"Protect Women to Protect Civilization"—Mr Shivraj Singh Chauhan

"Adopt Spirituality to End Vices"—RajyoginiDadiJanki

<u>Abu Road, Dec. 30:</u>**Madhya Pradesh Chief MinisterMrShivraj Singh Chauhan**said that civilizations have perished whenever its women folks have been disrespected and denigrated. He said that to build a better society and to save the present civilization from annihilation, we need to respect and protect our women section and must foster a culture of gender equity.

Mr Singh said this while addressing a felicitation function organised in his honour by Prajapita Brahma KumarisIshwariyaVishwaVidyalaya at its Diamond Hall, Shantivan on his one day visit to the institution along with his family, here today.

He said that the alarming rise in violence and discrimination against women, which has become the cause for concern, are the manifestation of people's increasing servitude to materialistic and sense-centric culture. He said that this ugly fire of materialism which has disturbed our peace, harmony and happiness, could only be doused by the cool streams of spiritual education, values, meditation and simple lifestyle. He lauded the efforts of the Brahma Kumaris in showing the right direction and guiding people on the path of spiritual wisdom, virtues and value-based life.

He further said that his mission is not only to save the girl child by sensitizing parents and people against female feticide and gender discrimination, but also for infusing better knowledge, skills, character, conduct and culture among students and higher civic sense among citizens to respect their family values, female folks and dependent parents, as to usher into Golden Madhya Pradesh thereby into Golden Bharat.

RajyoginiDadiJanki, Chief of Brahma kumaris blessing the occasion with her words of wisdom said that self and God realization through rajyoga meditation hold the key to inner empowerment and self transformation which are the twin tools for world transformation.

She said that to purge the society off its evils, there is the need to empower people to get rid of their inner vices and to decorate themselves with divine virtues and powers of purity, truth, peace, love and harmony by connecting their inner beings with the Supreme Being in meditation. She also guided the gathering in mass meditation and helped them to experience deep inner peace.

Rajyogi B K Nirwair, Secretary General of the Brahma kumaris institution said that there is an urgent need **for spiritual empowerment** of people through the practice and promotion of spiritual knowledge and rajyoga meditation to enable them not to succumb to inner vices and negativity so as to save human society from lot of violence, sorrows and sufferings.

While Rajyogi B k Omprakash, Director, Indore & Chhatisgarh Zone of Brahma Kumaris felicitated the Chief Minister and his family for their flying visit to Brahma Kumaris Complex in Abu; Rajyogi B K Mruthyunjaya, Executive Secretary of the institution delivered the welcome address. Rajyogini Dadi Ratan Mohinigave the Presidential address, while Brahma Kumari Avdesh, Director, Bhopal Zone of Brahma kumaris successfully coordinated the stage program.