

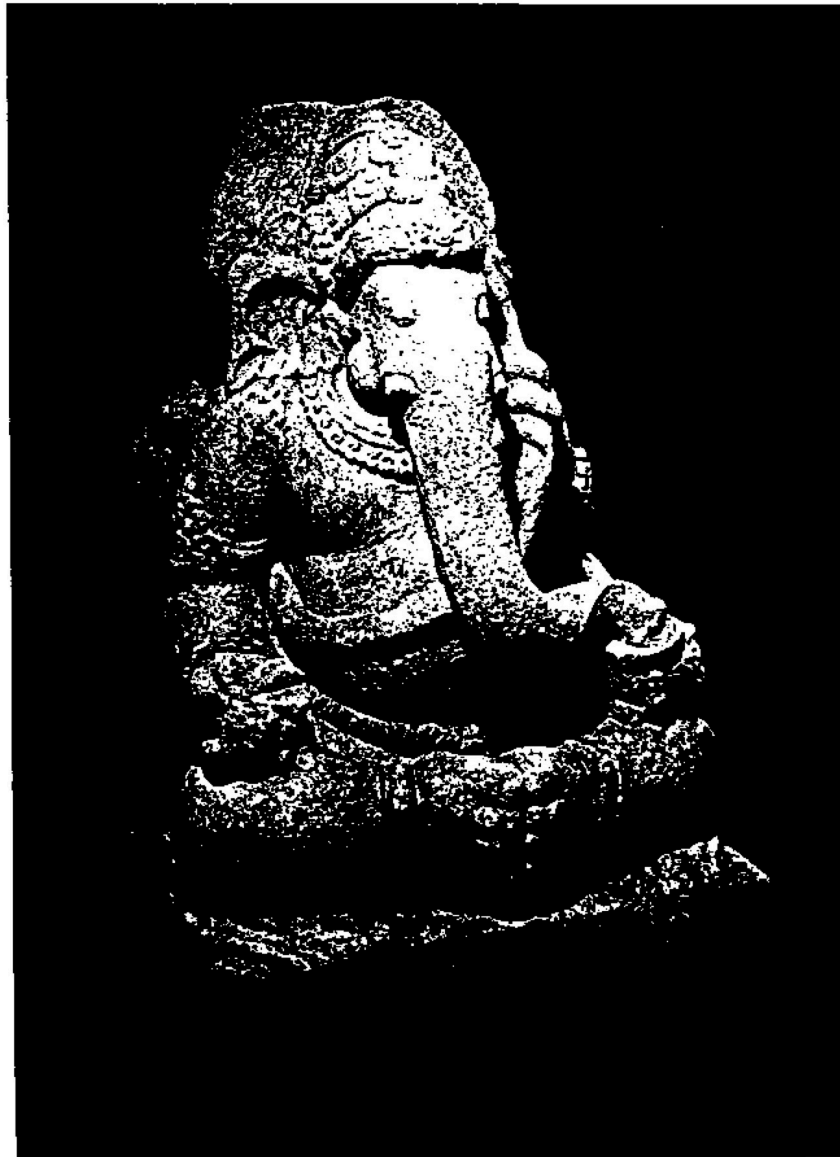
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# Sahaja Newsletter

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Sri Ganesh is the sweetest thing you can think of. Even when you look at Sri Ganesh, this Kautek (कौतुक) - this innocent admiration starts flowing. Just think of Him - you feel so happy.

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## INDIA TOURISTS

This is the India tour list as at 8 September.  
If your name is not on it and should be, please  
let me know at once.

The costs again are:

Full ground fare stg£1000

Ganapatipule only is stg£500

From NSW, Q, and ACT.

Anglem H

Beckett c

Beckerton R

Bolton P

broughton D

Budgen B

Buff N

Boyer S

Boyer G

Campbell H

Cartmel K

Chavan S

Davis S

Finlayson S

Hewitt A

Hirst S

Holmes M

Kyriacou C

Murphy P

Nicolai P

O'Gorman O

O'Leary T

Reeves D

Rome M

Taylor S

Vega J

Vincent L

Whitworth E

Williams M

Jones P

Henwood P

Meritt O

Napper A

Squifflet A

Tiralongo C

From VIC.

Amran N

Clarke P

Deacon T

Jackman M

Jury H

Montgomery N

Price M

From WA.

Armstrong C

Baverstock G

Brown G

Churchill H

Driver C

Fitzgerald K

Lum R

Lynch D

McHutchinson S

Mahony C

Murnane J

Ritman J

Reid J

Reid R

Szydlowski C

"DROUGHT IN NSW"

NSW is facing a serious drought problem, where 83% of the state has been effected by a drought that is so intense that some towns have no water at all. This is going to have long term and far reaching effects as summer approaches and the water supply decreases.

Could all yogies please put their attention, bhandans, shoebeats and prayers on this situation.

On one tape Shri Mataji related a story about a yogi who broke a drought by sprinkling vibrated water on the earth. With Shri Mataji's grace we ask Her blessings to break this drought. With this in mind it has been suggested that we could go to some of the drought areas eg Tamworth and offer a Bhoomi Devi puja and vibrated water to the earth.

The weekends of the 17/18th & 24/25th September are being considered for this expedition, if anyone is interested please call Gillian on 02 419 8075.

Jai Shri Mataji.



*San L.*  
 "This born-again business is a  
 damned nuisance"



## MOOLADHARA CHAKRA



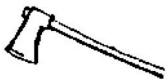
Oh symbol of the swastika,  
From out our Mother Earth you came:  
Four petalled flower of innocence,  
You guard our holiness from shame!



Four handed bearer of the truth,  
Teach us the wisdom of the spheres.  
Symbol of eternal youth,  
Erase our doubts and petty fears.



Oh child with elephantine head,  
Obedient, loyal and wise,  
Teach us to gaze but straight ahead  
Into our Mother's eyes.

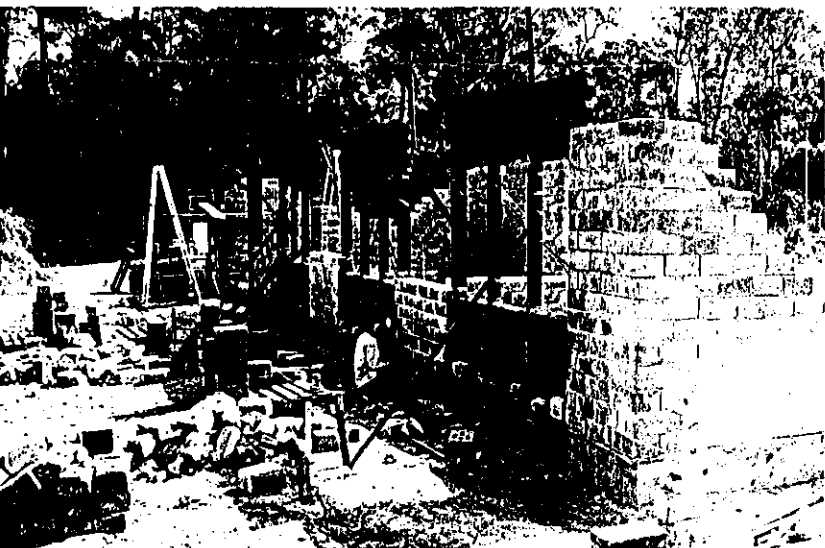
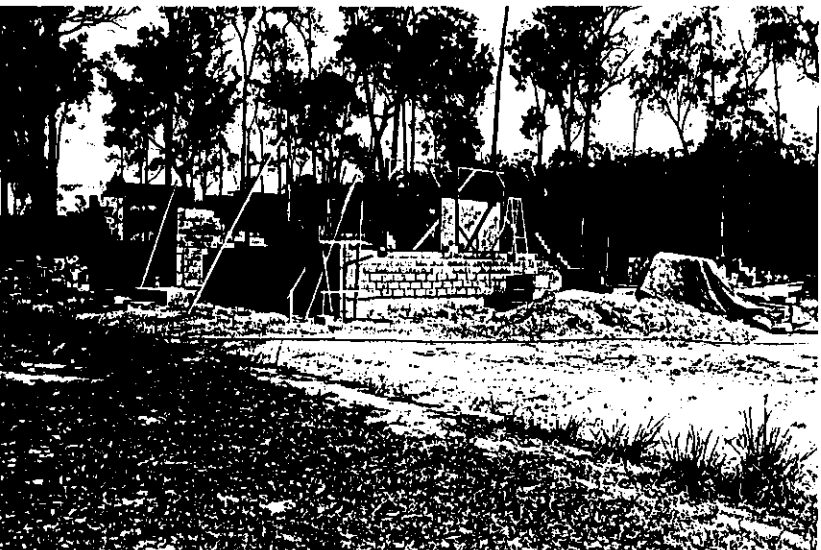


Thou alpha and thou omega.  
Thou guardian at the door.  
Support us in our pilgrimage;  
Protector of the pure.



Oh symbol of the swastika,  
Remove our cares and earthly pressure,  
To you who guards our heritage.  
Salutations, Sri Ganesha!





Mr. D S V Rao  
In-charge  
Sahaja School  
Dharamsala, INDIA.

Dear Mr. Rao

RE: PURCHASE OF OFFICE EQUIPMENT FOR SCHOOL

Greetings !

Please find enclosed a draft for Rs. 60,000 towards the purchase of the School Office Equipment.

I am pleased to inform you that not only have many parents contributed to this total of Rs.100,000 but much of this came from the wider collective.

This, I feel, is a positive recognition by all, of the tremendous work and promise of Shri Mataji's School.

May She, the Principal of all Principals, guide all of you in this great work.

Our heartfelt thanks to you all,

Jai Shri Mataji

Yours sincerely

*Robert R. Richardson*

Robert R. Richardson  
5th September 1994.

Copy to Mr. G. M. Reddy  
Registrar  
Sahaja School  
Dharamsala INDIA

## India cools down its films

NEW DELHI, Friday: India's censors, cracking down on increasing sex and violence in movies, have banned pelvic gyrations, double entendre and fights with chains.

The Minister for Information and Broadcasting, Mr. K. P. Singh Deo, spelt out the new censorship rules in Parliament yesterday after government-appointed censors reported frequent breaches of guidelines in the world's biggest movie industry.

Indian films must be approved by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) before being publicly screened.

Mr Singh Deo told Parliament yesterday that the CBFC objected to scenes of violence,

particularly those involving places of worship, hospitals or orphanages.

Violent scenes involving belts, chains or animals were also considered unpalatable.

Mr Singh Deo said the board considered as vulgar, "selectively exposing women's anatomy (such as breasts, cleavage, thighs and navel) in song and dance numbers, through suggestive and flimsy dresses, movements, and zooming, particularly in close shots."

The Government has been facing protests over increased levels of sex and violence in films. It recently asked the board to redefine its definition of "vulgarity". Last month, film stars protested against the move.

India's censors have yet to clear a critically acclaimed movie, *Bandit Queen*, by Shekhar Kapur. The film, which has already been screened abroad, depicts violence and rape scenes.

Unlike most Indian movies, however, *Bandit Queen* is not punctuated by songs and dances, where sexuality and suggestiveness are common.

A recent film song title sparked controversy by posing the question: "What's beneath the blouse?" The answer was: "My heart."

But saucy dialogue has also raised eyebrows. Mr Singh Deo said censors frowned on "double-meaning dialogues referring to women's anatomy".

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## Life: it's older than we think

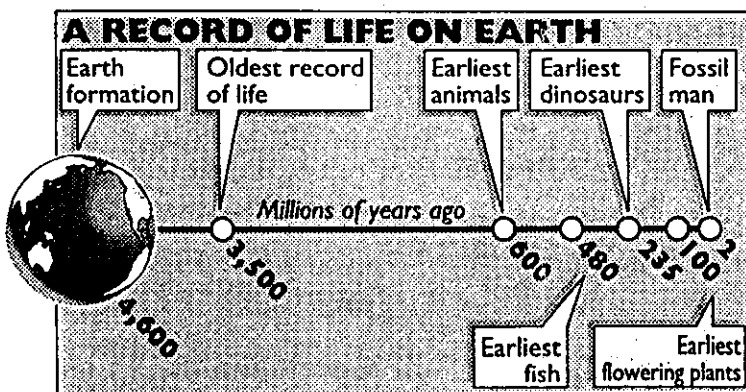
By RICHARD MACEY  
and The New York Times

The earliest evidence of life yet found has been discovered in rocks in Western Australia.

Dr J. William Schopf, of the University of California, has discovered fossilised single-cell organisms in rocks thought to be 3.5 billion years old, recovered near a former mining site with the odd name of North Pole, about 60 kilometres from Marble Bar.

According to a report in the international journal *Science*, 11 distinct types of micro-organisms were found in the rocks. This means that life was thriving and highly diversified only a billion years after the Earth formed.

Professor Malcolm Walter, of the Department of Earth Sciences at Macquarie University, who



took part in University of California expeditions to collect fossils from the area in the 1980s, said yesterday the organisms discovered by Dr Schopf were 10 million years older than the oldest life previously found.

But what was more important, he said, was Dr Schopf's theory that the micro-organisms were relatively sophisticated in that they were producing oxygen through photosynthesis. It may have been just such micro-organ-

isms which began converting the Earth's atmosphere, then mostly carbon dioxide and nitrogen, into one which would support animal life — including human beings.

Professor Walter said it had previously been supposed that sophisticated organisms capable of producing oxygen had not formed for another billion years.

The discovery of so many different types of organisms suggested that there must have been life on Earth at least four billion years ago — a mere 600 million years after the creation of the planet.

Dr Ken McNamara, the senior curator of invertebrate palaeontology at the Museum of Western Australia, agreed the discovery that 11 different forms of life existed so long ago, when only "three of four" would have been

expected, was evidence that life progressed much faster than scientists had assumed.

"It means that a relatively short time after the earth formed, life evolved," he said.

Dr McNamara said the most important lesson from the discovery was that almost identical micro-organisms, which still live today in remote and harsh parts of Australia, were being destroyed by pollution.

Colonies of the micro-organisms were being killed by algae fed by phosphates.

"It is the oldest ecosystem on Earth. Older than the oldest rainforests. We care about the rainforests, but not them," he said.

"If the oldest — the most resilient — ecosystems on Earth are dying, what hope is there for us?"