

Enlightening, Enriching and Entertaining (Corona-safe!) Journey of 130 Pilgrims from Russia to Abu and Delhi (and then back to Russia) in March-May 2020



**With hearty gratitude from the whole group to:
Dadi Janki, Nirwair bhai saheb, Nirmala Didi, Munni Didi, Dr. Pratap, Asha Didi and scores of other
Godly servers from Madhuban departments (Transport dept. in particular) and Delhi darbar senior
instruments for their direct or indirect participation for making this happen.**

We are 30 years old (or young)!

May is a special month both for St. Petersburg, Russia, and for the BKs' family here. It is a month of celebrating V-Day (in Russia they mark it on May, 9) and the city birthday (May, 27). Baba also came to this land in North-West Russia in May 1990! Since the moment of its birth, Baba's lovely child, St. Petersburg BK Centre, has always enjoyed a special luck and privilege to be taken care of by our Dadis and respected senior brothers whose sustenance has been making us grow healthy and happy! We have always had a good fortune of having special jewels of Baba's yagya visiting Russia on the occasion of our spiritual birthday. The memory store has so many beautiful scenes in it with Dadi Prakashmani ji, Dadi Janki, Dadi Gulzar, Dadi Manohar, Dadi Chandramani, Dadi Ratan Mohini, as well as with our most respected Jagdish bhai saheb, Nirwair bhai, Ramesh bhai and Brij Mohan bhai personally visiting this land a number of times.

And this year we are 30! How could it be possible to mark this special occasion without our seniors? But Dadi Janki ji visited Russia just recently, in 2018, and then she traveled widely across the globe, and also taking into consideration her very fragile health condition, it was decided at the teachers' meeting that we would definitely come to Madhuban ourselves in March, 2020, to extend our heartfelt greetings to Dadi ji personally. Everyone was inspired with the thought that we would celebrate the Centre's jubilee year in the land of BapDada's blessings!

Days of Silence and Power in Madhuban

The group of about 130 brothers and sisters reached Gyan Sarovar on March, 12-13. The situation with quarantine measures because of the coronavirus pandemics enabled us to spend more quality time in silence and powerful Baba's remembrance! Our hearts are filled with deep gratitude to Baba and Drama that enabled us to be present in Gyan Sarovar during those days when a unique scene of transition was going on. It was similar to the great transition time of 1969, when Baba became avyakt. Dadi ji's passing away and moving to the advance party was yet another pivotal moment of the Confluence, because great souls like her, are the hands of the World Drama Clock that clearly give us a signal

for our self-development and world service. Baba and Drama made us present in Madhuban to witness a scene that the whole Brahmin family was longing to witness, but because of the lockdown just a few could reach Madhuban to say farewell to Dadi ji on March, 27.

Baba fulfilled two dreams of ours simultaneously. The first one was to reach the land of blessings, and the second one was a hearty wish of Baba's children from foreign lands not just to stay in Madhuban, but to be able to do all types of service there – just like in good old days of early Madhuban history! This time 130 BK angels could fulfill the duties of washing, cleaning, floor mopping etc. Special groups of BK servers took care of cleanliness at Dadi's cottage, our residential area, and the dining halls. Gyan Sarovar started shining even brighter because of its cleanliness taken care of with clean hearts and smiles! Such a beautiful scene is bound to repeat after every 5000 years now! During all those days, none of the group members got even slightly ill, to say nothing of the coronavirus infection! The Global Hospital and local authorities held regular medical check-ups for the entire group.

An Unprecedented Bus Trip to Delhi

And then, by the end of March, a special effort was made to arrange our trip to Delhi. On the one hand, a complete rebooking of air tickets was required. And on the other hand, an intense communication was going on with the Russian Embassy, governments of states, local authorities and police forces to ensure the green corridor for the group. With the entire country locked down and bus drivers refusing to work, it was a special step taken by our powerful, surrendered and obedient brothers, Madhubanwasis, who went with us on an unprecedented trip in four Baba's buses and a truck from Abu to Delhi. Buses were prepared for the group of 150 people from Russia and CIS, Mexico, Columbia, Poland, Switzerland and few other countries escorted by Shiv Shakti BK Santosh, BK Deepak (Gyan Sarovar) from Gyan Sarovar, BK Vasu (Pandav Bhawan). Before the buses started, we were informed that the journey might take up to 16-18 hours, with crossing numerous checkpoints, without a chance to make stops at our wish, even for going to a washroom. However, 3 buses turned into fast vimans, and we could reach the ORC within 12 (!) hours, without any hindrances at any of the checkpoints. We could even make 3 stops for refreshing ourselves, with the local police co-operating with white-clad angels!



One month in Delhi: Lockdown and Much More



Delhi. At the Lemon Tree Hotel



At the ITC Maurya Hotel.



After spending 2 days at the ORC, where we could appreciate all the effort made by Asha Didi and the team to make our stay as comfortable and restful as ever, the group reached the airport on 31 March. On arriving there late at night, we came to know that our flight was overbooked, and we could not go back to Russia in spite of having our tickets!

From that moment on, another beautiful scene unfolded in the Drama that could be named the Scene of Unique Co-operation of Baba's BK family, Russia's Embassy and two Delhi hotels where the whole group was shifted to from the airport.

From there, as soon those news reached ORC that we all shifted to hotel instead of flying back to Russia then as per Asha Didi's guidance Laxmi bahen ji (Lawrence Road), Brunda bahen ji (Chanakya Puri), Sanjeev bhai and team instantly stepped forward in providing us pure brahma bhojan for the entire month that we were now to spend at the local hotels! For the next 32 days, Baba was feeding His children daily with nutritious and powerful lunches and dinners that included special dishes, like pulao, jalebi, samosa, pakoras, halwa, gulab jamuns, dahi bada, etc!

Two sisters from People's Republic of Donetsk in separate hotel were being given motherly care by Shukla Didi (Hari Nagar) and Ansuya bahen ji (Mahipalpur).



BK sisters serving food in the lobby of the ITC Maurya hotel.



These days became yet another leg of our Madhuban journey, providing us plenty of time for an intense, non-stop, 24-hour yoga bhatthi (the fire of yoga was maintained even at night, according to a special time-table). It also became a chance of doing quality service to representatives of the Russian Embassy and the management staff of both the hotels.



An evening stroll in Baba's yaad.



Spiritual study continuing under any circumstances!

Finally, on May, 2, the entire group got on board the Aeroflot flight due to St.Petersburg and Moscow! The group arrived in Russia safely, and all of its members are now right in the middle of their 14-days quarantine period, which is yet another wonderful chance of summing up the enlightening, enriching and entertaining experience of this unique 1.5-month pilgrimage and making plans for future self-development and service. The heart is singing the song of, “We have seen something that no one else has seen! We have experienced something that no one else has experienced!” and “Shukriya, BapDada! Shukriya, the perfect, predestined, beneficial World Drama! And multimillion fold shukriya, Baba’s unique family!”



Regards,
in the fond memories of Jagdish bhai saheb
on behalf of the group,

br. Sasha, sr. Alla, sr. Yulia, sr. Olga,
br. Rustam, sr. Svetlana, sr. Valentina, br. Alexi