

COMMEMORATIONS AND RETREATS IN 2017

With great joy, we inform you about the various commemoration functions and retreats that are being planned for the year 2017. "Practise the art of silence" said Paramahansaji. He added: "The spiritually deep man lives day and night in a calm interior silence into which neither menacing worries nor even the crash of colliding worlds can intrude....The more you are silent the more happiness you will find." These functions offer a sincere spiritual aspirant a blessed opportunity to retreat from the incessant activity of modern-day living, and the distracting pull of outward pleasures and sensations, so that he may dive within, commune with the Divine in silence, and thereby experience superior and lasting bliss.

By participating in these events along with other God-seeking souls, devotees also find their individual resolve and zeal to seek God greatly enhanced by the group spirit and vibrations. Furthermore, our Yogoda Satsanga sannyasis, who will be conducting the programmes will be most happy to guide you in understanding, and applying in your daily life, the teachings of Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda.

JANMOTSAV AT HYDERABAD AND MUMBAI

We are happy to announce that, in 2017, the Janmotsav celebrations in the honour of our blessed Gurudeva Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda, will be held simultaneously at Hyderabad and Mumbai during January 5 – 8. 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:

HYDERABAD, JANUARY 5 – 8, 2017

Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra — Hyderabad

I, Chikotee Gardens

I-10-63/1, Behind Nalini Silks

Begumpet

HYDERABAD 500016

Telangana

Phone: (040) 27767261, 07093720623

Email: ysdk.hyderabad@gmail.com

Additional contact persons: Smt. Shashi Vadana Reddy: 09866548484; Sri B. Malliah: 09014408886; Smt. V. R. Reddy: 09246554711; Sri R. N. Raju: 09849020233

All programmes will be held at: Arya Vysya Abhyudaya Sangam, Next to Wesley College, Sindhi Colony, Near Paradise, Opp. Sunshine Hospital, Penderghast Road, Secunderabad 500 003. Phone: (040) 27849850

MUMBAI, JANUARY 5 – 8, 2017

Yogoda Satsanga Dhyana Kendra — Mumbai

'Aashirwad' Building, Tilak Road Extension,
Near Wadala Bus Depot, Wadala (W),
Mumbai 400031

Phone: (022) 24103163

Email: ysdk.mumbai@gmail.com

Additional contact persons: Sri Abhijit Tamhane: 09833004851; Sri Shekhar Bhole: 09322079612; Smt. Rajashri Dash: 09920050443; Smt. P. Sirisha Murthy: 09969186094

All programmes will be held at: "Bharatiya Kreedha Mandir", Wadala Sports Complex, Near Sarkar Nagar Bhavan, and behind Wadala Bus Depot. The venue is three minutes walking distance from the Mumbai Dhyana Kendra.

General Information and Registration Guidelines for Janmotsav at Hyderabad and Mumbai

- 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 8, 2017. 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 Hyderabad / Mumbai 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 mailing address of the concerned Kendra latest by November 25, 2016.
- 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 2017

YSS will be completing 100 years on March 22, 2017. Special functions to commemorate this day, and other events of spiritual significance will be organized at all our Ashrams, Dhyana Kendras, and Dhyana Mandalis during the year:

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| 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 9 | Guru Purnima |
| July 25 | Sri Sri Mahavatar Babaji Smriti Divas |
| August 14 | 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 2017

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

Dakshineswar Ashram : January 4 (Janmotsav)

Ranchi Ashram : March 23 and November (Sharad Sangams)

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

Noida Ashram : March 5 (Sangam)

CONDUCTED FUNCTIONS AND SPIRITUAL RETREATS IN 2017

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

RANCHI ASHRAM

February 3 – 5, 2017 (Classes in Hindi; Theme: Keys to Deeper Meditation)

March 19 – 23, 2017 (Centenary Function)

July 7 – 9, 2017 (Classes in English/Hindi; Theme: Attunement with the Guru)

Sep 29 – Oct 1, 2017 (Classes in English; Theme: Wisdom of the Bhagavad Gita)

Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Math — Ranchi, Paramahansa Yogananda Path, RANCHI 834001, Jharkhand; Phones: (0651) 2460071, 2460074, 2461578; Toll Free Number: 1800 3000 5193; Email: yssinformation@yssi.org

On the occasion of the YSS Centenary, a 5-day function will be conducted at Ranchi during March 19 – 23, 2017. Kriya Yoga diksha will be held on March 23. The Centenary function will include special long meditations, spiritual discourses, procession, and a public function on March 22. The function will end in the afternoon on March 23. Limited dormitory-style accommodation will be available for devotees. For registration, please send us your full name, Lessons Registration Number, address, mobile number, and email id either by letter, phone, or email to ysscentenary@yssi.org during December 1 – 25, 2016. You will later receive a confirmation about your registration either by email or SMS in the second week of January. Registration fees (₹600 per person) and charges for the meals (₹180 per day per person) are to be paid on arrival.

DAKSHINESWAR ASHRAM

February 17 – 19, 2017 (Classes in English)

February 24 – 26, 2017 (Classes in Bengali)

September 15 – 17, 2017 (Classes in English)

September 22 – 24, 2017 (Classes in Bengali)

Yogoda Satsanga Math — Dakshineswar, 21, U. N. Mukherjee Road, Dakshineswar, KOLKATA 700076, West Bengal; Phones: (033) 25645931, 25646208; Email: yssdak@yssi.org

As a part of the YSS Centenary celebrations, special programmes are being planned at Dakshineswar Ashram as well. The programme information will be available on contacting Dakshineswar Ashram.

DWARAHAT ASHRAM

February 27 – 28, 2017 (Pada Yatra to Babaji's cave)

March 9 – 11, 2017 (Retreat)

July 25, 2017 (Mahavatar Babaji Smriti Diwas, Yatra to Babaji's cave)

September 26 – 30, 2017 (Annual Function)

Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Ashram — Dwarahat, DWARAHAT 263653, Dist. Almora, Uttarakhand; Phone: (05966) 244671; Email: dwarahatyss@gmail.com

At Dwarahat Ashram, a Pada Yatra will be conducted during February 27 – 28, 2017 to walk in the footsteps of Sri Sri Lahiri Mahasaya from Ranikhet to Babaji's cave. This journey through the mountainous route will be covered in two days. Registration for this programme will be open during December 1 – 10. Devotees participating in this event are requested to depart before March 3 in order to help the Ashram make accommodation arrangements for the next function.

The retreat programme at Dwarahat Ashram will be conducted during March 9 – 11, 2017. Registration for this programme will open during December 11 – 20. Devotees who

wish to visit Babaji's cave should plan to stay for one extra day before or after the retreat, and therefore should arrive on March 7 and depart on March 12, or arrive on March 8 and depart on March 13.

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. Further, those who have health problems such as high blood pressure, arthritis, respiratory or heart problems should not participate in the Pada Yatra. Registration can be done through telephone or email. Since accommodation is limited, acceptance will be on first-come-first-served basis. Retreat and Annual Function are for YSS Lessons Students only.

NOIDA ASHRAM

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| Jan | 21 – 22, 2017 | | |
| Feb | 4 – 5, 2017 (Classes in English) | | |
| Feb | 28 – March 5, 2017 (Sangam) | and | March 26, 2017 (Centenary Function) |
| Apr | 22 – 23, 2017 | | |
| May | 6 – 7, 2017 | | |
| Jul | 1 – 2, 2017 | and | Jul 22 – 23, 2017 |
| Aug | 5 – 6, 2017 | and | Aug 19 – 20, 2017 |
| Sep | 1 – 2, 2017 (Classes in English) | and | Sep 16 – 17, 2017 |
| Sep | 30 – Oct 2, 2017 | and | Oct 14 – 15, 2017 |
| Dec | 2 – 3, 2017 | | |

Yogoda Satsanga Sakha Ashram — Noida, Paramahansa Yogananda Marg, B-4, Sector – 62, NOIDA 201307, Uttar Pradesh; Phone: (0120) 2400670, 2401669 (8 lines); Email: noidaashram@yssi.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 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 February 28 – March 5. Kriya Yoga diksha will be given on March 5. Eligibility for the Diksha is as given earlier. Last date for receiving Sangam registration forms at Noida Ashram will be January 20, 2017. Therefore please contact Noida Ashram well in advance either by phone or email, for registration procedure and details. As a part of Centenary celebrations, a day long programme will be conducted on March 26. If you wish to stay at the Ashram for this function, please call or email Noida Ashram, at least three days in advance.

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — COIMBATORE, January 28 – 30, 2017

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA – COIMBATORE, Perks School Campus, Trichy Rd, Brindavan Colony Singanallur, Coimbatore, 641015; Phone: 09344098058, 09994642084, 09894153804, 09894664044; Email: ysdk.coimbatore@gmail.com

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — DIHIKA, February 10 – 12, 2017

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — DIHIKA, Near Damodar Rail Gate, P. O. Surjanagar, DAMODAR 713361, Dist. Burdwan, West Bengal; Phones: 09163146566, 09163146565; Email: ysdk.dihika@gmail.com

PARAMAHANSA YOGANANDA SADHANALAYA — IGATPURI, September 23 – 25, 2017

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — IGATPURI, Paramahansa Yogananda Sadhanalaya, Paramahansa Yogananda Path, Yoganandapuram, IGATPURI 422403, Dist. Nashik, Maharashtra; Phones: 09226618554, 09823459145; Email: ysdk.igatpuri@gmail.com

YOGODA SATSANGA SAROVAR SADHANALAYA — PUNE, September 16 – 18, 2017

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — PUNE, Flat 1-B, Kartik Apts, Shanti Sheela Society (Lane Opp. ICICI ATM), Law College Road, PUNE 411004, Maharashtra; Phones: 09970160361, 09881240512, 09822040238; Email: ysdk.pune@gmail.com

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — PURI, March 10 – 12 and August 11 – 13, 2017

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — PURI, Near Odisha Bakery, Water Works Road, PURI 752002, Odisha; Phones: (06752) 233272, 09778373452; Email: ysdk.puri@gmail.com

YOGODA SATSANGA ANANDA SHIKHAR SADHANALAYA — SHIMLA, September 15 – 17, 2017

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — SHIMLA, The Ridge, SHIMLA 171001, Himachal Pradesh; Phones: 09418638808, 09459051087; Email: ysdk.shimla@gmail.com

YOGODA SATSANGA CHENNAI RETREAT — SRIPERUMBUDUR, January 20 – 22, 2017

YOGODA SATSANGA DHYANA KENDRA — CHENNAI, 'OMKAR' No. 14, (Old No. 17), Rajarathinam Street, Kilpauk, CHENNAI 600010, Tamil Nadu; Phone: 09444399909, 09600048364; Email: ysschennaietreat@gmail.com

These 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, a video show on Guruji, 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/Kendra/Sadhanalaya at least one month before that retreat, giving your full name, address, telephone number, email, 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/Kendra/Sadhanalaya for further details.

Guruji said: "Heavenly Father, bless me that I develop all the seeds of spiritual power and success that are within me, and that I use them to please Thee, whom I love more than all Thy gifts. Be Thou mine evermore."

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 HYDERABAD/MUMBAI

Interested devotees may fill this form and send it to the mailing address of the concerned Dhyan Kendra before November 25, 2016. Please enclose a Demand Draft/Cheque in favour of **YOGODA SATSANGA SOCIETY OF INDIA** payable at any bank in Hyderabad or Mumbai (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 | Date | Arrival Time | Date of Departure |
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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 Hyderabad/Mumbai

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

Previous experience as a volunteer (if any):

Any other information:

Signature: _____

Date: _____