with that peace and is absorbed in it. Then we live a life which is entirely different from what it was before we got this experience. We learn to love everybody alike, we do not see any difference on the external plane of life between things and between individuals. We see only unity everywhere, based upon the recognition of the universal, all-pervading Spirit. For, we see that all the forms in the universe are the expressions of that Universal Spirit. We live, move and have our being in that Universal Spirit. Our aim to attain happiness is now fulfilled. We get this happiness not only when we sit silently, but also when we are active in our daily life. We are able to do all actions spontaneously and find nothing but joy, because the source of all actions is God who is all joy. Whatever comes from that Source must give nothing but joy.



# WORDS OF BELOVED PAPA SWAMI RAMDAS

**G**od is at the root of this universal existence. When we work for the material comforts of our life forgetting Him entirely, we miss that peace and joy which we would get if our life is attuned to the Eternal.



We should realise that whatever we do is by the power which God has given us. We forget this and think that, as individuals, we are doing everything ourselves. This is the reason why our soul is always restless and has no peace.

Peace can come only when we know that the Universal Spirit is the basis of the manifestation we see before us. The individual alone is not the whole thing. The universal has also to be taken into consideration. As we attune our life to the Universal Life, we know the true meaning of life. Through this knowledge we can ourselves find peace and then impart peace to others.



# WORDS OF PUJYA MATAJI KRISHNABAI

**O**Papa, compassion, love, peace, bliss, power, the very being of knowledge! For Your child Krishnabai You are all and all-in-all. For her, except You there is none. Having manifested Yourself as the entire universe, You are at once the player and the witness of all play. Having Yourself become everything, You and Krishnabai are one. O Krishnabai, the almighty and all-pervading Papa is dwelling in your heart! He and you are verily one. You are formless and also with form. You are invisible and you are also visible. Peace is yourself, confusion is yourself. Eternal is yourself, non-eternal is yourself. Purity is yourself, impurity is yourself. Filling all space you are the peace and bliss which are the basis of your cosmic manifestation. You are He! He is you!



***When we truly are putting others first,  
we cannot but feel at peace with  
ourselves.***

— Eknath Easwaran

# WORDS OF PUJYA SWAMI SATCHIDANANDA

**P**eace and happiness can be maintained in the household only if there is mutual understanding and a ‘give and take’ among the members. To have such an understanding, they should have a common aim and goal. If they are all devoted to God, they will have such an understanding and will be able to love and serve one another, bringing all peace and happiness in the house. It is not mere love based on body-consciousness. It is Divine Love, far above body-consciousness making us understand that all are one in Spirit. So, such an understanding is absolutely necessary before we can expect harmony, peace and happiness in households.



***E*ach one of us can be an ambassador of peace, a harbinger of peace, merely by smiling a smile of friendship.**

— **Dada JP Vaswani**

# DISCOVER PEACE WITHIN

*(An overview of the 9-days' Sadhana Camp held in Anandashram, from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup> of July 2019, for an in-depth study of the philosophy and Sadhanas prescribed by Beloved Papa.)*

## Fruition of Life

The ultimate aim of every human being is peace — peace within, among and around. However, to achieve this goal, we tend to seek peace everywhere other than within ourselves. In this process, we end up clinging to the transient things in the world, such as name, fame, wealth etc. without realising that these endless attachments are the foremost hurdles on our pathway to lasting peace. Saints and sages have always emphasised that true peace has to be sought and found within.

Aimed at enabling the earnest spiritual aspirants to fully internalise and practise this fundamental aspect, the Sadhana Camp was organised in the Ashram.

## Fragmentation To Integration

This 9-day long retreat offered a conducive avenue for the participants to discover and

experience peace within by synchronising thoughts, words and deeds. Peace and happiness can never be achieved unless and until we start practising three kinds of integrations in our lives — ‘Integration between us and society; integration with the nature outside; integration with our own mind’. Thus, this camp placed a special emphasis in harmonising our outer conduct with our inner aspirations. Often, what we find in the worldly scheme of things, is a rather fragmented outlook on our life in this world and its true purpose; but, as and when we try to expand our vision and look at the whole universe, with all its animate and inanimate subjects and objects, as the manifestation of the Great Provider, we come to realise that our life in this world has to be in communion with Him and integrated with our co-creation. This camp provided a much-needed fillip to the aspirants to expand their lives of fragmentation to that of integration.

## **Self-surrender Is The Key**

The camp started with an earnest attempt to comprehend the powerful message drawn from the recorded speech of Beloved Papa Swami Ramdas on ‘What is spirituality?’ Beloved Papa’s clarity and

conviction regarding the true purpose of human life removed many lingering doubts. The core content of the camp was based on the fundamental teachings of Beloved Papa — Nama, Seva and Dhyana — the triune path to the Divine, and self-surrender. Nama is to constantly remember God seated within; Seva is to serve the Creator through His Creation; Dhyana is to experience His ever-benevolent presence within. An aspirant has to combine all these three methods in the Sadhana. This three-fold path begins with and ends in one key aspect of spirituality — self-surrender. Without totally surrendering ourselves to the Divine Will, the aspirants will never be able to progress on the chosen path.

Besides select articles of Beloved Papa, other inspiring texts that were discussed during the camp included: ‘Talks On The Gita’ by Acharya Vinobha Bhave, ‘Power Of Love’ by Dr. K. Bhujang Shetty and ‘The Ultimate Gift’ by Jim Stovall.

## **Shravana, Manana & Nididhyasana**

The camp was distinctive in many ways; all participants were fully focused on all three key aspects essential for a spiritual journey — Shravana (attending two Satsang sessions daily: forenoon and afternoon

sessions, and an interactive question and answer session every evening), Manana (joining in the morning meditation session and self-study of a few selected books of Beloved Papa and other Masters, during the day), and Nididhyasana (awareness and absorption while participating in various Ashram programmes and Seva activities for experiential learning).

There was a special focus on Nama chanting; participants were introduced to different methods of chanting – vocal, silent and mental. Though it was a novel experience for some of them, the glorious sweetness of God's name enticed them instantaneously and kept them charged during the camp.

## **'Me' To 'We'**

One session was fully devoted to dive deep into Beloved Papa's inspiring poem, 'I Find Him Everywhere'. In fact, this poem has encapsulated the quintessence of the Upanishads; Isavasya Upanishad begins with this very theme: 'Isavasyam Idam Sarvam' (God is everywhere). Exploring how Beloved Papa could discover the Divine in each and every person, object, event and situation, led to a deeper understanding of how everyone and everything help us in our spiritual journey from

moment to moment. This process also highlighted how closely we are connected to and dependent on each other for our very existence and brought forth a sense of gratitude, belongingness and responsibility among the participants.

## **Miscellaneous Contents**

Numerous stories, anecdotes and incidents from real lives, shared during different sessions, helped the participants connect more deeply with the topics. Thanks to this approach of learning through life-experiences, none of the sessions became an academic exercise. Participants also got an opportunity to try spinning cotton on the Charkha; this exercise helped them develop concentration, patience and a deeper understanding about how every act can be converted into a spiritual exercise, as exemplified by Gandhiji.

## **Daily Routine**

To ensure that participants got a comprehensive first-hand experience of the spiritual aspects discussed during the camp, each day was broadly segmented into:

### **MORNING SESSION – MEDITATION**

The purpose of meditation was to become deeply aware of the Divine within. This session started with the collective chanting of Ram Nam and the Dhyana

Shloka ('Brahmanandam Paramasukhadam), followed by a brief reading of few inspiring quotes. During the silence thereafter, the participants made an attempt to get a glimpse of the Stillness within. This session lasted 30 minutes from 6:30 am to 7:00 am.

### **FORENOON SESSION – INTRODUCTION AND DISCUSSION ON THE THEME**

This session introduced the theme of 'Peace Within' by exploring it through methodologies prescribed by the Masters. To ensure that the deliberations did not slip into an intellectual exercise, the sessions commenced with heartfelt renderings of Bhajans that revealed the passionate outpourings of great Saints who composed or inspired them. This was followed by the reading of articles by the Masters and discussions on the theme through audio-visuals. This session lasted about 90 minutes from 9:00 am to 10:30 am.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION – REINFORCEMENT OF THE THEME / LEARNINGS**

From 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Seva was undertaken by participants to put into practice the teachings of the Masters shared during the camp. The fields chosen were gardening, cleaning in Bhojan Shala and rendering assistance in the Bookstall.

From 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm, participants took part in interactive sessions wherein inspiring articles from different books were shared to reinforce the theme touched upon in the forenoon session. The sessions were occasionally interspersed with Bhajans to kindle the devotional element.

From 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm, participants were given hands-on orientation for using the Charka to make cotton thread.

### **EVENING SESSION – RECAP FOLLOWED BY Q & A**

To enable participants to internalise the learnings of the day, the first part of the evening session was devoted to a recap, where participants would share what they understood about the different topics explored during the day and how they had assimilated the messages. Later, they enthusiastically brought forth varied but pertinent spiritual queries connected with their work-a-day life. This, rather informal session, lasted for about an hour from 7:30 pm onwards.

### **The Take-Home Message**

The texts chosen for discussion during the camp had many salient messages for the spiritual aspirants. Few select ones are given below:

## Power Of Love

As long as we identify ourselves with the body, we are limited by the body and when we identify ourselves with the Spirit, we have the unlimited power and intelligence of the Spirit.

When we are not well-connected to our Cosmic Source and not in tune with the Infinite, we, like confused children, having lost our way and forgotten our Source, keep mindlessly roaming in the labyrinth of life, not knowing our true Self and our Real Value.

Having lost connection with our Creator, we tend to fight and struggle for a lifetime. If only we could sit quietly for a while, contemplate and follow our Inner Voice, It would guide and reconnect us to our Cosmic Source and then life would become one beautiful and enjoyable journey. When we identify ourselves with the Spirit in us, we identify ourselves with God.

As we think, feel and believe, so are the conditions of our mind, body and circumstances. The powerful subconscious mind, which is within us, is influenced by our thoughts and beliefs. As we sow in our subconscious mind, so shall we reap in our body and environment. If we sow thoughts of peace, happiness and goodwill and accept them fully

in our conscious mind, then we shall reap a glorious harvest. Our subconscious mind may be compared to the soil which grows all kinds of seeds, good or bad. Every thought is a cause and every condition is an effect. So, for this reason, it is vital to take charge of our thoughts so as to bring forth only desirable conditions.

Remember, you are the most magnificent, outstanding, remarkable being God has ever created.

Remember, the power to be conscious of all His greatness is bestowed only on man.

Life is like a dream. When we go to sleep, our real world ceases to exist. Whatever we experience in our dream-state, howsoever absurd, it feels very real. On waking up, we laugh at our ignorance and behaviour. Similarly, when we wake up to the Reality, we learn to laugh at all the things we mistook for real. Then only we take happiness and sorrow, victory and defeat, richness and poverty, success and failure, etc. with equanimity.

If only we were to recognise and accept that everyone is but an extension of ourselves, then the forces of Nature would begin to work in our favour.

Remember, the stability of our outer world is directly related to the stability of our inner world.

## Talks On The Gita

Everybody has Krishna residing in his heart as the indwelling Self. He is nearer to us than the nearest. Let us bare our heart, with all its impurities and weaknesses, before Him and say, "O Lord! I take refuge in You. You are my sole guide, my Master. Show me the right path and I shall follow it."

Renunciation of the fruit of actions is the thing of distinctive importance in Karma Yoga. Every act of a Karma Yogi unites him with the whole universe. In Karma Yoga, all actions attain the highest spiritual character.

The Yoga of meditation consists of: one-pointedness of mind, moderation and regulation in life to help attain one-pointedness, equanimity and evenness in outlook.

A person should experience inner peace and fulfilment at the time of death. Our life should be oriented in such a way that, at the last moment we will have the Samskara we want.

Saints proclaimed that the Lord's Name can lead one to Moksha.

We should first learn to see God in bigger and more conspicuous things. The other way is to see Him first in His simpler manifestations, and then move on

to His complicated manifestations. One should first learn to discern God in a good person, but ultimately one should be able to discern Him in an evil person too. The Lord who is in an ocean is present in a drop of water too. The Lord who is in Rama is present in Ravana too.

If I cannot judge the quality of wheat from the sample of a handful of grains, how can I judge its quality from a sackful of it? There is no difference between a small photograph and its enlarged copy. Everything that is there in the big photograph is there in the small photograph too. The latter is not a fragment of the big photograph.

In Saguna worship a stone image is looked upon as a symbol of God. To see God in a stone is, in a sense, the height of Nirguna. It is far more difficult to see God in a stone. Still we worship the stone image. Is it not verily a form of Nirguna worship?

Just as an impartial spectator can judge the game better, we can observe the merits and defects of the body, mind and intellect only when we detach ourselves from them.

The Bhakta is the servant, while the Lord is the one who should be served. The rest of the Creation is the means of worship. This is the triad of service. The

idea is to make all the actions the articles of worship. Nothing exists in the world except these three: the worshipper, the Lord and the means of worship.

We are born with three institutions or orders (i) the body that wraps us (ii) the vast world, the whole Creation around us, of which we are a part (iii) the society into which we are born. We should selflessly discharge our inborn duties towards these three orders... through Yajna (sacrifice), Dana (charity) and Tapas (penance and austerities)

## The Ultimate Gift

God is the great Provider who has given gifts of every kind to one and all. But we hardly recognise this.

- The Gift of Work: He who loves his work never labours.
- The Gift of Money: Money is nothing more than a tool. It can be a force for good, a force for evil, or simply be idle.
- The Gift of Friends: It is a wealthy person, indeed, who calculates riches not in gold but in friends.
- The Gift of Learning: Education is a life-long journey whose destination expands as you travel.
- The Gift of Problems: Problems may only be

avoided by exercising good judgement. Good judgement may only be gained by experiencing life's problems.

- The Gift of Family: Some people are born into wonderful families. Others have to find or create them. Being a member of a family is a priceless membership that we pay nothing for but love.
- The Gift of Laughter: Laughter is good medicine for the soul. Our world is desperately in need of more medicine — laughter.
- The Gift of Dreams: Faith is all that dreamers need to imagine the future.
- The Gift of Giving: The only way you can truly get more out of life for yourself is to give part of yourself away.
- The Gift of Gratitude: In those times we yearn to have more in our lives we should dwell on things we already have. In doing so, we will often find that our lives are already full to overflowing.
- The Gift of a Day: Life, at its essence, boils down to one day at a time. Today is the day!
- The Gift of Love: Love is a treasure for which we can never pay. The only way we keep it is to give it away.

Life lived to its fullest is the ultimate gift!

## Peace Through Nama

 The power of the Name is simply inexpressible. It is sweeter than the sweetest. To taste it is to taste immortality. It is the giver of endless joy and peace.



The Name, by its power, enables the aspirant to gradually shed his egoistic consciousness and become pure, humble and peaceful.



The Name unlocks the fountain of your heart and floods your being with Immortal Light, Knowledge, Peace and Joy. It grants you the loftiest vision, and experience.



The Name has the power to quell all the waves of the mind. As the mind becomes still, the repetition will cease automatically and the mind will experience a state of peace which is not of anything external but purely internal. That means the peace comes from the depths of your own Being. This is from God within you. So, the first thing you have to do is to repeat God's name mentally to curb the restless mind and its outgoing tendency. To keep the mind under control, Name is the most powerful means.

## Peace Through Seva

**T**he keynote of a religious life is selfless service — a service born of pure love and compassion for all beings and creatures on this Earth. It is only Divinely inspired men and women who can stand forth as the champions of peace and goodwill, because they are possessed with the exalted vision of Life Eternal. Every human being can raise himself to this spiritual splendour and peace.



Your selfless life will always yield peace and joy to yourself, and offer relief and delight to all in the world.



Be the true servant of God; care not for fame, name and glory; serve Him; serve Him in all; and in such service reap uninterrupted joy and peace. Work is its own reward.



Let your service be done in a spirit of spontaneous love, which is by itself a great balm and a source of unlimited joy and peace. True service lies in your not being conscious of having done anything for anybody.

## Peace Through Dhyana

**R**eally, to stand apart from mind and watch its activities is a blissful exercise. The moment the dissociation becomes complete, that is to say, one's identification with the watcher or the witness becomes perfect, that very moment the mind dissolves and you attain Samadhi, i.e., absolute peace and bliss.



The true vision means the vision of the Reality within. The man of ignorance is ever busy clinging to external forms for support. So long as a man does not see the great Truth he is in search of within himself, he can never know peace.



The peace you crave for is ever within you. If you seek for it without, you will never have it anywhere. This is a great truth which very few realize.



Draw your vision inward to the Source from which your expressed life has come forth. Give up groping on the surface for light and peace. Release yourself from unstable attachments which are the cause of your cares and worries. Resign your manifest life into the keeping of that Divine Being who controls the destinies of the worlds and all creatures in it.

## Peace Through Surrender

**T**he man who does not behold the finger of God working in all events and happenings experiences needless suffering. Therefore, peace and contentment belong only to those who have submitted, in all the vicissitudes of life, to the supreme will of God.



Surrender is the only way to peace. So, in all circumstances of life, submit to the will of God, and be free from the touches of worry and anxiety of every kind.



Behind all turmoil — acute pangs of misery, anxiety and suffering — there is a spotless state of Absolute Peace. That is your goal. All pass away, but He who is that Absolute Peace is eternal.



When you have once taken complete refuge in God, you ought to give up all doubts and worries. You have to consider that, whatever way He decides the course of events in your life, it is always for good.



## DEAR CHILDREN

**O**nce there was a war and two armies fought in battle. They fought till the day came to a close and only two warriors remained.

They stood facing each other, so exhausted from death that they could barely move. Finally one said, "Let us rest until dawn and then finish this fight and only one will go home." The other warrior agreed.

So, they lay down among their fallen comrades only a few feet apart from each other. But they were so weary that they could not sleep. Finally, one turned to the other and spoke, "I have a son at home in my village and he plays with a wooden sword. Someday he wants to grow up and be like me."

The other man said, "I have a daughter and when I look into her eyes I see the youth of my wife."

The two men started to tell each other stories of their families, villages, their neighbours, the old stories that they learned from their grandparents. All night they shared stories till the sun came up in the East.

Slowly they stood, put on their helmets, buckled on their shields and drew their swords. They looked deep into each others' eyes and slowly sheathed their swords and walked away, each to his own home.

Make friends with your enemy. There would be no need for conflicts then. Peace will prevail!

# EPISTLES OF SWAMI RAMDAS

Beloved Ram,

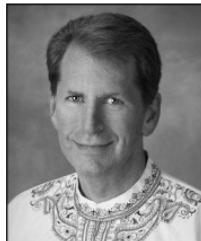
**B**eloved Ram,  
...All events in our life happen in their due course, but to look upon them as causing happiness or misery is entirely based upon our attitude of mind. If you take all conditions and happenings as determined by an all-loving God and see that the world of name and form is by its very nature a transient and changing play, you find you have no room for any anxiety or sorrow. So, for misery, the disease of the mind is solely responsible; and that disease is illusion or ignorance. To still the mind and purify it and then to attain knowledge that dispels ignorance, God-remembrance is the way. The all-blissful, eternal, all-pervading and changeless Reality is within you. Constant contemplation of this Supreme Truth grants you real peace and joy. The practical method which can be prescribed for realising this immortal peace and bliss is to repeat constantly the Lord's powerful Name. The Name must be on the lips continuously, at all times. May the Lord bless you with eternal peace and bliss! Submit in all matters to the Divine Will and be always contented and peaceful...

Ramdas

## IN MEMORIAM

### YOGACHARYA DAVID HICKENBOTTOM ATTAINS MAHASAMADHI

**R**everend Yogacharya David Hickenbottom, the disciple of Mother Mildred Hamilton of the lineage of Paramahansa Yogananda, attained Mahasamadhi on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August 2019 at Everett, Washington, USA after a prolonged illness.



Mother Hamilton met Beloved Papa during his world tour in 1954. Thereafter, Mother with her husband Ralph Hamilton visited Ashram and stayed here for about a year. It was at this time that Beloved Papa helped her progress in her spiritual journey after the Mahasamadhi of her Master Paramhansa Yogananda.

Reverend Davidji first met his beloved Guru, Mother Hamilton, in 1974 and was initiated into Kriya Yoga. Mother ordained Davidji as a Minister in 1984 and later gave him the title Yogacharya. Mother passed on her spiritual mantle to him and asked him to continue to serve all.

The Yogacharya was highly influenced by the inspiring lives and mission of Beloved Papa, Param

Pujya Mataji and more deeply connected with Param Pujya Swami Satchidanandaji. He had been in touch with Anandashram since the late 1990s.

During his visit to Anandashram in 2007, Davidji wrote the following about Pujya Swamiji: “Swami Satchidananda is the most highly realized Being I have met since Mother. His radiance pours out to one and all; he serves in compelling humility and is saturated with Divinity. Realized Beings such as Swamiji help to balance this world from the negative tendencies that have kept it bound to ignorance. We are blessed to have such a living Master in the world today.”

Though Davidji was very seriously ill and hospitalised many times in the last few months, what was really striking was the meticulous way in which he sent all the details, through emails, in spite of the untold severe stress at the physical level.

Following the footsteps of his Master — Mother Hamilton — he endeared himself to a number of spiritual aspirants and guided them on the Path.

Though not in physical body any more, he will continue to be a source of great inspiration and guidance to innumerable spiritual aspirants.

We pay our humble homage to Reverend Davidji.



## **SRI K BALACHANDRA RAO**

Sri K Balachandra Rao, an ardent devotee of the Ashram from Goa and the brother of Smt Nalini Trikannad, was called by Beloved Papa on the 16<sup>th</sup> of July 2019.



## **SMT MOTIBEN SHAH**

Smt Motiben Shah, another ardent devotee of the Ashram from Bhavnagar, also dropped her mortal coil on the 27<sup>th</sup> of July 2019.

She had been looking after Ramdas Ashram in Bhavnagar since 1951. Beloved Papa, Pujya Mataji and Pujya Swamiji used to visit Ramdas Ashram for a couple of months every year in the early 1950s.

We pray for Beloved Papa's blessings on the departed souls for eternal rest at His holy feet.



## **ANANDASHRAM NEWS**

### **15,500-CRORE NAMA JAPA YAGNA**

**FOR WORLD PEACE:** The total Japa received in the third round of the 15500-Crore Nama Japa Yagna For World Peace in the month of July is 180 crores. The grand total of the Japa done so far in this round now stands at 5996 crores.

**PUJYA SWAMI SATCHIDANANDAJI'S BIRTH CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS:** The year-long programmes held in the Ashram and various places in commemoration of Pujya Swamiji's Birth Centenary Year will culminate with the following programmes scheduled to be held in the Ashram from the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 12<sup>th</sup> of November 2019:

- An Akhanda Ram Nam Saptaha will be held from 6:00 am on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of November till 6:00 am on the 10<sup>th</sup> of November.
- Special Bhajan programmes will be rendered by Sri Vittaldas Maharaj — Brahma Sri Jayakrishna Deekshitharji on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of November.
- A special Satsang programme will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of November.

We request devotees to inform the Ashram about their participation, latest by the 15<sup>th</sup> of October, so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

**116<sup>th</sup> JAYANTI OF  
PUJYA MATAJI KRISHNABAI**

*Pujya Mataji Krishnabai's 116<sup>th</sup> Jayanti will be celebrated on the 28<sup>th</sup> of this month. On this sacred occasion, THE VISION offers its humble homage to Pujya Mataji with a prayer for the speedy spiritual progress of all, culminating in eternal happiness.*

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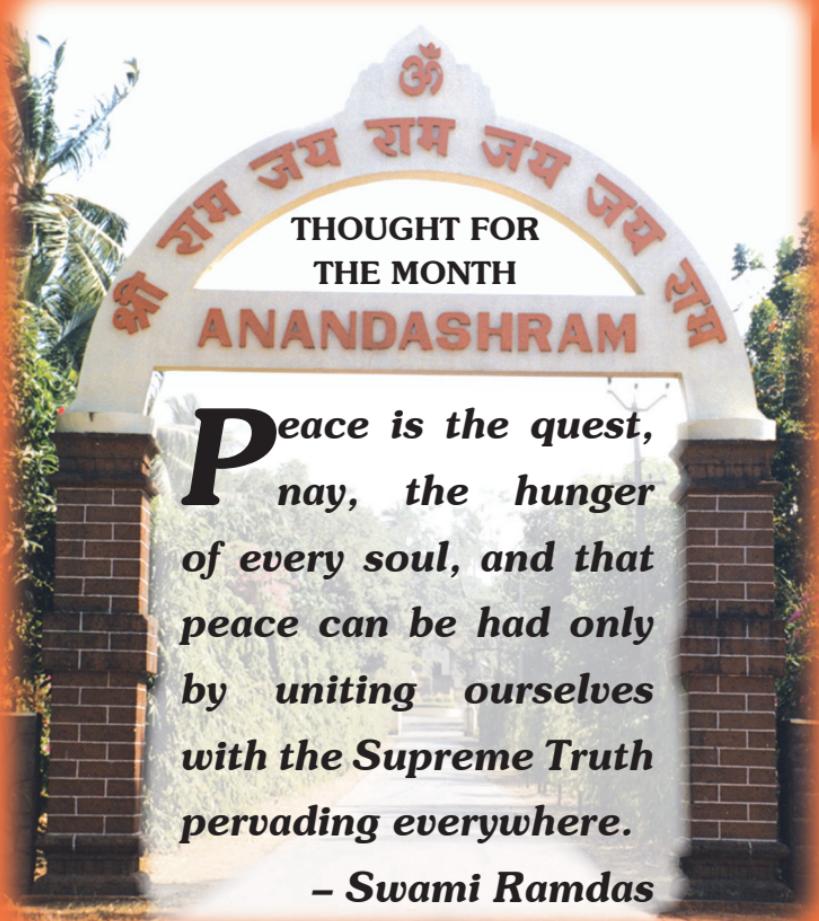
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