

**HIS HOLINESS ABUNATH MAHAMANDALESHWAR PARAMHANS SWAMI MAHESHWARANAND
PURI-JI, DEAR SWAMIJI,**

heartfelt, heartfelt congratulations at the extraordinary event of receiving the honorary title "Bharat Gaurav" in the British parliament in London on 23rd July 2014. All of Your Slovene disciples are happily sending congratulations from our hearts.

This year we are celebrating the 26th anniversary since You brought the light of Yoga in daily life into our country, Slovenia. It is difficult to find the right words of gratitude because they all seem but too little, and it is even more difficult to name the many activities You have done in our country alone. How to describe what we gained, did and changed in this time, how to describe Your tireless and selfless giving of knowledges of Yoga?

In all these years, on countless yoga seminars, You have been giving Your vast knowledge of physical, mental and psychic influences of ancient Yoga techniques, of ethical and moral influences on our lives like ahimsa - non-violence towards people, animals and all other beings, of a healthy way of eating without killing animals, of the significance of healthy relations: understanding oneself and others, tolerance, cooperation and a co-existence in peace. You never forget to remind us of that which is most important: to recognize and realize the divine within ourselves and in the smallest part of the universe around us and to live in accordance with that highest spiritual realization in daily life.

As a tireless Ambassador of Peace for decades now, You have been bringing Gandhi's messages of non-violence intertwined with the spiritual heritage of OM Sri Alakhpuriji Siddha Peeth Parampara on inter-religious peace prayers, one of which took place in Ljubljana in 2004, and on World Peace Summits, also in Ljubljana in 2006. You are planting peace trees on our blue planet and You have planted nine in Slovenia: in Kranj and Ljubljana in October 2006, when the World Peace Summit took place, at the 20th anniversary of YIDL in Slovenia peace trees were planted in Novo mesto, Domzale, Portoroz and Celje at the local public lectures about yoga, at numerous meetings with local mayors and other representatives of local authorities, at meetings with ministers and in cooperation at the meeting of European mayors in Ljubljana. On the 20th anniversary of the YIDL society of Maribor, the peace tree was planted on 21st May 2009, and another two trees were planted in Nova Gorica and Zagorje in June in the following year.

Through Your initiative, dear Swamiji, we have two parks more in Slovenia: the first one was organized by the Society of Slovene-Indian friendship at the beginning of December 2012 when the volunteers and members of their families planted 150 apple trees of the ecological breed Topaz. In some years, the produce will be plucked for free by passers-by and everybody else. At its 20th anniversary, the YIDL society in Kranj, together with the local community, organized a planting of a Peace park with 12 trees on a public piece of land by the school centre. On 20th September 2013, Your high representatives Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vivek Puri and Mahamandaleshwar Gyaneshwar Puri solemnly opened the Peace park with the Deputy Mayors and other representatives of local authority and social life.

Let me conclude by again congratulating You from the heart for receiving the high honorary title "Bharat Gaurav." We wish to spend many years together on satsangs in Slovenia, health, success and that the light of Mahaprabhuji's blessings continues to protect everybody: You and us . . .

Sd. Savitri
Piran,
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