

**Bicentennial Celebration of Founding of  
Radhasoami Faith -  
The Ultimate Reality**  
OPENING FUNCTION, AUGUST 24, 2017



राधास्वामी नाम जो गावे सोई तरे। When the strains of this first prayer composed almost two centuries ago by Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj, Radhasoami Sahab, rise at the crack of dawn every day above the morning sky of Dayalbagh or Holy Samadh at Soamibagh or Huzuri Bhawan at Peepal Mandi or Dera Baba Jaimal Singh at Beas or Radhasoami Parmanand Ashram at Delhi or Kirpal Ashram at Ruhani Satsang or Dinod Ashram at Bhiwani or Dera Baba Bagga Singh at Tarn Taran or numerous Radhasoami centres all over India and all corners of the world, they all resonate with the Divine Promise of Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj that *“I shall be with one and all and they shall be looked after with more and more Grace.”*

As we are in the momentous bicentennial year of the advent of Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj on this planet earth in 1818, in commemoration of such an epoch-making event unparalleled in human history, which also marks the beginning of Radhasoami Satsang way of life, the year-long celebrations included a Landmark Workshop (Opening Function) organized at DEI Centre for Consciousness Studies on August 24, 2017, involving noted scholars from all over the world who have extensively studied Radhasoami Faith and its August Founder such as Prof. Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California at Santa Barbara, USA; Prof. Daniel Gold, Cornell University, USA and Prof. Diana Dimitrova, University of Montreal, Canada. Delegations from other Radhasoami centres joined the celebrations in a feeling of brotherhood at the invitation of President, Radhasoami Satsang Sabha. The visiting delegations included those from Radhasoami Satsang Beas led by Mr. J.C. Sethi, Secretary; Sawan Kirpal Ruhani Mission led by Mr. I.R. Malik, Head Foreign Office; Radhasoami Parmanand Ashram Delhi led by Mr. Naveen Gupta and Huzuri Bhawan, Peepal Mandi (Agra) led by Mr. Sumir Mathur, grandson of Revered Dadaji Maharaj. The Radhasoami Satsang Sabha delegation was led by Mr. Prem Prashant, President.



Beas

Sawan Kirpal  
Ruhani Mission

Peepal Mandi

Parmanand  
Ashram



Vision Talk entitled, “Complete Neuro-Theology as Ultimate Reality : Science of Consciousness” was delivered by Revered Prof. Prem Saran Satsangi, Chairman, Advisory Committee on Education, Dayalbagh Educational Institutions. It was stated that to promote East-West integration, Janmashtami was celebrated on August 15 according to eastern tradition and on August 24 according to western tradition. Systems Society of India is a well-educated society and its members understand quantum mechanics, topology and graph theory and are at the forefront of our collaborative programmes. Lunch was hosted by Revered Leader of Dayalbagh for all visiting delegations seated in a round-table mode. Panel Discussion moderated by Mr. Prem Prashant was widely appreciated by the visiting delegations as very illuminating. Consensus emerged that humility and surrender to the Supreme Being are essential along with selfless service.

The Workshop carried forward the integrationist efforts started by Mural Declaration in June 2010 for promoting brotherly relations among all Radhasoami centres, followed by SPIRCON and Conclave of Leaders of various Radhasoami sects in November 2010 and visit of Revered Leader of Beas Satsang to Dayalbagh in March 2011. As a gesture of goodwill, Dayalbagh has withdrawn all cases in courts of law against the Central Administrative Council and Radhasoami Trust, Soami Bagh in November 2016.

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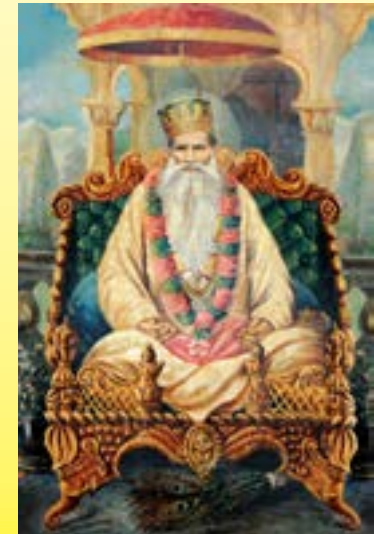
The Landmark Workshop at the Opening Function of Bicentennial Celebrations on August 24, 2017 involving delegations from various Radhasoami centres, laid the groundwork for an extensive Landmark Workshop on August 24, 2018 and Conclave involving the Revered Leaders of major Radhasoami centres and / or their delegations at the Closing Function of the Bicentennial Celebrations (1818-2018).

The Workshop on August 24, 2018 is being notified well in advance to attract the best ideas and ensure availability of renowned speakers whose calendars fill up quite in advance, including Prof. Mark Juergensmeyer, University of California at Santa Barbara, author of the famous book ‘Radhasoami Reality: Logic of a Modern Faith’ (Princeton University Press, 1991), Prof. David Christopher Lane, author of ‘The Radhasoami Tradition’ (Garland Publishers, 1992) and Prof. Subhash Kak, Oklahoma State University, a renowned scholar of Kashmiri Shaivism.

The Workshop will be followed by a Conclave of Revered Leaders of major Radhasoami centres organized by Radhasoami Satsang Sabha, Dayalbagh.



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**Theme**  
*Evolution of Radhasoami Satsang Way of Life:  
A New World-Order  
(Economy, Polity and Spirituality) &  
The Life and Teachings of  
Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj*  
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## Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj



*Huzur Soamiji Maharaj with his family members  
(Huzur Maharaj is standing with a 'chanwar')*

**P**aram Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj (Shiv Dayal Singh Sahab) was born on the night of Monday, the 24th August, 1818 in Panni Gali (one of the narrowest streets of Agra). He was the Incarnation of the Supreme Being and had descended from the Highest Spiritual Region and had assumed Human Form at will. He never needed nor He had any Guru. Whosoever came in contact with Him was at once impressed by His extraordinary spirituality and saintliness.

On the prayer of His Chief Disciple Rai Salig Ram Sahab (later Param Guru Huzur Maharaj), Soamiji Maharaj declared the Satsang open to the public on the Basant Panchmi Day, the 15th February 1861 at Panni Gali. Satsang continued to be held in the same place for 15 years thereafter. In the time of Huzur Maharaj, Satsang was usually held in Pipalmandi in the inner courtyard which could hardly accommodate 60 or 70 persons. None other than those August Personalities could then imagine that the Satsang will one day have such a big organization as at present or that its followers would number hundreds of thousands and would be found in all parts of the world. Though the beginnings of the Satsang movement were very small, yet the potentialities were great and this was bound to be, for Merciful Radhasoami Himself had laid the foundations of the Satsang movement and as Param Guru Huzur Sarkar Sahab has emphasized, the Supreme Current, which assumed the Human Form, would not return to its Original Abode till the redemption of the entire creation is effected. Today, the number of its followers, as obtained from statistics internationally, is estimated as nearly 5 million.

Radhasoami philosophy (based on 'Saar Bachan' composed by Huzur Soamiji Maharaj) has a consistency with other extant spiritual meditational practices of the world (to name a few, Buddhism (Buddhavacana), Jainism (Agamas), Christianity (Bible), Islam (Koran), Sufism (e.g. the Masnavi of Maulana Rumi), Sikhism (Guru Granth Sahab) and Hinduism (as represented by Vedas, Upanishads and Gita).

## Evolution of Radhasoami Satsang Way of Life

**P**aram Purush Puran Dhani Soamiji Maharaj, after He had shifted His residence to what is now Soamibagh, used to go out for a stroll every morning and sit on the parapet of a well some distance from Soamibagh, while Huzur Maharaj gave water from the well for His use. Once Soamiji Maharaj was pleased to observe that "a big town of the Satsang community would arise near that well." The foundation of Dayalbagh was laid by Param Guru Huzur Sahabji Maharaj in 1915 by planting a mulberry tree at this well and several institutions - educational, industrial and commercial, for the benefit of the colony were started and expanded. After 1937, Param Guru Huzur Mehtaji Maharaj brought about a phenomenal progress in the institutions of Satsang. Working extremely hard day and night Himself and encouraging Satsangis also to take part in the work, He gave a new direction to the sense of seva in the minds of Satsangis. The prophecy of Param Guru Maharaj Sahab that there would be a University of Satsang was fulfilled by Param Guru Huzur Dr. Lal Sahab in 1981 when Dayalbagh Educational Institute was accorded Deemed University status. The rapid progress of the University by leaps and bounds in all spheres can be attributed to its bedrock of the DEI Education Policy formulated by Huzur Dr. Lal Sahab in 1975.



*Visit of Bharat Ratna Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya to  
Dayalbagh during time of Sir Sahabji Maharaj*

Peace cannot be established in the world until the unparalleled principle of Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of man is strictly followed. Of late, as we know, a disruption is going on in the world and drastic changes are going on in the world in political, social, economic, ethnical and all other fields. Those countries who were at one time roaring like lions are now bleating like sheep. Until man follows the principle of Fatherhood of God and brotherhood of man as suggested by Huzur Sahabji Maharaj, the world shall continue to be what it is.

The embodiment of Radhasoami Satsang way of life, therefore, is almost two centuries old and entails discipline, sustained hard work, selfless service, service to others, conservation of resources, universal economy, unity of purpose, thought and action, so as to achieve enduring success in all endeavours of life.

## SPIRCON 2010 and Conclave at DEI



*Glimpses of SPIRCON 2010 and Conclave*

**I**n the year long celebrations of the Sesquicentennial year of Satsang, the organization of the International Seminar on Religion of Saints (Sants) Radhasoami Faith - Spiritual Consciousness Studies (SPIRCON 2010) and the Conclave of Leaders of different traditions of Radhasoami Faith on November 12-14, 2010 has great significance. One of the special achievements of the Seminar was the consensus arrived at among the intellectuals from different countries and leaders of different traditions of Radhasoami Faith (like Dayalbagh, Pipal Mandi (Agra), Taran Taran, Dinod (Bhiwani) that the Radhasoami Faith has the potentialities of emerging as the Post Modern Global Religion with no dissidence or disharmony with other religions.

The 14th November, 2010 is a milestone in the progress of Radhasoami Satsang when the different leaders of the traditions of Radhasoami Faith, put their signatures on a declaration unanimously which was based on an important declaration earlier passed at Murar by the Radhasoami Satsang Sabha on 13th June, 2010. It was signed by leaders of Satsangs of Dayalbagh, Taran Taran and Dinod (Bhiwani). The Leaders of other traditions like Beas Satsang, Ruhani Satsang, who could not come to Dayalbagh on the occasion on account of their prior engagements, communicated their concurrence with the declaration in principle in writing. According to this joint declaration, the different traditions of Radhasoami Faith, keeping in mind the basic principles of Radhasoami Faith, would associate with each other with love and would be able to participate in programmes of each other with good will. There was agreement on the important proposition that the traditions are free to organize their respective establishments, assets and financial resources and policies themselves. Therefore, this joint declaration carries the message of unity in diversity among the entire community of followers of Radhasoami Faith and is a special gift to all its followers in the sesquicentennial year.