

Dadi ji Hridayamohini , Addl. Administrative Head of Brahma Kumaris, became the first person ever to be awarded with the **New Russian Award 'From Understanding to Unity'**. The award was instituted by the **Russian Foundation for Social Initiatives (St. Petersburg)** especially on the occasion of Dadi ji's visit to Russia which coincided with the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Brahma Kumaris services in this country.

The new award is given to 'individuals and organizations that have excelled in promoting ideals of humanism, morality, spirituality and non-violence, contributing to the environmental safety of the planet and health of its inhabitants, preventing ethnic, religious, political and military conflicts, strengthening international connections and drawing together diverse national cultures.'

Special trophies, honorary medals and beautiful flower bouquets were given to Dadi ji by (R to L) **Prof. Vladimir Golovkin**, president of the North-West Multiple Sclerosis Association, **Prof. Konstantin Pshenko**, Secretary of the CIS Inter-Parliamentary Assembly, **Prof. Konstantin Sultanov**, member of the Rector's Board of the Russian State Herzen Pedagogical University, **Prof. Felix Balliuzek**, director for medical projects of PROMMET-AG company (Switzerland), **Mrs. Lyudmila Modina**, president of the International Foundation for Supporting City Culture, **Mr. Victor Bogdanov**, president of the International Foundation of Vocational Education.

Handing over the award to Dadi ji, **Mrs. Lyudmila Modina, President of the International Foundation for Supporting City Culture**, said, *'I marvel at Dadi ji's courage and dignity with which she has been spreading the spiritual culture in all parts of the world, including Russia.'*

Sister BK Chakradhari, Sister BK Sudha, Sister BK Santosh were present in the ceremony.

About 170 BK students and guests from 20 cities of Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Latvia, Lithuania and Kazakhstan additionally decorated the programme with their presence making the event truly international.