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Dada J.P. Vaswani's New Year Message

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NEW YEAR MESSAGE

The year 2016 is getting ready to take leave of us, the year 2017 is knocking on the door, asking to be let in. Now is the time to drop what we don't need to carry— grudges, resentments, sadness, pain, fear, regrets.....

The time to be happy is now. The place to be happy is here. The way to be happy is to make others happy.

Life is beautiful. It is madhuram, madhuram, anandam. Let us enjoy it.

Happy New You

Happy New Year

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A Message from the CEO

Dada Shyam

Greetings and Gratitude from SVC Atlanta.

With God's Grace and Blessings of Pujya Dada J.P. Vaswani, we are looking forward to moving Onward, Forward doing little acts of service to spread the teachings of Sadhu Vaswani Mission.

With your support, we at SVC Atlanta had a wonderful year with regular weekly satsangs on Sundays and Tuesdays for the general public and senior citizens, respectively, and bi-weekly Gurukul classes for children. In addition, the Center has offered yoga and Karate classes. During this year, we had special guest speakers: Guruma Geeteshwari and Dada Chellaram from Delhi who enlightened the sangat with their knowledge and wisdom. We thank all our sponsors, supporters and those who celebrate special moments like birthdays, anniversaries and wedding satsangs at the Center.

In addition we have received tremendous support for sevas including food drive for Quinn House, socks drive for Roswell Nursing Home, Eye Drive for KK Institute, Pune, Education Drive for SVC school in Rajkot, back-to-school supply drive for children staying at Nicholas House, Thanksgiving Dinner at Nicholas House and Blanket drive for SVM Pune and local homeless shelters. All these acts of kindness would not be possible without your participation. We participated in "Moment of Calm" where pledges were collected to forgive someone or oneself, "Meatless Day" pledges to encourage Reverence for Life. Many of us attended the U.S. Sadhana Camp and some of our gurukul children and volunteers attended a two-week summer camp for spiritual growth in New Jersey.

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In order to grow and expand and continue the great work that we have accomplished together, we need your financial support. Additionally, we need your participation and support. This is a Center that provides a space for the community to come together to share their joys and sorrows together. It's a space where we gather together in fellowship and brotherhood where we grow going beyond ourselves, opening our hearts through acts of giving, sharing and bearing.

We have great programs planned for 2017, starting with New Year Satsang on Jan 1 and Mahayagna Celebrations of Sadhu T.L. Vaswani.

This year we will be celebrating our 9th Anniversary of the center and Dada J.P. Vaswani's 99th Birthday. We want to make this a biggest celebration by inviting various communities as Dadaji is the Living Legend of Indian saints and we Sindhis have a special responsibility to share this with the globe as we are a global community. Please don't miss this opportunity to be part of History come forward and join hands in this Yagna of Life. Please contact Asha Advani 678-462-7456 or Geeta Mehrotra 404-840-6662 for more information about SVC-Atlanta and how to get involved.

Geeta Mehrotra
CEO



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Guruji Sadhu T.L. Vaswani's 137th Birthday Celebrations



On November 19th, 2016, volunteers gathered at Nicholas House, which is a not-for-profit organization that helps homeless families achieve self-sufficiency, and prepared and served dinner to the families. Thank you Tina and Nitesh Chhajwani, Anmol Mahtani, Kirshma Balani, Ravi Keswani, Mary and Sanjiv Mahtani, Nandu and Sachi Gandhi, Alpa Harjani, and Pritika and Aryana Wadhvani for contributing to the dinner!

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Divine inspirational thoughts of the day were read by Priya and Aju Advani's grandchildren in celebration of Big Dada's 137th birthday on November 25th, 2016.

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Annual December Celebration Satsang



On December 18th, 2016, SVC Atlanta Gurukul kids presented Hindu prayers, songs, and other material they learned in Gurukul this term. Satsangis enjoyed listening to the children and showed their full support. In addition, the Center was in festive spirits in celebration of Christmas. Thank you Santa Claus for bringing smiles to the children's faces! Special thanks to Anjali Nagrani, Gurukul lead instructor, for planning and hosting this joyous and memorable occasion.



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Special Satsang with Dada Chellaram

On Sunday, October 9th, 2016, the Sadhu Vaswani Center of Atlanta hosted Gurbani Kirtan by Revered Dada Lachmandas Chellaram, a renowned Sindhi scholar of Sri Guru Granth Sahib, who graced SVC Atlanta with his presence for the eighth consecutive year. Dada Chellaram has translated the Sri Guru Granth Sahib to various languages including Sindhi. Special thanks to Priya and Aju Advani for sponsoring the satsang and for preparing Langar Prasad.



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Global Mela 2016

On October 8th, 2016, the Sadhu Vaswani Center of Atlanta welcomed Mr. Shri D. V. Singh from Consulate General of India, Atlanta, Georgia, who lit a candle during his visit to the 15th Annual Global Mela at Global Mall in Norcross. SVC Atlanta contributed a door prize to the Mela including a bag with a few books authored by Dada J.P. Vaswani. The Center had a lovely display of Sadhu Vaswani books, CDs and other materials. SVC Atlanta appreciates its longstanding relationship with the Global Mall and the opportunity to serve the patrons of Global Mall. We are thankful for Shiv Agarwal, who is the mastermind behind North America's first indoor South Asian Mall, the Global Mall, for his leadership and support in promoting Indian culture and Hinduism.



Rev. Dada J.P. Vaswani's 98th Birthday Celebrations

Members of the metropolitan Atlanta community came together on August 2nd, 2016 and celebrated One who is the sparkling light of love; One who is a selfless saga of love; One who has blessed us with the radiance of love; and One who has lit lamps of kindness and love. That One is Rev. Dada J.P. Vaswani, better known as “Beloved Dada”, who is the spiritual head of the Sadhu Vaswani Mission in Pune, India. This year, the theme for Beloved Dada’s 98th birthday celebrations is “Lighting Lives with Love.” Many people are plagued by darkness of troubles in their lives. The teachings and experiences of Gurudev Sadhu Vaswani have touched the lives of millions of people across the globe, through centers including the Sadhu Vaswani Center of Atlanta (SVC Atlanta), and have worked miracles through service, education and spiritual upliftment activities. As put by Mrs. Geeta Mehrotra, “everyone [who attended satsang] shared that the center was in its humble way carrying out the teachings of Sadhu T. L. Vaswani – Satsang, Seva and Simran”.

At the evening satsang, attended by over 100 people, the community sang bhajans/kirtans, listened to selected verses of the Bhagavad Gita and Nuri Granth, which a compilation of Sindhi songs and poems composed by Gurudev Sadhu Vaswani, received a special message from Beloved Dada, and prayed and meditated. Mrs. Mehrotra welcomed and thanked everyone for participating and contributing, especially Neera Bhal and Punam Keswani (event co-sponsors).

SVC Atlanta partnered with a homeless shelter in connection with their back-to-school supply drive. With the community’s help, SVC Atlanta provided backpacks filled with supplies for high school students and delivered 20 USB/flash drives, 45 2” three-ring binders, 15 1.5” three-ring binders, 15 wide-ruled notebook paper, 10 college-ruled notebook paper, 16 highlighters, 5 planners/organizers, 16 pens (blue/black/red), 16 graph paper, and 16 #2 pencils with erasers to Nicholas House, which is a nonprofit agency that operates a transitional housing shelter as well as scattered apartment sites for homeless families.

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Earlier during the day, at 2:00pm EST, for two minutes, SVC Atlanta, with gratitude, observed the Moment of Calm (MOC), which is a global forgiveness moment and movement for peace. This year, 18,214,128 forgiveness pledges were made from all over the world, supported by Unify, Project Forgive, Project Happiness, Love Peace and Harmony, Worldwide Forgiveness Alliance, The Path of Forgiveness, The Forgiveness Movement, Peace Within is World Peace, IDF, Infinite Love, and Yogaville, among others. Thanks to all who participated in the MOC and kindly mark your 2017 calendar with the same day and time.

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Happy New Year

Every New Year comes to us as a new opportunity, asking us the one question: When will you become new? In the New Year, may we, each day, have something to do, something to love and something to hope for. May we each day seek to speak words as will keep us at peace. And each day, may we rejoice in every experience that comes to us.

May we spread the sunshine of happiness wherever we go. The happiness we give to others comes back to us. And the New Year will become truly a Happy New Year.

-J.P. Vaswani

Best wishes from the Moment of Calm



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The day started with Satsang with senior citizens, Mahamritunjaya Havan, Hanuman Chalisa, and Bhajans. With gratitude, gifts were given to the senior citizens.



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Guruma Geeteshwari Devi's Discourse



On June 4th, 2016, Guruma Geeteshwari Devi, Disciple of His Late Holiness 1008 Swami HARIHAR JI MAHARAJ & Founder of Geeta Ashram, New Delhi, blessed SVC Atlanta with a satsang visit and delivered a special discourse. The satsang was in honor and recognition of the Mira Movement, which commenced on June 4, 1933, in Pune, India. Guruma is an alumni of St. Mira's School.



God always acts at the right time: and if He does not act, it only means that the right time is not yet!

You are unique. God made you for a specific purpose which only you can fulfill. Find the purpose – and fulfill it!

Our character is what we do when we know that no one is watching us.

Give, give, give! Give today, give now, for tomorrow may be too late!

Remember, you are the right person in the right place, learning the right lesson at the right time.

2016 Community Service Accomplishments

During the 2016 Calendar Year, SVC Atlanta:

- Funded the annual tuition fees for 109 children in the Sadhu Vaswani school in Rajkot.
- Sponsored 91 eye surgeries for the needy.
- Donated \$1,600 towards blankets for the homeless.
- Comforted and visited senior citizens residing at the Roswell Nursing Home and Lilburn Geriatric Center.
- Accommodated more than 50 students participating in extracurricular activities such as karate, yoga, and Gurukul.
- Welcomed several distinguished guests and pilgrims of love including Amma Karunamayi, Guruma Geeteshwari and Dada Lachman Chellaram to our Center.
- Hosted more than 50 Satsangs and hundreds of Aartis and special prayers for birthdays, anniversaries and other life milestones.

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!
Dada Shyam!

Helping the Sadhu Vaswani Center is easy.

Donation Amount

☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other \$ _____

☐ Make this my monthly donation. We will note your gift as a pledge and anticipate payment each month.

☐ Dedicate my donation. Honor someone special or memorialize someone who has passed with your gift. Then send a special notification card electronically or by mail upon request.

Payment Method

PayPal – please follow the link below and make your donation.

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Check – payable to Sadhu Vaswani Center – Atlanta. Fill this form and mail it along with the check(s) to Roma Punwani, Treasurer, 3932 Hooch Landing, Duluth, Georgia 30097. Tax receipts will be provided immediately following the end of the calendar year.

2017 Calendar of Events

January 1	Happy New You!
January 15	Rev. Sadhu Vaswani's 51 st Mahayagna
February 24	Maha Shivratri
February 18-24	Thanksgiving Week
March 12	Holi
March 29	Cheti Chand (Sindhi New Year)
April 9	Mata ki Chowki by Aunty Reva Honda
April 11	Hanuman Jayanti
April 24	SVC Atlanta 9 th Anniversary
April 25	Sister Shanti's Birth Anniversary
May 14	Sister Shanti's 47 th Mahayagna
June 1	Launch of Moment of Calm
July 9	Guru Purnima
August 2	Dada J.P. Vaswani's 99 th Birthday
August 2	Moment of Calm (at 2 P.M.)
August 7	Raksha Bandhan
August 15	Janmashtami
August 25 - September 5	Ganesh Chaturthi
October 6-7	Global Mela at Global Mall
October 19	Deepavali
November 4	Guru Nanak Dev Ji's Birth Anniversary
November 25	Rev. Sadhu Vaswani's 138 th Birthday
November 25	Meatless Day
December 17	Annual December Celebration Satsang

NOTE: The above listing is not meant to be all-inclusive. For up-to-date event information, please visit <http://www.sadhuvaswani.org/wordpress/>

REMINDER: Satsangs are held on Tuesdays at 11AM and Sundays at 5PM at the Sadhu Vaswani Center, Global Mall. All are welcome.

Newsletter Submissions: We would like to include personal perspectives from our SVC family and friends. Of particular interest are photos and anecdotal stories from satsangs and spiritual gatherings throughout the year. For inclusion of photographs or images in the next newsletter, please send them to sadhuvaswanicentre@gmail.com.

We warmly welcome all contributed articles and comments to the Newsletter as well as our Facebook and Instagram pages, even if it is just a short paragraph about a personal story or a single contributed photo. Please note that submissions are not for advertising, and any submissions deemed as product-placement will not be accepted.