## Honorary Degree of Grand Doctor of Philosophy (in International Relations and Diplomacy) Granted to Dadi Janki ji, Chief of the Brahma Kumaris.

## Dadi Ratan Mohini ji, Joint Chief of the Brahma Kumaris, Awarded with the Honorary Degree of Grand Doctor of Philosophy (in Psychology).

St. Petersburg, Russia September, 2014

September 2014 was marked with a triple festival. Celebrations of the Silver Jubilee (25<sup>th</sup> anniversary) of the Brahma Kumaris in Russia, CIS and Baltic States coincided with the opening of the new phase of Baba's house in St. Petersburg. And the visit of Dadi Ratan Mohini ji, Joint Chief of the Brahma Kumaris, became a special blessing for the entire BK family here.

175 BKs from 20 cities of Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Armenia and Azerbajan arrived in St. Petersburg to take part in the festivities.



On the auspicious day of Satguruvar, 4 September, Dadi ji together with Chakradhari Didi, Sudha Didi, Santosh Didi, bro. Vijay, sis. Lila, sis. Saraswati, sis. Sunita of Secunderabad and sis. Lata from Delhi, inaugurated the new building by hoisting Baba's flag, breaking coconuts and cutting ribbons. And after inauguration of Baba's new kitchen Dadi ji herself cooked the first delicious halva there!

On 6 September a huge 4 hour long festivious event took place in the new Diamond Hall of Lighthouse. Leading Russian singers Larisa Lusta and Albert Asadullin welcomed the audience of about 500 people with a garland of beautiful songs. Albert Asadullin dedicated "Vande Matram" song to Dadi Ratan Mohini ji.

Mr. Roman Pastukhov, president of St. Petersburg Union of Entrepreneurs, Mr. Vladimir Khavinson, president of the European Association of Gerontology, Mr. Vladimir Lukyanov, president of International Centre for Humanitarian Connections and other VIP guests honoured Dadi and the Brahma Kumaris institution with special letters of appreciation, honorary medals, diplomas and gifts.





Prof. Shanti Pushpakumara Jayasekara, rector of the International University of Fundamental Studies (IUFS), read out the decision of the IUFS, Oxford Educational Network, International Parliament for Safety and Peace and California University FCE, CA, USA, to award Dadi Janki ji, Chief of the Brahma Kumaris, with the Honorary Degree of Grand Doctor of Philosophy (in International Relations and Diplomacy). The Grand Doctor Diploma for Dadi Janki was

handed over in person to Dadi Ratan Mohini ji, Joint Chief of the Brahma Kumaris.

The Honorary Degree of Grand Doctor of Philosophy (in Psychology) was granted to Dadi Ratan Mohini ji. Prof. Shanti handed over the Grand Doctor Diploma to Dadi recognizing Dadi's life-long contribution in spiritual and moral development of humanity.



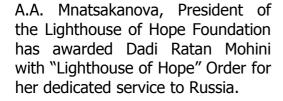
Greetings on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee were received from the Committee for Family, Women and Children of the State Duma (Parliament) of the Russian Federation. In her letter of congratulations Ms. Irina Sokolova, State Duma Deputy, vice-chairperson of the Committee for Family, Women and Children, wrote to Dadi, "You have dedicated your whole life to serving God and people. Your tireless work filled with power and enthusiasm has enabled residents of St. Petersburg to come in touch with the great Indian culture."





Rev. Buda Badmaev, chief monk of the Buddhist temple of St. Petersburg sent his good wishes and special greetings as well.

"Your cultural and educational non-governmental organization renders lots of help to people in this changing world enabling them to attain inner harmony and consequently to attain harmony with the world they live in."







Vladimir Lukyanov, president of St.Petersburg Nevsky Angel Charity passed a trophy and greeting letter.

"By supporting pure feelings and positive outlook of people the Brahma Kumaris contributes to revitalizing of our society and enhancement of trust among people."



V.A. Scrylev, Executive Director of St. Petersburg Branch of the Russian Union of Martial Arts passed Honorary Diploma to Dadi Ratan Mohini:

"For active and fruitful activity in revival of moral values, promoting principles of purity, goodwill, respect, co-operation, persistent self-development and healthy lifestyle."

Mr. Roman Pastukhov, president of St. Petersburg Union of Entrepreneurs, hands over a memento of St. Petersburg Union of Entrepreneurs to BK Santosh





Prof. Vladimir Khavinson, President of European Association of Gerontology and Geriatrics, vice-president of Gerontology Society of Russian Academy of Sciences, chief gerontologist of St. Petersburg praises Dadi Janki:

"Your unending life energy, aspiring for newness, your compassion, generosity and goodwill in interaction with people have made you worthy of

respect and affection world-wide. The reflection of your social and educational activity as a spiritual teacher are numerous awards received by you as well as people's recognition of you as a person of integrity, spirituality and wisdom."