

SIS SHARDA (AHMEDABAD) VISITS SINGAPORE

5 - 9 AUGUST 2022

It was our privilege to welcome Sharda bhen back to Singapore after 3 years for the auspicious occasion of Raksha Bandhan. Our last onsite Rakhi celebrations were in August 2019 when Sharda bhen was our specially invited guest. Sharda bhen's connection with Singapore goes a long way as she was here right at the start, in the



The late Sister Bharati and Dee bhen with Sharda bhen in Singapore, 1981.

early 1980s, helping to establish the centre and has visited a couple of times after that too. Over the weekend, Sharda bhen inspired the Singapore BKs with her powerful insights on Purity and the soul's readiness to become the best version of itself.

On **Sat 6 August**, our Rakhi-tying session began with a group of about 40 Hindi-speaking BKs. Sharda bhen shared her thoughts on what a spiritual Raksha Bandhan meant.



Sister Radhika introducing Sharda bhen.





In the evening, Sharda bhen tied Rakhi for more than 50 BKs who have yet to experience a full Madhuban season. It was indeed encouraging to see so many willing to take the next step forward in their spiritual endeavours.



On **Sun 7 August**, Sharda bhen offered bhog and tied rakhi for more than 100 BKs. Our new Peace Hall was simply but beautifully decorated and the powerful atmosphere, coupled with Sharda bhen's deep and perceptive drishti gave the BKs the experience of BapDada tying rakhi to them.



On **Mon 8 August**, Sharda bhen, together with Lakshmi bhen (National Coordinator, Singapore) and Bro Srin, met the High Commissioner for India, His Excellency Mr P Kumaran and tied rakhi to him. The High Commissioner recounted his previous meetings with the Brahma Kumaris in the various countries he had been posted and was happy to renew his acquaintance with us.



Sharda bhen tying Rakhi to HE Mr P Kumaran, the High Commissioner for India, Singapore

Tues 9 August was

Singapore's 57th National Day and as it was a public holiday, we had booked the Civil Service Club Auditorium to have an extended class with Sharda bhen. Sharda bhen took up the theme of "Returning Home" and about 120 BKs took benefit from Sharda bhen's last day in Singapore.



Lakshmi bhen (National Coordinator, Singapore) presents a Thank You card to Sharda bhen on behalf of the Singapore family.

It was truly powerful time with Sharda bhen. After 2 years of online sustenance, it made a big difference to many BKs to share drishti in person, to feel the personal

connection while tying their rakhis with Baba and to enjoy the love and sustenance that Sharda bhen gave so generously. A big heartfelt *THANK YOU* from each one of us, personally by name!



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