

Divine Family,

Attached is Photos and speech of Consul General of India, Hon. Mr. Mishra and Sister Mohini at Toronto Centre, Canada.

Extract of speech is below:

**Hon. Mr. Akhilesh Mishra, Consul General of India, and Mrs. Mishra,** were Special Guests at the Fathers' Day Celebration which was held at the Brahma Kumaris Centre in Toronto on Sunday, June 15, 2014. Sister Mohini, Regional Director of the Brahma Kumaris Centres in the Americas and the Caribbean also travelled from New York for this occasion.

Hon. Mr. Mishra was introduced to the Brahma Kumaris in early 1980 and he said that he has been very inspired by the work the Brahma Kumaris are doing in the society. He felt that Father's Day reminded us of our deep sense of gratitude to both the Supreme Father and our bodily Fathers. If we appreciate the essence of our being and not be obsessed with superficial diversities, we will feel united. Relating a story from the scriptures, he shared how Prajapita sought his origin and remained submerged in the Ocean for many years until wisdom dawned on him. Basically once a seed germinates, there is eventually a tree and you cannot see the seed. This is the reality of real life. We analyze and observe how different we are from each other but if we look at the seed it unites us. This realization does not come from our ordinary senses. God has made our sensory organs extroverted and we therefore only see what is outside and our ears only hear what is outside. We perceive what is external. To see the real self, these eyes are not sufficient. We need the eye of knowledge the third eye and it is the thought process that can open this eye. Realizing the true nature of all living beings is the secret of a happy, peaceful and harmonious society. Inward vision, consciousness of the original self is the perpetual quest of human civilization and all religions. All religions have different approaches to realize this and the difference is only in the approach they adopt.

Sister Mohini shared that we are brothers and sisters and have common parents. We do not have a visible connection that we all belong to one. Brahma Kumaris Centres are in all parts of the world and people from all religious beliefs and background are part of this family. Here we listen to god's knowledge and people of all religions can hold on to their practices. What is different is the spirituality practice which brings a change and helps us form a right attitude and right relations, kind of creating universal brotherhood. We are all human beings, spiritual entities and citizens of one world. In the name of peace we made a piece, then another piece. God wants to make it whole, not one piece. In celebrating Father's Day, we appreciate the role of 3 fathers, firstly God, the supreme father who is the truth and the incorporeal one, secondly the Founder Father of the Brahma Kumaris, the Spiritual Father Brahma, who became the instrument who recognized and understood god and understood his message and articulated the teachings in his practical life and thirdly the father of our bodies. We need to go deep within the self and connect with self and then with god and later with the world. When we connect with the inner self, we experience peace, stability and power. We are imposed by the outside world and keep taking everything in, which drains us of our powers. When in consciousness of the true self, we take in only what we want. This enables you to become powerful and remain focused and you can thus do well and not have to compromise with truth and values.