

**Abu Road (Rajasthan) January 30:** As part of its initiative to generate more public participation in central government schemes, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare JP Nadda invited Brahma Kumari's to carry forward its health related schemes for general welfare of the people.

The minister was speaking here on the occasion of centenary celebration of living legend and Chief of Brahma Kumari Dadi Janki on Saturday, which was attended among others by Governor of Gujarat OP Kohli, Governor of Goa Mridula Sinha, Former President of Nepal Ram Baran Yadav, Union minister of state for Home Affairs

Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary and other dignitaries from all over the globe. The celebrations will end on January 31.

The health minister Nadda invited Brahma Kumaris known world over for spirituality to join hands with his ministry in carrying forward its health related schemes like Kaya Kalp, launched by the central government last year.

"Brahma Kumari's are known world over for social transformation through spirituality", Nadda said. Stating that 60 percent of non communicable diseases like diabetes, cancer, asthma etc are self acquired due to lifestyle change, the minister said spirituality and meditation address such health concerns and highlighted role of Brahma Kumaris in this connection.

Commenting upon growth index of any country, the minister said he was of the favor that instead of GDP, happy index number should be basic index for growth and development.

Speaking on the occasion former President of Nepal Ram Baran Yadav said highly appreciated role of Brahma Kumari's for eradication of social evils from the soil of Nepal. He recalled his thirty year long association with Brahma Kumari. Governor of Gujarat OP Kohli while congratulating Dadi Janki for her 100<sup>th</sup> birth day, the Governor said in an era when violence, anger, social evils have become a common phenomenon, social organizations like Brahma Kumari's play a dynamic role in transforming society through meditation and spirituality.

Union minister of state for Home Haribhai Parthibhai Chaudhary wished Dadi Janki on behalf Prime Minister Narendra Modi on her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. While highlighting contribution of Brahma Kumari's towards the society, the minister said that the government of India was ready to extend any type of help to this organization. Speaking on the occasion, Dadi Janki and Dadi Gulzar showered their blessings on people who had gathered here from across the globe.

The programme started on Friday with Albert Asadullin, a renowned Russian singer entralling the audience with his ' Mera Joota Hai Japani..' song. The clapping on Albert's dance performance on this Raj Kapoor-Nargis starred song reverberated the sprawling Diamond hall. Ms Gracy Singh, film actress and dancer of Mumbai made a dazzling performance, entralling the audience.

Welcoming the audience and guests, Rajyogi BK Mruthyunjaya, Organizing Secretary of the centenary celebration said, ' it gives us immense pleasure to welcome the guests across the globe for coming all the way to join us in the celebration and showering their blessing on us and Dadi Jankiji on her centenary birth anniversary'.

"The hundred years of Dadi Janki have been wonderful in spiritual world which has changed lives of people and due to her efficient guidance and blessings this organization has now felt its presence into more than 150 nations", a release issued here said. "There are more than 9000 centres within the country where the B.K. sisters are teaching the life values and spiritual elevation by teaching Rajyoga to the people across the world", the release added.