

Press Release

Dr Kalam Concludes 3-Day Carnival

'Righteousness is key to Peace & Happiness'-Dadi Janki

'Happy Home is the Nucleus of a Happy Nation'-Dr kalam

Gurgaon, Dec. 8: The 3-Day Spiritual Carnival organized by the Brahma kumaris institution to mark the 14th Anniversary of its Omshanti Retreat Center in Gurgaon was concluded in a public function last evening.

Dr Abdul Kalam, Former President of India as Chief Guest in the **Valedictory Function** said that to make India a developed nation by the year 2020, holistic development of every home and its members, should be country's top priority.

Addressing an august audience of four thousand gentry, he said that the family which is the nucleus of society & nation can be happy, harmonious and prosperous, only when respect for its mothers & female forces, reading habits, prayers & meditation, tree plantation, truth, transparency, good character and community services are encouraged among its members.

For that, he said a moral and spiritual awakening in everyone especially among youth is need of the hour, to work towards realizing a clean, green, crime & corruption free, united and developed India by 2020.

He lauded the efforts of Brahma kumaris for consistently working in this direction of developing spiritual culture of moral character, ethical conduct, positive and healthy lifestyle among people.

Rajyogini Dadi Janki, Chief of the Brahma kumaris from Mount Abu presiding over the function said that self introspection and meditation are twin tools for checking and changing the self to be good and to do good.

Attributing goodness as intrinsic and innate quality in every human being, she called for its cultivation through regular practice of spiritual wisdom, raj-yoga meditation and righteous conduct for experiencing individual, familial and societal peace, health, harmony and happiness.

Rajyogini Dadi Hridaya Mohini, Addl. Chief & also Delhi Head of Brahma kumaris in her blessings said that since happiness emanates from positive thinking and doing, one should desist from negative thoughts and wrong doings by connecting one's inner self with the Supreme Soul who is the eternal source of positive powers.

On this occasion, **Mr Rakesh Mehta, Election Commissioner for Delhi & Chandigarh** said how the practice of spiritual knowledge and meditation being taught by the Brahma Kumaris had completely changed his temperament from an angry and aggressive administrator to an accommodative and endearing one.

Rajyogini Brahma Kumari Asha, Director of Omshanti Retreat Center, in her welcome address described Dadi Janki, Dr kalam & Dadi Hridaya Mohini as representatives of Gyan, Vigyan & Dhyaan, respectively.

Dr Kalam also released a **documentary film on Omshanti Retreat Center** made by **Mr Kunaal Kumar**, the young **Producer, Director & Actor** from Mumbai. With this, the 3-Day spiritual Carnival which had been specially designed and organized for inner empowerment of children, youth, students, teachers and parents with several educative stalls and pavilions & exhibitions came to a close with thousands of people from Delhi & NCR deriving spiritual benefits from the Carnival during these three days.

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