
SURYABHAIJI'S VISIT TO THE UK

24th September to 9th October 2023



It was UK's great fortune that Suryabhaiji arrived to the UK for a short visit together with Rupeshbhai, Rajkiranbhai, Sajjanbhai and Geetaben. They were very warmly greeted by Jayminiben, Balwantbhai and brothers and sisters of Global Co-operation House at London's Heathrow airport.

'NELSON MANDELA LEADERSHIP AWARD 2023'

Suryabhai especially came from Mount Abu to the UK to receive the prestigious 'Nelson Mandela Leadership Award 2023' at the Global Peace Summit at Oxford University. At the Oxford University Suryabhai had the opportunity to meet delegates including the 2023 presidential candidate, Dr Justin Mudekereza, for DR Congo. Darshini, a BK student as well as a student of the Department of Education at the University of Oxford organised a tour of the City of Oxford.



GLOBAL RETREAT CENTRE IN OXFORDSHIRE

A public talk was held on the topic of 'Finding spiritual solutions.... for easing anxiety' at the newly renovated Global Retreat Centre in Oxfordshire. Over 70 people were present and one person shared "when Surajbhai gave me drishti I felt as if he could see right through me and I felt he gave me the confidence to be more positive with my husband." Another person said : "I brought my partner to the talk who is usually not interested in these kinds of things, but after the talk she has started to "charge" her water with positive energy.



UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

In Birmingham a public event was held at the University of Birmingham : Maintaining Inner Stability in a Volatile World. For the past 5 years Birmingham Inner Space has been working with the University in various projects. Approx. 70 attended the public event, with some regular BKs, contacts, friends and relatives, including a few new souls who had come to a BK event for the first time. Many BKs joined the event on-line, including students and professors from the university. Shailen bhai gave a short tour of the University buildings and campuses, including its history.





Enjoying the tour of Birmingham followed by family time at the centre

AT XL RADIO - A 24HOUR COMMERCIAL RADIO STATION AIMED AT THE ASIAN COMMUNITY IN THE MIDLANDS REGION



EVENTS IN THE UK

At Global Co-operation House in London.

Suryabhai held a conversation to a live audience of more than 350 people and approx. 400 watching online. Ash Patel of Worthing's Lighthouse Retreat Centre introduced him to a western public and asked Suryabhai what spiritual solutions he uses for easing anxiety. Suryabhai gave many useful and practical tips to keep the spirit strong, peaceful and awake through these changing times, and how to directly take support from the Supreme Source.



At the **Liverpool Hindu Temple**, both Geetaben and Rupeshbhai shared in Hindi on the benefits of meditation in our life. They engaged everyone fully with some beautiful stories. In the audience of 300, around 100 were university students.



Manchester's talk for the public was - Ease the Pressures of LIFE. Held at Manchester's Sale Rugby Club. Suryabhai shared how to manage the pressures of life and deal with the negative thoughts, worries and concerns that result so that we can lead a happy life.





WORTHING'S LIGHTHOUSE RETREAT CENTRE

In Worthing's Lighthouse Retreat Centre, around 100 guests and many Brahmins from Worthing and Brighton benefitted from a joint public programme where Suryabhai spoke on the topic of Spiritual Solutions to Every Day problems. After taking toli from Suryabhai the audience just went back to their seats – they didn't want to leave. They found the Talk so inspiring. So many bright smiling faces! It was such a good Talk.

With the BK family.

One lady had come in with considerable pain and she went from the Centre completely pain free! Another person said he knew that he was in the presence of a Holy Man with understanding, experience and deep self-respect.





Brighton family at the **Royal Pavilion** at the centre of Brighton. Suryabhai and group spent nearly an hour looking around and admiring the opulence of the banqueting and music rooms.

In London, Suryabhai was interviewed at **The Nehru Centre**, the cultural wing of the Indian High Commission, by Deputy Director of The Nehru Centre Mr Sanjay Sharma. Suryabhai was interviewed by Rupeshbhai and spoke about Stability in Times of Uncertainty. The Chief Guest of Honour was Baroness (Dr) Sandip Verma



OTHER SPECIAL GUESTS INCLUDED MR RAMESH ARORA OF THE MONT CALM HOTELS AND MRS MANJU LODHA





Amongst their busy schedule it was nice to give them a break to have fun and an outdoor lunch at a BK home close to GCH. During the unusually hot October, the sun came out for the occasion and so it was possible for everyone to play and enjoy lunch in the garden. It was a small gathering of BKs including the hard-working mothers who make hundreds of toli in GCH that get sent across the world.



LEICESTER'S HARMONY HOUSE

Leicester's Harmony House welcomed Suryabhai and Rupeshbhai for an evening on the topic of Shraadh.

They had a packed hall with many watching online and in the seminar room underneath the auditorium.

Guest speaker Baroness (Dr) Sandip Verma praised Suryabhai for the words of wisdom he had shared and how the wisdom would be extremely beneficial for her.





INNER SPACE, COVENT GARDEN IN LONDON HAD ORGANISED COFFEE AND CONVERSATIONS WITH A MASTER YOGI. IT AS A SMALL 'SNEH-MILAN' GATHERING OF 25 PEOPLE OF REGULAR AND NEW MURLI STUDENTS, PLUS A FEW CLOSE CONTACTS TO MEET AND CHAT WITH BROTHER SURYA.

Surya bhai and the brothers brought Madhuban to the heart of London for an hour. The atmosphere was filled with deep peace, love and power. And even hours after they had left, Inner Space

HOUNSLOW, SOUTHALL AND GREENFORD



Hounslow, Southall and Greenford centres collectively organised an event at the posh Radisson RED Hotel at Heathrow Airport. Guest speakers were: Councillor Mr Sunil Chopra - former Mayor of Southwark Council. Mrs Trupti Patel - President of the Hindu Forum of Britain. Mr Ravi Sharma - former DJ of popular Indian radio channels, Dr Parin Somani - Mrs Universe 2022. The evening ended with a banquet dinner at the Hounslow centre together with the evening's guest speakers

TAMIL COMMUNITY

The Tamil community had the wonderful opportunity and fortune of meeting and listening to brother Surya's very inspiring wisdom on the topic of 'Secrets of Karma Philosophy for Happy Living'. This was Suryabhai's last evening before departing for Bharat. There were over 170 souls in person and 130 online. The feedback from many was how useful this was to them. One particular feedback was 'I often get angry at my workplace and I am determined to not get angry from today no matter what



Throughout their visit the weather was kind with warm, sunny days and evenings. The entire London and the UK family gave their heartfelt thanks to Suryabhai, Rakeshbhai, Geetaben, Rajkiranbhai and Sajjanbhai for gracing them with their presence, warmth and wisdom.

