

**HIS HOLINESS, SRI GANAPATI SACHCHIDANANDA  
SWAMIJI WITH GUEST ARTIST, DR. L. SUBRAMANIAM &  
CELESTIAL MUSIC TROUPE OF DATTAPEETHAM, MYSORE,  
INDIA TOUR OF UK FROM 12<sup>TH</sup> - 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2008</b> 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm	<b>Sri Chakra Puja &amp; Satsang</b>	Euro Datta Yoga Church Centre, Brentford
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The evening began with welcome ceremony. Dr Maheson past president of NYC UK, carried *Poorna Kumbha* and Dhyanee of Germany offered garland.. Some ardent devotees from UK donated silver chair to P.P. Sri Swamiji. The joy and excitement was shared by each and every one. Sri Swamiji sat on the silver chair and performed *Sri Chakra puja*. The prasadam was distributed to all.

Sri Swamiji asked Dr Nath to give a discourse on the need for spiritual master (GURU) in current age. Dr Nath spoke in his eloquent speech explained the need of a master. Dr Nath quoted from bhagavata geeta ' Manmanaa bhava madbhakto...' (ch18 stanz. 65). Surrender to me. offer prayers to me. Be my devotee and offer prostrations to me. I promise to take you to eternity. You are very dear to me.

Dr Nath explained that some devotees prefer to offer prayers to idol (*Saakaar puja*) where as others offer prayers to lord with no form (*Niraakaar puja*). In Ramayana, Laxman went with lord Rama because he could not live without the physical presence of Rama. This in other words is worshipping lord in *Saakar* form i.e is in person. Many devotees prefer to worship idols and that is as good as any other form of worship. 'Bhakta & Bhagavan' devotee & lord are a unique relationship. Bharat on the other hand worshiped Paadukaas sandals of lord Rama, the latter is known *Niraakar puja*, prayers without form. Sri fulfils both the forms. During puja we have audience (Darshan) of Saakar and in meditation without form. Only Guru can impart such knowledge. It is unique worship that a guru imparts on his devotees according to their abilities. All have limitation just as Sri Swamiji explained about the capacity of each individual to hold breath.

Sri Swamiji sang scintillating bhajans. The devotees were singing with joy and fervour. Sri Swamiji blessed all the devotees. The centre was packed to capacity. NYC UK served free food to all and extended invitation to all the devotees to explore the new centre and study the plans for future developments. EDYCC is a unique centre that will be redeveloped to accommodate more devotees to continue the mission of Appaji. All devotees were requested to donate generously for the worthwhile project.