

# President Lauds Brahma Kumaris

A Brahma Kumaris delegation called on the President of India, Hon'ble Ram Nath Kovind, last month. During their interaction, the President lauded the role of the Brahma Kumaris in women's empowerment and said it was the foremost institution engaged in empowering women.

The President was informed about the imminent visit of the Chief of Brahma Kumaris, Dadi Janki, to Delhi, and her desire to pay him a visit. The President said that it would not be appropriate for him to have the 102-year-old Dadi Janki come to Rashtrapati Bhavan, his official residence, to see him. Instead, he said with great humility, he would like to visit the Brahma Kumaris headquarters in Mount Abu, Rajasthan to meet Dadi Janki.

The President was informed that it would be best if he could visit Mount Abu in February or March 2019, when Brahma Kumaris representatives from all over the world would be present at the institution's headquarters, and he agreed to consider the suggestion.

The President was apprised of the Brahma Kumaris' role in celebrating the International Day of Yoga on June 21, 2018. This year, the Ministry of AYUSH had invited the Brahma Kumaris to hold an event at the Red Fort grounds, noting the institution's capabilities and its association with the government in marking the International Day of Yoga every year.

The President recalled that he was in Suriname on an official visit at that time and he, along with the President of Suriname, had participated in the Yoga Day event in the South American country. The United Nations later took note of the fact that it was a unique yoga event where two heads of state were present.

President Kovind later visited Cuba, where he found yoga to be quite popular. He was told by Cuban President Miguel Diaz-Canel Bermudez, who himself practises yoga regularly, that yoga was India's greatest gift to the world.

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