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Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa Shatabdi – (Centenary Celebration)

For the last ten years we have been celebrating the centenary of our beloved Guru Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa's manifestation. During this time over 100 magnificent festivals have taken place across the world, such as the most recent in Mumbai April 2007 – and also in London during August 2000.

The culmination of the celebrations will take place in October 2007 with the largest and grandest festival that has ever taken place in our community. This will be held in the vast grounds of Shree Swaminarayan Temple Maninagar, India.

The festival will take place between Monday 1st October and Thursday 11th October 2007.

Who is Jeevanpran Swamibapa?

Jeevanpran Shree Muktajeevan Swamibapa was a remarkable, divine personality who revolutionised the entire Swaminarayan Faith. He was the first spiritual leader of the Swaminarayan Faith to set foot outside of India; thus it was Jeevanpran Swamibapa who commenced the spread of the supreme Swaminarayan tenets around the world. His pioneering teachings, humanitarian and charitable work, in addition to religious duties have since been followed by all. He founded and created various institutions such as colleges, high schools, kindergartens, libraries, clinics, general hospitals, hostels, guest houses and various other social institutions to provide and improve social conditions for those who could not previously afford these services. Thereby He set an example for charitable service towards mankind.

What this means to our community

The significance of this festival is immense and presents an opportunity in a life time for all the members of our community. Jeevanpran Swamibapa's teachings are practised everyday and in all aspects of our lives. These extend well beyond religious activities, and include social conduct, respect for all around us, sharing and giving.

All the people from around the World will be participating in charitable acts and working as a team to make this a memorable occasion. Each individual, whatever their age will encouraged to contribute the whole occasion.

Shree Muktajeevan Academy of Excellence

The Temple is home to Shree Muktajeevan Academy of Excellence whose aim is to raise educational achievement throughout the congregation. We recognise that the festival falls within term time and would like to work with the school to grant permission for the children to attend the festival. To ensure the child nor school suffer in anyway the Temple will be holding additional support classes for the core subjects before and after the festival. Not everyone will have the same needs and therefore each child's specific needs will be reviewed in consultation with their parents and if necessary with the school together with the support from professional teachers within our congregation. Further information about the activities of the Academy can be found at www.swaminarayangadi.com/london/education

Further information

This is just a short note to provide some background to the occasion much more about our community can be obtained from www.swaminarayangadi.com/london or by e-mailing london@swaminarayangadi.com

We are happy to meet head teachers, either at our Temple in Golders Green, or at their school, in order to clarify the importance of this function.