God said: "I didn't recognize you",

have had 40 more years. So how come you let the bus kill me?". She said to God "You told me I would live to be 100. I was supposed to died, and went up to heaven. when she left the plastic surgeon's office, she got hit by a bus,

fixed from head to toe. years to live! So off she went to the plastic surgeon. She got everything Boy, she thought to herself, that was the voice of God. I've got 40 more

She looked around and didn't see anyone. Again she heard "You will live to voice from above "You will live to be 100." This 60 year old woman was walking along 5th Avenue when she heard a

> But where's Beethoven? Schnabel: I know that! And here is the pianist. Here is the conductor! preferred tempi to the orchestra): Schnabel! piano concerto furtively signalling his own Klemperer (noting his soloist in a Beethoven SCHINABEL lolos sysiq dear soul who plays polo. I am a poor Pole who Paderewski: Not so very different. You are a spheres, although the spheres are very different. polo player: You are both leaders in your Society hostess, introducing Paderewski to a PADEREWSKI Klemperer: We can't wait that long! Singer: Ah, but it could get better. Klemperer: Why? It could get worse. Singer to Klemperer: Could we repeat that song, KLEMPERER

## The wit and wisdom of

Suraswati. Thousands of people got their self realisation from the Sahaja Yoga held at the meeting place of three sacred rivers, the Ganga, Yamuna and " Kumbha Mela" held this month in India, Millions of people attend this festival Sahaja yogis of Haridwar (India) manned a stall at the famous 12 yearly spiritual

SVHVIV KOCY STALL IN " KUNIBHA MELA"

it was unusual for there not to be some audiences were from the general public, paper, 'The Stage'. [See reviews on page 10] Whilst the majority of including one from the theatte's trade attracting three excellent reviews out, some less well supported, but of audiences, with some nights sold performed for rwelve nights to a variety By the end of the run, TEV had

the south of Edinburgh. Greenlaw, in Berwickshire - an hour to hours off for a barbecue with us in pane the entire company take some Later in the week it was a pleasure to to support TEV and stay for the Puja. abroad who also made the trip North was good to have other Yogis from found the journey not too difficult. It souls from the South, who hopefully attended, including some adventurous of room for eighty or so Yogis who Krishna Puja in the school, with plenty the cast, and we were able to celebrate Sunday, appropriately, was a day-off for

on the Friday, Sahaja Yogis moved from Linlichgow reduced rates, for many of the French supporters to stay in the school at Susie Lumsden was able to persuade her employers to allow TEV and its with children. We were also lucky that pool, particularly welcomed by those spores facilities and indoor swimming providing more comfortable accommodation and the bonus of the week of performances, easing catering, available towards the end of the first main pare of the school became on all members of the company. The into an order, but were still demanding the attangements for each day settled supportive. As the formight progressed, leaflets to passers-by and being very (as it gave small excerpts), handing out

was also made in the programme to Shri Mataji and Sahaja Yoga. us all much courage. Acknowledgement to the festival run and one which gave publicly and was a most auspicious start this connection had been made known Jerusalem. This was the first time that followed by a beautiful version of by the cast singing her mantta off-stage, stage at that point. This was followed Matali. whose photograph was on the TEV got its inspiration from Shri we heard Victor refer to the fact the with a great feeling of anticipation that Herself should be announced, so it was the play started, the connection with Shii Mataji had tequested that before Pestival, each competing for attention. different shows appearing during the one considers that there are over 1,400 night attracted a good audience, including critics, a feat in itself, when evenings in the same place. The first playing such a run of consecutive Performances started on Monday,

sigoY seeds to stroffs of those Yogis

publicity was considerably helped

Fortunately the daily effort to attract

from a very generous donation by LET were met for the three week period costs of the cateting and accomodation same roof more than compensated. The benefit of everybody being under the slightly complicated matters, but the being used by another group. This outside the school, whose kitchen was the first ten days had to be done collective undertook catering, which for Edinburgh. Our very small Scottish

the Friday the full team of about strength, so that by

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the week the Company increased in Fringe Pestival, Duting the course of Imaginaty Invalid' at the Edinbutgh on August 12th to begin preparations of I's saisilons of I's saisiloth to anamenters of the

(. C aged no Edinburgh press on TEV in Scotland. moil esticites baft seell?) lan Maitland Hume, Edinburgh

This August was a noteworthy month

collective. In the UK, apart from two

have relied heavily performed, they country TEV has will hopefuily heip

can give them to continue this work performing aus. All the support that we establish the fundamental values in the doing at Shti Mataji's behest is to teessence of their work, which they are was of great help to the company. The support from yogis each night, which

success at Edinburgh Pestival Theatre of Eternal Values great perceptions, in each

accompanied the cast during its parade through the Old Town in full costume of French Sahaja Yogis wanting to improve their English. They cheerfully staying at Linlithgow, where a course was being run by Linda Catide and a team from Bath and Bristol for a group

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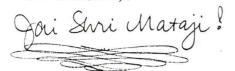
THERE WILL BE AN IMPORTANT MEETING LEITHER ON SATURDAY 02 MAY OR OG MAY AT 4:30 PM ( DEPENDING ON WHEN SAHASRARA PUDA WILL BE HELD). THIS IS JUST ADVANCE NOTICE SO EVERYONE HAS TIME TO AKRANGE THEIR ATTENDANCE. AS EVER, WE EXTEND AN OPEN INVITATION TO ALL AND ESPECIALLY LIVE IN HOPE OF SEEING NEW PRESENTERS AND PANEL DEPLATORS AT THE MEETING AS WELL. IT IS AN IMPORTANT MEETING AND IT WOULD BE GREAT IF THE ACTORS OF RADIO PLAYS COULD ALSO COME SLACE THAT WILL BE AN ITEM FOR DISCUSSION.

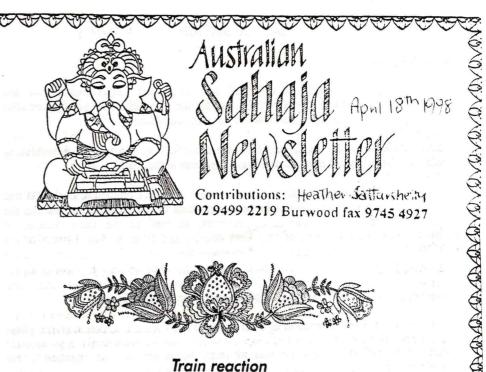
## PROPOSED AGENDA

NOTE: WE WILL BE STARTING AT 4:30 SHARP.

- 1. ROSTER PROPOSED ROTATING A 4-6 WEEK KOSTER FOR BOTH PANEL + PRESENTING; 52 WEEKS/YE,
- 2. TRAINING
- PERSONAL PRESENTING AND TECHNICAL IMPROVEMENTS 3.
- RADIO DIZAMA/SERLIAL 4.
- FUNDRAISING WE NEED ONE UBRY SOON! 5.
- NEW IDEAS FOR PROGRAMS, FORMAT, ETC.
- WHATEVER ELSE COMES LIP

AS EVERYONE OUT THERE KNOWS, WE'RE ALWAYS ON THE LOOK OUT FOR SUITABLE MUSIC AS WELL AS SHIRL MATAJI'S TALKS-EITHER GENERAL IN NATURE OR ON SPECIFIC TOPICS - SO PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU COME ACROSS A WHOLE TALK OR A PORTION OF 17 WHICH IS SUTTABLE TO PUT TO AIR (IE. GOOD SOUND QUALITY, ENGUSH LANGUAGE, NOMING TOO CONFRONTING, OR CONTROVERSIAL). PLEASE DON'T ASSUME WE HAVE IT ALREADY, AND ANYWAY, WE USE MOST SUITABLE MATERIAL REPEATEDLY.







## Train reaction

IF YOU ARE RUNNING LATE for work in the Indian city of Mumbai and reach the station just as the train is leaving the platform, don't despair. You can run up to the packed compartments and find many hands unfolding like petals to pull you on board. And while you will probably have to hang on to the door frame with your fingertips, you are still grateful for the empathy of your fellow passengers, already packed tighter than cattle, their shirts drenched with sweat in the badly ventilated compartment.

They know that your boss might yell at you or cut your pay if you miss this train. And at the moment of contact, they do not know if the hand reaching for theirs belongs to a Hindu or a Muslim or a Christian or a Brahmin or an Untouchable. Come on board, they say. We'll adjust. - Suketu Mehta in Granta 

Promis a good time! will look forward to seeing many more from all parts of the UK. We can seminat and Puja when we in Scotland this can be co-ordinated with a national to Edinburgh again and if they do, that with so many. We hope TEV will come able to share the remarkable vibrations for us and it was so good for us to be

tor the future. to schoolchildren. We wish them well Austria, specifically bringing the theatte part of this and they end their season in programme, particularly in the educational field. The seminar formed support to enable them to develop their needs to attract longer-term financial come from non-Sahaja Yogis. TEV now considerable financial help has also sigoY sishs? laubivibni lo moqque large donations from LET and from the

company had had the opportunity of August 30th, the fitst time the Town, and can through to Saturday Kirkhouse, in the middle of the Old August 18th in the Greyftigts

> West. Cargillield School in assembled at the

A fiet touring in Italy, France and Austria, TEV artived in Edinburgh.

# Felicitations

Speech written but not given, for Felicitation to a free and independent society within Evening before Birthday Puja, March 1998.

Her Holiness Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi, Sir C. P. Srivastava, Distinguished guests, Fellow Sahajis from all parts of the world, Children of the world...

To the organisers of this occasion, my thanks for the pleasure and privilege to present these felicitations on the great occasion of the 75th the anniversary of the birth of our Mother and Guru, the Adi Shakti.

Shri Mataji, with joyful hearts we offer up our thanks for your advent, we convey to you our great love for you and gratitude for what you have done to change the course of our lives, and we pray for your ease and comfort in the future. May we invoke the protection and collaboration of all the Deities in bringing to fruition your vision of a better world.

Shri Mataji how can we praise you; you who are the unknowable, whose dimension is beyond description. From tiny dot to universe, from particles too small to see, to universes too large to comprehend - you are to be found.

As our mother and Guru you are the eightfold entity: Mother, Grandmother, Wife and Householder, but also Guru, Counsellor, Comforter and Redeemer.

You are at the same time our example of the responsible citizen and the true patriot committed to the ideals of the family life as the cornerstone of a balanced society, as also which that family life can be led.

But at the same time you are Maha Maya, the supreme illusion.

From you we have learnt the way of Dharma, yet at the same time you have taught us that all is not as it seems. We are obliged to become our own gurus, to exercise our own discrimination and to thoughtfully put into effect your advice to us.

For many of us you have saved our lives. When we had lost our way and become desperate in our search for the truth and the right way of life, you rescued us. You showed us true compassion and gave us comfort. You placed the signposts on the maps of our destiny. You showed us the way and set the boundaries of our behaviour.

You introduced to our disoriented Western values the Eastern wisdom of meditation and introspection, through which we would come to know you, as well as coming to know ourselves.

But most importantly, through you we have come to know peace. Your vision of a peaceful society commences with peaceful individuals. For without peace within us, how can there be peace between us?

Through meditation we have become calm and satisfied. You have taught us the right conduct of the harmonious relationship between a brother and a sister. You have given us certainty and security in our lives.

### Book

But your work encompasses a greater dimension than the salvation of the individual, crucial though this is. You have shown by your own example, the vigilance and

commitment needed to help in the emancipation of your own country from the unwanted occupation of a colonial power. This work continued with renewed intent, to rid the body politic of the corrosive ill of corruption, so that the common people can once again have faith in those they have elected to represent them.

Likewise have you campaigned against the dark forces of the Mafia and against the excesses of the Vatican.

As equally strong has been your condemnation of the evil work done by the false gurus.

We acknowledge your pioneering work in the field of Sahaja vibrational health care and with the establishment of the Sahaja International School at Dharamsala - where what better example could there be of your vision for an enlightened society than in the faces and demeanour of our children.

You have also extended an invitation of dialogue to leaders of other faiths and philosophies - most noticeably to the leaders of Islam, as a demonstration that Sahaja Yoga incorporates the original truths of the world's main religions.

As equally persuasively, though perhaps less dramatically you have, for many years encouraged and promoted the arts of singing, dancing, poetry, painting, drama and music making within the Sahaja community and have introduced us to many fine artists. masters of their chosen art. You have given substance to your love of the arts by the establishment of the Nagpur Academy - and through the Theatre of Eternal Values, Sahaja drama has been taken to the wider commu-

Your vision is of a world in which men and women can live in harmony and peace. The false values of materialism will be replaced with the enduring values of spirituality. Human beings will come to a balance within the Laws of Nature. The fundamental elements of earth, air, fire and water will be restored to their original purity.

There will be an end to war. National boundaries will become meaningless. passports no longer necessary. Humans will forsake materialistic ambition for spiritual enlightenment and will come to trust instinctually in the power of the Paramchaitanya. Crime and corruption will be eliminated. governments will govern for the benefit of those they represent and nations shall be known for the endeavours of their artists rather than the balance sheets of their banks.

Shri Mataji, as we face a decisive moment in the history of our society in Australia, we ask for your council and guidance. Please endow our decision makers with the wisdom and judgement to ensure a fair and just society in the coming millennium.

Finally, Shri Mataji, we salute you on this most auspicious occasion of the 75th anniversary of your birth and convey to you. most fulsomely our love and gratitude for having saved our lives, for having shown us the way of truth and for having granted us the privilege of seeing a glimpse of your vision.

JAI SHRI MATAJI

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Dear Mr Nalgirkar,

I should like to convey to you my total admiration and unqualified thanks and appreciation to yourself and the Delhi collective for the wonderful way you looked after us all during the 75th birthday celebrations of our beloved Mother.

I sincerely think that what you achieved and the beautiful way you went about achieving it would have been beyond most other Sahaj collectives in the world.

Your task was made doubly difficult by the changes you were obliged to deal with: the cancellation of Shri Shivaratri puja, the rearrangements of the music programs and the constant adjustment to the method of payment; as well as the sheer number of participants, both from all parts of your own country and from the four corners of the world. Yet from the moment that your customs representative met us on our arrival at the airport to the time that you farewelled us at Nizamuddin camp on our departure (alas, for me, all too soon ) everything you did for us was done with the utmost courtesy and cheerfulness, as well as efficiency, as to belie the immensity of your task.

As an example: your reassurance to us even before we left Australia, that everything was being done for our care and comfort, despite the fact that we were arriving some eight days before the official celebration, was so amply borne out by your attention to our needs in the difficult circumstances of the ad hoc arrangement you were obliged to make for us at Panchsheel whilst the finishing touches were being made to Nizamuddin camp.

The minor disappointment, to us, of not being able to go straight to Nizamuddin camp was nothing compared to the extra organization and work to which you were put in order to accommodate and look after us in the interim.

One of the first of the many enduring memories of this wonderful time spent in your country, was that of the initial collection of monies by your people. Mr Deshpande and his colleagues just set themselves down amid the bedding of the mens' upstairs room and over an extended period of time and with a cheerfulness and good attention to what they were doing, that I could only marvel at, achieved their task, and took away their not inconsiderable takings in a large plastic shopping bag. I think this system is still shown the have the edge over the ATMs of the western world.

I rejoiced privately to hear Shri Mataji, in that Puja talk, which was so memorable for it's quality of motherly love, compliment you ( as our host ) for what you had achieved, which She said was only possible because of your complete love and dedication to Her.

How nice it was eventually to get to Nizamuddin camp, an oasis of calm, in the clamor and pollution of New Delhi. And again what a splendid job you have all done, though not the owners of the property, yet out of the true instincts of hospitality and the settled

Laxmi tatwa, you had gone to considerable trouble to ensure the calm and cleanliness of our environment.

If circumstances dictate that we must assemble in a large city then what better setting than this familiar place, which we have all vibrated and at which we are in the constant care and protection of our Mother's attention.

It was gratifying finally to see you, unexpectedly, seated at that table in the office building at the camp; with your trusted lieutenants and to have a brief conversation - and to hear you tell me that only earlier in the morning you had been admonished by at least four people complaining strongly that they had not been asked to help with the arrangements. If that is indicative of a level of commitment, then it is a state of affairs to which we can only hope one day to aspire. One of the last of the enduring memories (with all its nice sense of symmetry) was to observe Mr. Deshpande and three of his helpers, banished,, by your own admission, from the table at which you were then sitting to a dark corner of the hut on a top bunk, still counting out his money and still with the same good humor and undivided attention.

I should dearly love to ask you to pass special thanks to one or two people who were particularly notable in their concern for our wellbeing, but to do so would be an injustice to all those others whom I suspect worked equally as hard and lovingly - out of sight and whose names are not known to me. Suffice it to say, in conclusion, that for myself, and on behalf of all my brothers and sisters from Australia who were there - we are eternally in a debt of gratitude to you - and that we see what you achieved as a benchmark by which our own future endeavors might be measured, and as an inspiration

Completely in our Mother's love, With fondest love and regards to you and the Delhi collective. Our sincere thanks Jai Shri Matajil Michael Fogarty. for the Sahaj Yogis of Australia.