

COMMEMORATIONS AND RETREATS IN 2018

It is with immense joy that we share with you the information and schedule of various commemoration functions and retreats that are being planned for the year 2018. Guruji said: "Build your inner environment. Practise silence! I remember the wonderful discipline of the Great Ones. When we used to talk and chatter, they would say: "Go back into your inner castle. It was very hard to comprehend then, but now I understand the way of peace that we were shown." These functions offer a blessed opportunity for sincere spiritual aspirants to withdraw from the outer world, and the demands of everyday living, so that they may sit still, interiorize their attention, and commune in silence with the Blissful Spirit within.

By participation in these programmes, devotees also experience the great joy and blessings that come from meditating with other sincere seekers, and benefit from the spiritual fellowship and mutual exchange of inspiration. During these events, our Yogoda Satsanga sannyasis who will be conducting the functions will be most happy to help you and guide you in the application of Gurudeva's teachings in your daily life.

JANMOTSAV AT AHMEDABAD AND CHENNAI

We are happy to announce that, in 2018, the 125th Janmotsav celebrations in the honour of our blessed Gurudeva Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda, will be held simultaneously at Ahmedabad and Chennai during January 4 – 7. We convey our sincere gratitude to the devotees of these two Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendras who have expressed their eagerness to host the event.

Information about the programmes and registration guidelines are given in the following pages. For further information please contact the respective Kendra at the address given below:

AHMEDABAD, JANUARY 4 – 7, 2018

Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra — Ahmedabad

Plot No. 2, Near Kailash Society

Lane Opp. Bata Showroom

Near Times of India Buildings

Off Ashram Road

Ahmedabad 380 009

Phone: (079) 26582158, 09429199858

Email: ysdk.ahmedabad@gmail.com

Website: www.ahmedabad.ysskendra.org

Additional contact persons: Sri Jagdishbhai Vyas: 09879112798; Sri S. K. Khazanchi: 09426725020; Dr. Raj Shah: 09824035844

All programmes will be held at: Karnavati Club Limited, Sarkhej Gandhinagar Highway, Ahmedabad 380 058

CHENNAI, JANUARY 4 – 7, 2018

Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra — Chennai

Paramahansa Yogananda Hall
'OMKAR' Apartments, No. 14, (Old No. 17)
Rajarathinam Street,
Land Mark: Behind EGA Theatre
Kilpauk, CHENNAI 600 010
Phone: (044) 26431141
Email: ysdk.chennai@gmail.com
Website: www.chennai.ysskendra.org

Additional contact persons: Smt. Saraswathi Srinivasan: 09444057590; Smt. Hema Premchand: 09094003506; Sri Karunakara Reddy: 09443352178; Smt. S Theivanai: 09444399909; Sri V. S. Sekaran: 09444290157

All programmes will be held at: Sri Krishnaswamy Kalyana Mandapam, Old No. 31 New No. 62, South Boag Road, T. Nagar, Chennai, Tamil Nadu 600 017

General Information and Registration Guidelines for Janmotsav at Ahmedabad and Chennai

- The schedule for the Janmotsav will include twice-daily group meditations, spiritual discourses, explanation of meditation techniques, personal guidance by YSS sannyasis, and a video show on Gurudeva. Kriya Yoga diksha for eligible devotees will be conducted on January 7, 2018. Devotees will receive details of the programme upon their arrival at the venue.
- Review of meditation techniques is for YSS Lessons students only. Kriya Yoga diksha is for eligible YSS Lessons students only and Kriya Yoga review is for YSS Kriyabans only. However, all interested family members and friends are welcome to attend the spiritual discourses and video show programmes.
- Limited dormitory-style accommodation will be arranged for ladies and gents separately at both the venues. Family members may please plan and pack accordingly. The charge for meals will be ₹180 per day per person. There will also be a Registration fee of ₹600 per person for the entire Janmotsav.

- If you wish to participate in the Janmotsav, please contact Ahmedabad/ Chennai Dhyana Kendra at the address given above for registration and further guidance. The enclosed Registration Form, duly filled in with your email id, should be sent to the concerned Kendra latest by November 25, 2017.
- After receiving your Registration Form, a confirmation will be sent to you. Further information about the Janmotsav and directions to reach the venue will be given in the confirmation letter.
- Volunteers: To organize these functions, many devotee-volunteers will be required. Please mention if you are in a position to volunteer your services during the function. The number of days you could spend, and previous experience, if any, may also be indicated on the Registration Form. After receiving this information, the Kendra will select volunteers for various areas of work and give further instructions.

KRIYA YOGA DIKSHA

Eligibility for receiving Kriya Yoga diksha is dependent upon submission of satisfactory answers to the Reports at the end of Steps I and II of the *Yogoda Satsanga Lessons* (enclosed with Lessons 26 and 52 respectively), as well as signing the Kriya Yoga Pledge of devotion and loyalty to our line of Gurus and the Yogoda Satsanga path. If you wish to apply for Kriya Yoga and have not yet sent these two reports, they may be submitted at the Kendra where you would be attending the Kriya Yoga diksha. As you will note in the two Report Forms, to be eligible for Kriya Yoga, the devotee must have been regularly practising the first three basic Yogoda techniques for several months.

If you have already sent your reports to Ranchi and received approval for Kriya Yoga in writing, please take that letter of approval with you for registering at the Kendra.

All who wish to receive Kriya Yoga diksha at the ceremony, including those who have received the Kriya Yoga Lessons but have not participated in a ceremony; and all Kriyabans who have received formal diksha but wish to attend the ceremony will need to register at the concerned Kendra, at least a day in advance. Please bring the required admittance card to the ceremony.

If you have received a Kriyaban Identification Card, please bring it with you when registering for Kriya Yoga diksha, or ceremony, and when attending the Kriya Yoga review class.

COMMEMORATIONS IN 2018

Special functions to commemorate the following events of spiritual significance will be organized at all our Ashrams, Dhyana Kendras, and Dhyana Mandalis during the year 2018:

January 5	Avirbhav anniversary of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda
March 7	Mahasamadhi anniversary of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda
March 9	Mahasamadhi anniversary of Sri Sri Swami Sri Yukteswar Giri
March 22	Foundation Day
May 10	Avirbhav anniversary of Sri Sri Swami Sri Yukteswar Giri
July 25	Sri Sri Mahavatar Babaji Smriti Divas
July 27	Guru Purnima
September 3	Janmashtami
September 26	Mahasamadhi anniversary of Sri Sri Lahiri Mahasaya
September 30	Avirbhav anniversary of Sri Sri Lahiri Mahasaya
December 25	Christmas

KRIYA YOGA DIKSHA CEREMONIES IN 2018

Kriya Yoga diksha ceremonies will be conducted at Yogoda Satsanga Ashrams as per the schedule given below:

Dakshineswar Ashram: January 4 (Janmotsav: December 31 – January 5)

Ranchi Ashram: November (Sharad Sangams)

Dwarahat Ashram: September 29 (Annual Function: September 26 – 30)

Noida Ashram: March 22 (Sangam)

CONDUCTED FUNCTIONS AND SPIRITUAL RETREATS IN 2018

Functions and weekend spiritual retreats will be conducted at Yogoda Satsanga Ashrams as per the following schedule:

RANCHI ASHRAM

April 13 – 15, 2018 (Classes in English)

August 10 – 12, 2018 (Classes in Hindi)

Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Math — Ranchi, Paramahansa Yogananda Path, RANCHI 834 001, Jharkhand; Phones: (0651) 2460071, 2460074, 2461578; Toll Free Number: 1800 3000 5193; Email: yssinformation@yssi.org

DAKSHINESWAR ASHRAM

February 16 – 18, 2018 (Classes in English)

September 21 – 23, 2018 (Classes in Bengali)

Yogoda Satsanga Math — Dakshineswar, 21, U. N. Mukherjee Road, Dakshineswar, KOLKATA 700 076, West Bengal; Phones: (033) 25645931, 25646208; Email: yssdak@yssi.org; Website: www.dakshineswar.yssashram.org

DWARAHAT ASHRAM

February 11 – 13, 2018 (Classes in Hindi)

March 5 – 9, 2018 (Classes in English)

July 25, 2018 (Mahavatar Babaji Smriti Diwas, Yatra to Babaji's cave)

September 26 – 30, 2018 (Annual Function)

Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Ashram — Dwarahat, DWARAHAT 263 653, Dist. Almora, Uttarakhand; Phone: (05966) 244671; Email: dwarahatyss@gmail.com; Website: www.dwarahat.yssashram.org

Registration for the retreat during February 11-13 will be open during December 1 – 15. For the March retreat, registration will be open during January 15 – 30, 2018. Devotees who wish to visit Babaji's cave should plan to stay for one extra day before or after the retreat, and therefore should plan to stay two days before or two days after the retreat.

On July 25, a Yatra to Babaji's cave will be organized. The procession starts at 8.00 a.m. from the Ashram. A meditation service, bhajan session, and bhandara will be organized at the cave. The evening meditation will be conducted at the Ashram.

The Annual Function of Dwarahat Ashram will be conducted during September 26 – 30. As a part of these celebrations, we shall conduct Kriya Yoga diksha on September 29, and also organize a visit to Babaji's cave on September 30. Registration will be open during June 1 – 15. Registration fee may be paid on arrival.

Devotees who are above 70 years old, or below 12 years old are requested to visit the Ashram at other convenient times than those mentioned above. Registration can be done through telephone or email. Since accommodation is limited, acceptance will be on first-come-first-served basis. Retreats and Annual Function are for YSS Lessons Students only.

NOIDA ASHRAM

Jan 27 – 28, 2018

Feb 10 – 11, 2018 (Classes in English) and Feb 24 – 25, 2018

March 18 – 22, 2018 (Sangam)

Apr 21 – 22, 2018

May 12 – 13, 2018

Jun 23 – 24, 2018

Jul 7 – 8, 2018 (Classes in English)
Aug 11 – 12, 2018 and Aug 25 – 26, 2018
Sep 15 – 16, 2018
Oct 6 – Oct 7, 2018 and Oct 20 – 21, 2018
Dec 8 – 9, 2018

Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Ashram — Noida, Noida, Paramahansa Yogananda Marg, B-4, Sector – 62, NOIDA 201307, Uttar Pradesh; Phone: (0120) 2400670, 2401669, 2401670, 2401671, 2401672, 2401673, 2401674, 2401675, 2401676; Email: noidaashram@yssi.org; Website: www.noida.yssashram.org

Please note that the retreat classes at Noida Ashram will be in Hindi, except for the two retreats explicitly mentioned as English. Kindly register for the retreat well in advance (at least a week before the start of the retreat) either by calling Noida Ashram or by email. Also please call Noida Ashram and confirm the dates of the retreat before making your travel plans. A Sangam will also be held from March 18 – 22, 2018 to mark the closing of YSS Centenary celebrations which began on January 5, 2017. Kriya Yoga diksha will be given on March 22. Eligibility for the Diksha is as given earlier: Last date for receiving Sangam registration forms at Noida Ashram will be January 20, 2018. Therefore, please contact Noida Ashram well in advance either by phone or email, for registration procedure and details.

The retreat programmes are open to all devotees: men, women, and married couples. Men and women will be accommodated separately.

These retreats will include group meditations, spiritual discourses, and review of meditation techniques by Yogoda Satsanga sannyasis. Participants are urged to maintain silence during the retreat to deepen their attunement with Guruji and to build their inner environment.

If you wish to participate in any of these retreat programmes, please inform the concerned Ashram at least one month before that retreat, giving your full name, address, telephone number, email id, Lessons Registration Number, age, and dates of your proposed arrival and departure. You will then receive a confirmation about your registration. There may be a registration fee which you need to pay in advance. Please contact the concerned Ashram for further details.

May God and Guru bless you abundantly that you become increasingly aware of the divinity that is within you.

In divine friendship,
YOGODA SATSANGA SOCIETY OF INDIA

REGISTRATION FORM FOR JANMOTSAV AT AHMEDABAD/CHENNAI

Interested devotees may fill this form and send it to the mailing address of the concerned Dhyan Kendra before November 25, 2017. Please enclose a Demand Draft/Cheque in favour of **YOGODA SATSANGA SOCIETY OF INDIA** payable at any bank in Ahmedabad or Chennai (depending on the city you plan to attend), to cover the Registration fees for all the participants (at the rate of ₹ 600 per person). Charges for the meals are to be paid on arrival.

	Name (in block letters)	Lessons Reg. No.	Gender (M/F)	Age	Arrival Date	Time	Date of Departure
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Address for Correspondence

Telephone / Mobile No.: _____ Email: _____

Remittance Details:

Registration fee of ₹ _____ by crossed Bank Draft/deposited personally in cash.

Bank Draft No. _____ Date _____ Bank _____

Please do not send registration fee by *outstation cheque or Money Order*. (Please note that if you are registered for Janmotsav but are not able to attend, the registration fee is neither refundable nor transferable.)

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS (Please tick [✓] one of the following)

- I/We want dormitory accommodation as will be arranged by the Kendra.
- I/We would like to make my/our own arrangements for my/our accommodation.
- I/We would like to stay in a hotel. Please give us a list of nearby hotels.

VOLUNTEERS for Janmotsav Ahmedabad/Chennai

I/We shall be available as volunteer(s) from _____ to _____

Previous experience as a volunteer (if any):

Any other information:

Signature: _____

Date: _____