

**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>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2008 9:30 am to 2:00 pm</b>	<b>Sri Chakra Puja and Homa</b>	<b>Teddington School Broom Road, Teddington</b>
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The final day of Sachchidananda festival arrived and P.P. Sri Swamiji was welcomed by representatives of NYC centres from different countries namely Australia, Canada, Denmark, France, Germany, Holland, Ireland, Japan, Portugal, Russia, Spain, USA, UK and others. Trustees Mahendra Dave received Sri Swamiji with Poorna Kumbha and Manubhai Patel offered garland. Sri Conducted Sri Chakra puja and blessed Mahesh to conduct Five different types of homa. Homa pit was prepared in the gardens of the school. Janardana from Germany supported and assisted in the homa.

Sri Swamiji used new silver items presented by the board of trustees to conduct the puja. The atmosphere was charged up. On concluding the puja, Sri Swamiji instructed that all the devotees must be blessed with the puja prasadam (sanctified holy water and cloth amulet).

As per tradition of Dattapeetham, NYC UK followed the same pattern to maintain our unique tradition of honouring artists and dignitaries. The VIPs were welcomed and were conferred title of 'VISWA BANDHU' by Sri Swamiji. A unique plaque was handed to each dignitary.

- **Dr Eric Cross**
  - **Dean of Cultural affairs Newcastle (Music & Art)**
- **Dr Justice A. R. Lakshmanan**
  - **India (Humanities, Law)**
- **Mr Kanti Nagda**
  - **London (Community care)**
- **Sri Madhukar D Kothare**
  - **London (Music) Hindustani Tabla**

On behalf of dignitaries Dr Justice Lakshmanan, Chairman, law commission of India gave a very emotional speech. He stressed the importance of the need for spiritual master such as Sri Ganapati Sachchidananda Swamiji. His divine mystic personality defies description. That Sri Swamiji preaches 'Manava Dharma', service to mankind without discrimination of any sort. Sri Swamiji's music is divine and appropriately named NADA-Music of divinity, A music that harmonises mind, body and soul Sri Swamiji is a leader who has set up numerous socio economic welfare programs such as day care centres, hospitals, and institution to help handicapped individuals. Dr Justice Lakshmanan concluded by stressing on the importance of self reliance, non violence, discipline and safety of one and all and caring attitude to others. He praised the work of Sri NYC UK and the tremendous voluntary organisation abilities of the organisation under the divine leadership of Sri Swamiji. He stated that India needed many dynamic personalities such as Jitu Dave who's organisational & presentation skills, modesty and depth of knowledge is a tribute to Sri Swamiji's teaching and training. He thanked board of Trustees *Manubhai & Mohanbhai* for their leadership quality, Volunteers at Puja counter, information and Book shop counter and the team work and spirit of all the volunteers. He was deeply touched by the simplicity and love of younger members of organisations namely *Ankit, Vinay, Sangeeta, Raakhee, Bansi, Shakti, Nishal* and expressed his congratulations to

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all those whose names he had not mentioned. Overall it was a unique experience that he would not forget in his life time.

Tabla Maestro Madhukar Kothare summed up the occasion reminding that it is father's day and we are all fortunate to be in presence of our father none other than divine purusha Sri Ganapati Sachchidananda Swamiji.

Dr Eric Cross, Dean of cultural affairs, Newcastle University, acknowledge the title conferred on him. Dr Cross is a man of few words but he stressed the importance of music in our life. He stated that he was honoured to have met Sri Swamiji few years ago. His unique personality, simplicity and love for music has touched him. The whole program is not only well organised but he was touched by the warmth and love of all the devotees.

Sri Swamiji personally handed over the plaques to each dignitary and decorated them with a gold necklace with a unique pendant of Ganesh, Subramaniam, Sri Chakra and Datta.

**Secretary of DYC UK Jitu Dave on behalf of Dattapeetham, Mysore extended invitation to all dignitaries to visit asharam. He specifically requested Dr Cross to visit Nada Mantap and conduct music with his orchestra. On Sri swamiji's instructions, Jitu Dave invited Dr Cross to organise an event in 2009 to combine orchestra from UK and Sri Swamiji's music group and give a joint performance at one of the prestigious venue. Dr Cross accepted the invitation and expressed that it would be an unique music festival of the fusion of East and West music. The devotees gave a standing ovation to the suggestion.**

In the mean time Sri Swamiji blessed *Poornahuti items* and asked the devotees to make a wish. Sri swamiji gave a beautiful talk on the occasion of fathers day and birthday celebrations

The dance group Maalasa school of music from Telford, west Midlands gave a dance program. The children offered prayers followed by two classical Bharatiyanatyam dance. The lead dancer and founder *Srimati Subha Dixit* gave a wonderful program. They were blessed by Sri Swamiji with a gift of CDs and datta Vastra.

Yesterday Sri Swamiji had said that he would take karma of all devotees and release them from their karmas. Yesterday he allowed all devotees to touch his feet. Today Sri Swamiji walked among the devotees and blessed each and every member of the congregation. It was a very special moment for each devotee. They all sat patiently and waited their turn as Sri Swamiji walked among the crowd. It was the pinnacle of the celebrations.

To close the ceremony ' Sachchidananda festival' Sri Swamij was presented a beautiful cake by Matru mandali. Sri Swamiji was surrounded by young volunteers. Devotees sang happy birthday chorus and Sri Swamij cut the cake and started distributing the cake. Again Sri Swamiji has his own way to celebrate and enjoy the festival. Kids were singing, dancing, screaming. What an atmosphere. **All of a sudden Sri Swamiji announces, 'This is the best birthday I ever celebrated!'**

Sri Swamiji blessed the different food items that were cooked for the day, Ladoos, Barfi, Savories, thre diff vegetables, Lassi, Sambhaar, Salads, Chappatis, Pakoras to name few of the items. Finnaly Sri swamiji waved good bye to all the devotees and returned to Guru Nilayam. Report compiled by Jitu Dave

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**Direct speech of Sri Swamiji 15.06.08**

"Matru devo bhava, Pitru devo bhava. First respect is to be given to mother followed by father.

Good or bad, doesn't matter, you must give respect to mother. She is the first guru to any human being.

That's why Swamiji first respect to Jayalakshmi maataa. There might be some mischievous boys but not a bad mother in this world. We must respect mother. She carries us for 9 months and do we know how much pain she undergoes? No we can't. So first respect to be given to mother

and to father for showing us this world.

The third is Acharya devo bhava. There are 3 types of Gurus. One is Guru, any ordinary guru or teacher like how we have. Second is Sadguru who gives knowledge about gnyana and the third is ParamaGuru, who is guru to Sadguru like Jayalakshmi mata.

And finally we also have Atithi devo bhava (Guest). A guest is also a god. We must follow these 4 dharmas to be called as good human-beings. Otherwise we are not good human beings. Many people celebrate Valentine's Day but not mothers day and fathers day. But apart from these, here we have been celebrating Guru's day since 3 days, a happy day for everybody.

I am very happy on this day for honouring doctors, lawyers, professors. A doctor is like brahma. Dr. Justice Lakshman is a very rare human being who being a judge was also given doctorate for his services. Datta had already blessed him but again Swamiji also blesses him once again.

Kantibhai is a very important social doctor. He wrote many books and a good humanbeing helping the mankind. Service to man kind is important

I am very happy about Madhukar Kothare a marathi musical doctor.

Lastly Dr Eric Cross, I heard about him and his great musical compositions and musical miracles and I am very happy for him. Swamiji would like to perform a concert, combining east and west music, if he joins with his musical troupe and in future,

Today is a good occasion and a very happy day. We are celebrating Swamiji's birthday according to lunar calender. Swamiji is fighting with truth in India relating to a land dispute. Don't get confused by what had been shown on TVs and printed in newspapers. Swamiji is waging war again untruth and he will definitely win. I will fight till I win i.e., **the truth wins.**

Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Ramana Maharshi, Shirdi Saibaba all had troubles in these world. It is nothing new and truth will definitely win.

I bless you all. Jai Guru Datta

Jaigurudatta Speech condensed by Raj Sekhar Paidi, DYC UK