

Celebration of International Women's Day in St. Petersburg, Russia

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The International Women's Day celebrations come in variety of hues as per political, social and cultural features of every country. However during all these years March, 8, has been celebrated at Brahma Kumaris Centres of Russia, CIS and Baltic states as the Day of Shaktis. It is an important time for all the souls in sisters' bodies, who have been given the urn of responsibility for world service, to underline for themselves a number of commitments. On this day, the sisters, spiritual students and servers, reconfirm their pledge to stay simple and become a sample of purity and dignity in order to reveal our Supreme Father. On the same day, they are honoured with special spiritual and physical gifts from the yagya. All the brothers see it as a day for taking most of household tasks on their shoulders, like cooking and serving meals, cleaning, washing utensils etc, so that the sisters stay decorated and shining.



High dignitaries of St. Petersburg expressed their good wishes on this special occasion.



Mr Alexander Rzhanenkov, chairperson of Social Policies Committee of St. Petersburg City Administration, said in his video message, “My hearty greetings to all women who carry out most important work in the field of social service with lots of love, professionalism and aspiration.”

On the eve of Women's Day, a group of BKs met **Mr. Valery Garnets, head of Vyborgsky district Administration of St. Petersburg.** Vyborgsky district is one of the largest areas of the city, with population of more than 5 lakhs. Mr. V. Garnets appreciated the contribution of mothers in creating the atmosphere of mutual co-operation and care in the city.

Mr. Deepak Miglani, Consul General of India in St. Petersburg, expressed his greetings on the occasion, appreciating the activities of the Brahma Kumaris in this city and world-wide.



A colourful celebration honoring God's Shaktis on March, 8, pulled about 150 BK sisters from St. Petersburg as well as lots of others who joined the event online from many beautiful cities of Russia and other countries.

In March, a nonstop yoga bhatthis are going on in Lighthouse, especially to support the well-being of God's beloved chariot, Dadi Gulzar. The all-day long tapasya of silence of various groups of mothers contributed a lot in making the atmosphere of the celebrations vibrant and powerful.



BK brothers shared their feelings of deep respect and love for Shiv Shaktis using the language of poetry, music, drama and even a bhangra dance.



At this time of transition, God makes sisters and mothers into caring gardeners who help Him to change thorns of vices into flowers of virtues. As a sign of that, every sister got a special gift of a flower in a flower pot.





As the pandemic restrictions are still on, a **15-minute video presentation “Secrets of Making One’s Life Beautiful”** was released on Lighthouse YouTube channel for the general public who could not take benefit of coming personally to the Centre. **Didi Santosh shared 3 spiritual secrets of beauty** revealed to us by God, the Supreme Artist. The first secret lies in forging and maintaining deep and loving relationship with God. In order to keep giving to others, one has to get charged with God’s love on a daily basis. The

second secret of beauty: we should be able to create a beautiful atmosphere of cleanliness and lightness around us through our attitude of good wishes and positive thinking. And the third secret: we should not eat anyone! As is the food, so is our mind. Pure, sattwic vegetarian food cooked with love and offered to the Supreme Giver of Life, will make everyone who takes it, healthy, happy and beautiful.