



# DRK'S update

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## WITH SADHGURU AT THE KUMBHA MELA, UJJAIN

### Kumbha Mela Concludes at Ujjain

Having accepted to be part of Yoga Kumbha (Simahastha) Kumbha Mela 2016, as President of the Ujjain Yoga Life International Society, I had to make five visits participating in all major events – including inauguration, conclusion – inauguration and conclusion of the very first International Spiritual Film Festival and the Yog International Convention of the Madhya Pradesh Government.

I had three good dharshans at Sri Mahakaleswar Temple and bathed 6 times at the sacred Shipra/Narmadha waters.

The last evening was memorable. Though I reached Ujjain only at 4 PM, four important events made the visit valuable.

### Meeting with Swami Avdeshanand of Juna Akhada.

At first, visited the sprawling 27 acre campus of Swami Avdeshanand Giri Maharaj, head of the largest Juna Akhada. (short note attached) [www.prabhuprem.org.in](http://www.prabhuprem.org.in)

He is the most important and influential spiritual/religious personality at the Kumbha Mela. He has a huge following of lakhs of monks. At the huge campus there is a 10 bed hospital, accommodation for 3000 persons and free food for nearly 20,000 persons everyday.

Swami, the busiest person in the Mela was good enough to grant me time even on making a request on email just a day earlier from Chennai.



With Swami Avdeshanand Giri Ji Maharaj of the Juna Akhara

To my great surprise, he recognised me and welcomed me warmly by name and recalled our meeting 14 years back at Lisbon, Portugal. He overwhelmed me with lot of appreciation and admiration for my services to the country in many spheres and said he always held me with great affection, even though we had not met for over 14 years.

He invited the architect of the campus to explain how that temporary beautiful campus was built in such a short time.

He was gracious enough to entertain me and my team with snacks and tea at the dining table, offered garland and prasad and said we should keep meeting more often.

I was touched even while 100s were waiting for his dharshan, he came upto the door to see us off.

#### Meeting Judges at the Judges Camp at Kumbha Mela

The Judicial officer from the district court of Ujjain came and took me to the Judges camp, where a senior Judge of the Supreme Court, Justice Sharad A Bobde was waiting for me, along with some Judges of the Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh High Courts.

We had long discussions on various matters. He appreciated my presentation at the Supreme Court Judges Retreat at Bhopal last month and said that he would like to have a longer discussion with me at Delhi.



He too was highly hospitable and invited me to meet him at Delhi. I have promised to meet him at Delhi in the second week of June, as till then I will be traveling continuously.

#### Grand Dharshan at Maha Kaleshwar Temple

Though I had Dharshan twice during the Kumbha Mela and that too with police assistance, being the last day the crowds were huge. However a police officer came with police vehicle and piloted us towards the temple.

Still beyond a point vehicles will not move through the massive crowds. So we had to wade through the crowds for a long distance. We had excellent dharshan of Sri Mahakaleswar. The faith of the lakhs of people is unbelievable.

#### Visit to BK Campus

From my very first visit to Ujjain, Sisters of the Brahmakumaris Movement have been inviting me to visit

their campus. I could not find time. Yet I promised to visit them during my last visit. They have been ringing up and reminding me even when I was in Bangalore and Chennai. Again they kept calling me after my arrival at Ujjain.

Though I promised to visit them at 7 PM, we could go there only after the Dharshan at the temple around 9 PM. Still they were waiting for me, received me with flowers and lot of affection and respect.

They made me light the lamp and Inaugurate the colourful and powerful show of appearance of Devi Durga in 9 awatars. It was a spellbinding show, highly appreciated by the massive crowds.

They took us around the beautiful exhibits. The most important and dynamic programme was Samudra Manthan – where the Devas and Asuras Churned the Ocean for elixir.

I had to give an interview on TV and had dinner with them.

By the time we returned to the campus it was midnight – woke up at 5 am -had the holy dip for the 6th time and left for Indore – to Delhi- on arrival at Delhi went straight to a seminar on Cyber Security.

Attending to all correspondence – planning future travels – will leave for Serbia early morning tomorrow – 22nd May – returning on 27th early morning – from the airport proceeding to Chennai – to Kolkata on 29th – return to Delhi on 31st. .... I will go to Chennai again on 4th June to participate in the 300th Anniversary of the ST. Paul's School, Vepery, Chennai.

True the non-stop travel does cause some fatigue-but the love, respect and care of the people everywhere gives me the enthusiasm and energy to go on... They find my visit and presence useful to them.

Today is the 25th Anniversary of the Assassination of Rajiv Gandhi. I had to give many interviews including BBC London. I am sad to go through those tragic and tough memories again. In the process, Amma also suffered a heart attack, which damaged her heart considerably. Perhaps that accelerated her premature departure from the world, leaving me alone.



At the Intl. Yog Convention Addressed by PM

I have been developing sort of detachment over a period of time. I keep my telephone calls to the minimum, of late. But some would like to be informed of my activities and whereabouts. For example Mr. Kalyanam of Chennai feels happy and proud to be on my mailing list and to know my whereabouts and activities.

Kalyanam is no relation of mine. Since the last 25 years, without any hesitation, to cheer me up, he has been voluntarily and caringly arranging special film shows for me at Preview Theatres at a time and date of my convenience. He keeps reminding me to give a convenient date and time to organise such shows. Not only for me but all my guests he has been serving snacks and tea. He

has been doing this with lot of enthusiasm. Instead of my thanking him, he keeps thanking me for giving him an opportunity of some service to me. I wonder if any brother or son will do such a service for so long and with so much affection and respect!. These are all gifts of Amma and they keep me going to be useful to as many as possible– that's what my dear Kala wants me to keep doing till my time comes.



DRK with Dr. SVB and Dr. Ramani  
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