

Leicester Harmony House's Diwali Sunday 26th October 2014

The very first Diwali programme, titled " Festival of Light", at Harmony House took place on Sunday 26th October 2014 5pm-7pm. With the Leicester Family's enthusiasm to ensure the programme was a resounding success, a vigorous marketing campaign was launched to connect with the Leicester communities.

With a high calibre of participants, including Sister Jayanti, and a variety of entertaining items, it had all the ingredients of success.

Visitors were greeted by warm smiling faces and were given opportunity to visit the Book Shop and savour the Harmony House atmosphere. Guests were guided to the main Auditorium by a small dedicated team of ushers. So with all the planning and execution of plan it was no wonder that Harmony House had its very first full house of some 370 guests. Such was the audience numbers that came, the Seminar Room was used for the overflow.



The programme opened with MC Vinodbhai welcoming the audience and then went into the first entertainment item of a kathak dance performed by a young kumari. This was followed by Priti singing one of one of Baba's beautiful Hindi song. Sr Natalie shared her message for Diwali.



No BK event is complete without Dadi Janki, the Administrative Head of the Brahma Kumaris. Although her body is weak, Baba's specially beloved original jewel was still able to deliver her inspirational thoughts for Diwali via a video message. Dadi emphasised the importance of harmonising with each other and having a happy life.

The main event of the programme was an interview of Sister Jayanti by Daljit Neer, a local radio and TV presenter, on the topic of Diwali. Sister Jayanti highlighted the spiritual significance of Diwali and that real Diwali is when we realise our inner self and to experience the lightness with us. The interview was concluded by a meditation commentary by Sister Jayanti and it was an opportunity for the audience to connect with themselves.



The programme was a continuous flow of items that seamlessly followed into the next. A candle light dance performed in total darkness to the vibrant Bliss song of "Om Shanti" captured the audience imagination. A candle lighting ceremony followed with Sister Jayanti and especially invited local dignitaries highlighting the physical memorials of Diwali.

Further personal Diwali messages were shared by Baroness Verma and Councillor Manjula Sood, Assistant City Mayor of Leicester.

Finally the audience were give toli and blessings by Sister Jayanti. The atmosphere at Harmony House was definitely raised by several notches during the event. The happy and smiling faces of people leaving Harmony House certainly showed the proof of success of the programme.

Baba's magic and inspiration for Harmony House is now bearing fruit and we at Harmony House eagerly await for the next event.

Om Shanti