

18th January, the Golden Date of Human History

Eighteenth January, 1969 is the most important day in the history of human kind as it is the day of ascension of Prajapita Brahma to the realm of angelic world to become Adi Dev, the subtle deity who guides the human kind to transform themselves from human beings to divine beings or deities. With the transformation of the human soul to its original deity form, the whole creation changes from Iron Age to Golden Age, i.e. from hell to heaven. All these changes happen during the auspicious Confluence Age which started in 1937 with the divine descend of incorporeal God Shiva into the corporeal body of Dada Lekh Raj, a pious diamond merchant at his 60th year of life. Dada Lekh Raj was later renamed as Prajapita Brahma by the Supreme Father, God Shiva.

The Beginning of Rudra Gita Gyan Yagya: The Supreme Teacher of all human souls used to descend to His corporeal medium, Prajapita Brahma every day, morning and evening to teach Godly knowledge, and Rajyoga meditation. About 400 sisters and brothers of all ages from all levels of the society in Hyderabad, Sindh (now in Pakistan) used to listen to the divine versions known as Murlis. This spiritual congregation at Dada Lekh Raj's residence was known as "Om Mandali" as this used to start with the chanting of "OM". Many among the listeners used to pass on to a stage of trance and enjoy the scenes of Golden Age in this stage. Dada himself had several trance visions that prepared him to become the human medium of incorporeal God Shiva. During 1936 he had his first vision of four-armed Vishnu a subtle deity who pronounced that Dada was also like him. Dada Lekh Raj became very contemplative after this vision. He went to Banaras where, while sitting in contemplation, he had the vision of destruction of the old world through atomic war, civil war and natural calamities. It is worth highlighting that at this time nobody had any idea about the tremendous destructive power of the atom bomb which was first used during second world war in 1942. This was followed by another vision of the forthcoming Golden Age, wherein human souls looking like divine stars descended on earth and transformed themselves into beautiful gods and goddesses. During this vision Dada heard an ethereal voice which said that he was responsible to bring such a world on earth. Following these visions Dada Lekh Raj was convinced that God has chosen him as an instrument for some great task, and he readily submitted himself to the Supreme as His chosen instrument. Dada Lekh Raj went back to his jeweler shop in Calcutta and promptly handed over his flourishing business to his partner and returned to Hyderabad where he started a *Satsang* which later came to be known as "Om Mandali." Dada Lekh Raj formed a trust comprised of women only and pledged all his movable and immovable property worth millions of rupees in 1937 to this trust. With the growth of Om Mandali to over 300 residents, it was moved to Karachi where it functioned until 1950 in spite of Karachi coming under Pakistan which came into existence with the partition of India in 1947. The strict spiritual discipline, divine code of conduct, high thinking and simple life style, combined with intense Rajyoga meditation transformed this group into a formidable army of ***Shiva Shaktis and Pandavas***. This divine family of Supreme Father Shiva moved to Mount Abu, Rajasthan, India in 1950 and got registered as an NGO called: "**Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalyaya.**"

Spiritual Services through Shiva Shaktis and Pandavas: Prajapita Brahma and Jagadamba Saraswati are the progenitors of the human family tree or Kalpa tree as they are the two leaves that sprouted from the eternal seed, God Shiva. As such they are very respectfully addressed *Pitashree* and *Mateshwari*. Baba and Mamma nurtured the children (*Yagya Vatsas*) with great love providing both spiritual and physical sustenance, enabling them to inculcate divine virtues, spiritual code of conduct and moral values. After intense *Tapsya* for fourteen years Baba sent Shiva Shaktis (Brahma Kumaris) out side *Yagya* for spiritual service of their relations and contacts in particular and the public in general. As a result of their services Brahma Kumari *Ashrams* came up in different cities of India.

In 1954, Rajyogini, Brahma Kumari Prakashmani led a delegation to the Second World Religious Congress in Japan from where they toured Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia and Malaysia for six months spreading the fragrance of spirituality and Rajyoga meditation. The success of this visit was widely publicized in the print media in India and abroad. Thus Brahma Kumaris got recognition in their own land on the basis of their success in foreign land. Brahma Kumaris' Rajyoga centres were established in different parts of the country through the efforts of *Shiva Shaktis* and *Pandavas* under the inspiring guidance of Brahma Baba and Mamma or Aadi Dev and Aadi Devi.

The Significance of 18th January: The head quarter of Brahma Kumaris (BK) in Mt. Abu is called “*Madhuban*” that literally means - the forest of honey. Any visitor to BK head quarter can feel the significance of this name - as the Brahma Kumaris or daughters of Brahma and Brahma Kumars, the sons of Brahma are ascetic like the *Sanyasis* of yore sitting in *Tapsya* in the jungles of Bharat, but are very lively and sweet like honey in their interactions. Such live models of divine virtues and powers have been skillfully crafted by the Supreme Father, God Shiva through His chosen medium, Prajapita Brahma who is endearingly called BABA or *Pitashree*. Brahma Baba was an embodiment of the seven basic attributes of souls and the Supreme Soul - knowledge, peace, love, joy, purity, power and bliss. Consequently, divine virtues and powers were brimming in him and any one coming in contact with him could discern human and spiritual values in his interactions. We can say, Brahma Baba is the precious sample of the perfect human being in the show-case of the Creator - God Shiva. Madhuban is God’s workshop where such perfect samples are crafted.

On 18th January, 1969 Brahma Baba, the first perfect sample was transferred to the showcase - the subtle world (Brahma Puri) by the creator so that the human-kind can be inspired to emulate the “Great, Great Grand Father or Adam. This day reminds every BK of the titanic personality of Brahma Baba who is the commandant of the Spiritual Salvation Army. The BKs celebrate this day every year as “Remembrance Day” and re-dedicate themselves to follow the footsteps of *Pitashree* Brahma. His footsteps are numerous as he has been leading the humanity to its perfection through his slogan: “*Nar aise karni kare jo nar se Shri Narayan bane, Nari aise karni kare jo nari se Shri Lakshmi bane*” since 1937. Brahma Baba actually demonstrated through his practical life every tenet of spirituality that can transform human beings to divine beings or deities. He conferred spiritual powers through his elevated thoughts, knowledge through words and virtues through deeds.

Here are ten important qualities of Brahma Baba that can, when imbibed and applied diligently, take any one to the state of perfection to become a deity in the forthcoming Golden-aged Bharat called Paradise, Behist, Jannat or Swarg:

- **Generosity:** The most elevated form of generosity is Bababa’s ability to ignore the negativity in others and bringing out the best in them, thus giving them the opportunity to advance in life.
- **Caring and Nurturing Nature:** Brahma Baba was an ever caring and nurturing mother-father to one and all. He was aware of his role as the Great-Great Grandfather and gave nurturance to entire humanity as his grand children.
- **Well-wisher of all:** Baba was always filled with best wishes for all without any discrimination on the basis of cast, faith, gender, education and social status.
- **Giving Respect to all considering the self as a Humble Instrument of God Shiva:** This sterling quality of Baba endeared him any one who came in contact with him.
- **Care-free Emperor:** Brahma Baba had unflinching faith in God Shiva, the Almighty benefactor of all so that he could remain care-free in all trying circumstances.
- **Being forthcoming and aloof at the same time:** Baba had the unique capability to be available to one and all, and being immersed in sweet remembrance of Shiva Baba simultaneously.
- **Being Detached from Own Body and its Relations:** Brahma Baba was able to stay in deep soul-consciousness continually, and that enabled him to be detached from his own body and bodily relations.
- **Being an Embodiment of Purity:** The power of Purity was very much visible in all his actions at the level of thought, word and deed.
- **Staying in Bodiless Stage while being an Embodied soul:** Brahma Baba literally followed Shiva Baba’s direction to stay in bodiless stage (*Videh Avastha*) continually and perform actions through the body while staying in that stage.
- **Ever Ready:** Brahma Baba used to tell his spiritual progeny that they should also be ever ready to leave the perishable body instantly on the call of Shiva Baba. that will be possible only when the soul is free of any attachments.

Let us all take a pledge to become a photocopy of Brahma Baba, in other words let us strive to become Master Brahma on this Remembrance Day and thus hasten the task of world transformation through self-transformation. Let us invest all our treasures - thoughts, time, knowledge, virtues, powers, good-wishes, relations, contacts and wealth in this supreme endeavor.

