

# Grand Diwali Celebration By Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga Centres In Hong Kong

Symbolizing **Light**, Diwali is such a significant festival for the Brahma Kumaris. For the Raja Yoga Centres in Hong Kong, this year, Diwali had a special significance, due to the completion of **50 years** of Golden Spiritual services in Hong Kong (1971 – 2021).

As a result, Diwali this year was celebrated outside of the centre – in a large auditorium, which was in fact the Assembly Hall of the famous **Sir Ellis Kadoorie School**. With more than 100 years of history behind it, the school venue was a great fit for this event. There has been a good history of collaboration between the school and the Brahma Kumaris in the past. This year, the school management came forward and contributed its services to the Diwali celebrations by waiving-off all charges for the venue. A great gesture reflecting the friendship that has built between the two institutions.



The celebrations started with everybody participating in the remembrance of BaapDada. The event was then flagged-off by Diwali Greetings by the Centre Coordinator Teacher of Kowloon and Tung Chung – **Sister Bindu Patel**. In her opening address, Sister Bindu reminded that Diwali, the festival of lights, comes after “Kali Chaudas” – the day of darkness celebrated on the previous day of Diwali.

The spiritual significance is that Baba takes us from Ravan’s dark, vicious world to the bright Golden world of Satyug. She mentioned that Diwali, celebrated as the victory good over evil is also said to have marked the coronation of King Rama – righteousness being upheld in the world. **Sister Rohini** – Centre Coordinator for Hong Kong also addressed the gathering with her Diwali wishes, highlighting that there are 29 festivals around the world that are dedicated to Light. Thus, light is considered of such spiritual significance in several cultures.



This year’s Diwali celebrations were accentuated by several **cultural performances** from various parts of the world.



Nepali Couple  
Dance by two  
BK Sisters



Nepali Dance  
by BK Sister

Dances from **Nepal** sang praises of nature during unique festive seasons such as Diwali.

A **Sindhi Dance** to the tune of “Jhule Laal” was wonderfully performed by Senior BK members of Hong Kong – a group that is referred with love as “Golden Angels”



A flavor of **Gujarat** was added in by a Garba Dance performance by a group of BK Sisters, dancing to Baba’s Songs.

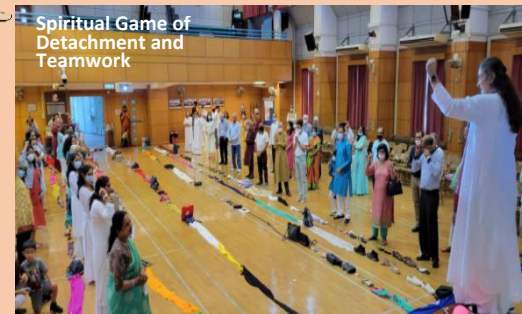
To add variety to the program, a team of BK performers enacted a **Comical Musical skit** that showed the transition of a family from Non-BK to BK Life. The whole performance was performed live, including the background singing by BK members.



To spruce up the physical activeness of the audience and help in team building, a few **Spiritual Games** were played that highlighted cooperation and teamwork.

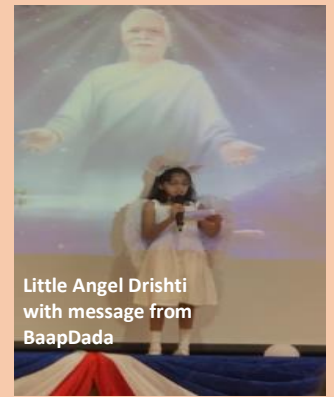


A highly humorous Spiritual Game highlighting the importance of detachment (members were asked to give-up their belongings) and Teamwork.



A game of Spiritual Word Pairing, from Murlis, to entertainingly test the knowledge of BK members

In-between the performances, a little Angel appeared on stage and stole everybody's heart. **Drishti**, dressed as an Angel, brought a wonderful, inspiring message from BaapDada for the Hong Kong BK family.



How can the program be complete without bringing all performers on stage, that too in a noble manner? Well, like icing on cake, the **“Grand Punjabi Performance”** gathered all artists, rapping to a Punjabi tune. There was also a group holding “OM SHANTI” made of lights. What a wonderful topping to a Diwali Celebration.

Just like any BK event is begun with the remembrance of BaapDada, the event is ended in sweetness and soul consciousness. At the end, everybody received **Toli and Blessing Cards**.

No grand BK event is complete without **Brahma Bhojan**. A gala Brahmin feast was organized at the school cafeteria, which provided a comfortable and filling finale to this grand event.

**Thank You BaapDada for such a wonderful celebration with you!!**

