



Brahma Kumaris News Report



October 2020

Peace Day Celebrations in Mauritius

As the country was COVID -19 free since the month of June, the Brahma Kumaris of Mauritius was able to celebrate the International Day of Peace through numerous events . The numerous peace events held throughout the island by the Brahma Kumaris branches observed strict sanitary rules and barrier gestures. It should be also noted that the country had and is still suffering from an ecological disaster due to oil spillage in its lagoon and that this tragedy raised lots of concern for the protection of our eco resources. Further more online events were used to spread the message of peace as some venues were restricted in terms of attendance and people are much more used to such technology. The following report gives you an overview of the activities held in the month of September 2020.

Peace Pilgrimage in the village of Mahebourg

A Pilgrimage for PEACE was organised by the Brahma Kumaris and King Savers Company in Mahebourg on 27th September starting from King Savers at Bo Vallon New Mall to Waterfront of Mahebourg stopping at each every temple, church and mosques for a short prayer and meditation for Peace in the community.

As the nearby beaches and lagoons were mostly affected by the oil spillage a meditation session for the environment was held followed by volunteers helping to clean the lagoons



Interfaith Dialogue

On 21st September there was interfaith dialogue and prayer for world peace with the participation of different communities that made the bouquet and harmony of our rainbow island. Mr. S. Bhunsee, President of the Flacq District Council graced the function. After the dialogue some students gave practical examples of how we can live a peaceful life through dance, song, sketch and meditation.



Sister Neeru performing the candle lighting ceremony along some faith representatives and Bro Jay Bhunjun(R).



Drama depicting Angels showering Peace on earth



Audience at the Social Security Centre

Artistic Expression on Peace

The Brahma Kumaris of Rose Belle organised a Peace Wall painting opposite the new Plaisance Mall in Rose Belle to sensitize the people of the region on the role of community values to create Peace in society.



Exhibitions and Seminar on Peace



On 21st September 2020 a half day Seminar was held at the Rose Belle BK Centre on the theme: *Peace Education at Home* with around 250 participants from colleges and civil societies.

E X H I B I T I O N S



1- 2. Peace Awareness program at Academy for Integrated and Sustainable Development, Wooton involving families and members of the Mauritius Police force.

3. Open Day at Inner Space Meditation Centre of Port Louis

4-5. Opening of two days exhibition at Multipurpose Hall at Central Flacq by Hon. Sudheer Maudhoo, Minister of Blue Economy, Marine Resources, Fisheries and Shipping, Hon. Deepak Balgobin, Minister of Information Technology, Communication and Innovation and Hon. Sanjit Kumar Nuckcheddy, MP .

6 - 7. Exhibition on Peace at Petite Julie Social Welfare Centre by Brahma Kumaris Global Peace House . The use of the innovative Happiness Meter apparatus amazed the audience. Children from nearby primary school also participated in the programme where they learned about virtues and their daily importance .

Youth and Peace

The youth were also sensitised about their role in bringing and shaping peace together. Their creativity and enthusiasm led them to beautiful artworks and showcases.



Mr Ricardo Rose, Representative of the Brahma Kumaris Global Peace House , participating in the culmination of mural paintings* by students of SSS Terre Rouge during Peace day Celebrations



Inter active session on values with students at Sookdeo Bissondoyal Govt. School by Bro Vishnu



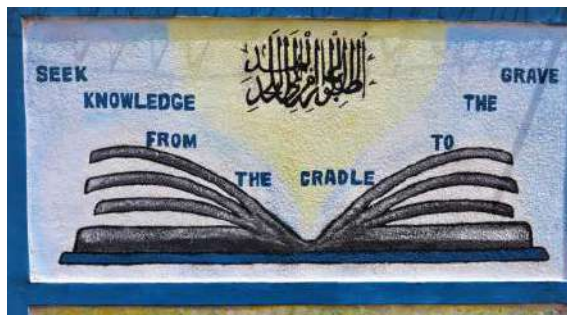
Youth and Children participating in Peace Expression activities at Wooton



Symbolical decoration of the earth with peace doves



Talk on Peace at a college in Rodrigues by Sister Suniti



*Examples of mural artwork by the students of SSS Terre Rouge on occasion of International Day of Peace

Online Event

Brahma Kumaris Global Peace House hosted an online event* *“Making Each Home a Haven of Peace”* from 16 to 21 September 2020. An initiative whose main focus was on experiencing peace as our original nature and spreading the vibrations of peace into the Nature of 5 elements (Earth, Water, Fire, Air & Space). Participants were invited to light a candle and meditate from 6 to 7 pm. The One hour synchronised meditation included meditation commentaries and reflections on the qualities within the human soul matching the natural qualities in each element with the vision of restoring the beauty to Mother Nature. An average of 500 participants followed on line. The program culminated on Sunday 27th September with a finale including testimonials, brief meditation sessions on healing ourselves to heal the planet, interspersed by songs, silent moments and reflections on universal quotes on peace. (*YouTube channel ‘Brahma Kumaris Global Peace House’)



A candle reminded the participants that Peace can light the path of others

Candle Lighting Ceremony for the closing ceremony



A message for the public on Peace by BK Gaitree was also posted on YouTube

The Rector of SSS Terre Rouge (Left) and some educators shared their impression of the project via video conferencing

Other activities



Sister Neeroo Offering a gift to Father Piat at St Ursule Church .

‘Being a Peaceful Being’ experimentation at Riche Mare Mandirum