

Lecture series "Don't let your soul be lazy" **13, 20, 25 January, 2011**

The umbrella title of the lecture series taken from a famous Russian poem attracted about 100 guests to each of the three events ("Philosophy of Laziness and Enthusiasm" on 13 January, "Mathematics of Laziness and Enthusiasm" on 20 January and "Grammar of Laziness and Enthusiasm" on 25 January).

Since January is a special month of remembering Brahma Baba's spiritual endeavour, the atmosphere of the Lighthouse, Baba's place in St. Petersburg, was charged with vibrations of love, power and enthusiasm. The auditorium, other rooms and corridors were beautifully decorated with silvery lights and old yagya pictures. The Museum of the Lighthouse was transformed magically into a corner of Pandav Bhawan featuring a model of the Tower of Peace. All of that was creating an angelic atmosphere and inspiring everyone to follow Baba's footsteps. Even those visitors who came to Baba's place for the first time could feel the special subtle attraction of Baba's unique personality.

The final lecture in the series took place the next day after a suicide-bomber's dreadful attack at Moscow's largest airport. B. K. Santosh, Brahma Kumaris director in St. Petersburg, emphasized on everyone's personal responsibility for well-being of the self and the world around us. Laziness is not all about loving rest and comfort and feeling reluctant to work hard out there, in the physical world. We can be lazy and lethargic in dealing with our inner enemies as well, that is in conquering our vices, weaknesses and defects. And then we can't do anything to cope with the vices in others. We must realize that the main causes of today's challenges are the negative traits deep-rooted in the hearts of people. One of those negative traits (anger) pushes someone to blast himself just to cause pain and sorrow for others. Another negative trait (greed) makes a taxi-driver who happens to be on the spot to demand extra charge from panic-stricken people to take them away from the scene of the tragedy. When we are lazy in self-transformation, or when we do not do what we have to do, the result will not be zero, rather it will be negative. Evil exists in our society not just because of the presence of evil people. It exists because of the apathy of good people as well. Every one of us should listen attentively to the signals given to us by the Time and feel that I am a great spiritual warrior, Mahavir, responsible for protecting the world from vices and violence.