



The Soul of India

TOUCHING THE LIGHT

CELEBRATING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN INDEPENDENCE & DIWALI

Saturday, November 12 • 4:00 - 6:00pm

On Saturday, November 12, 2022 the Brahma Kumaris hosted an event entitled 'The Soul of India' to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's Independence and to celebrate Diwali at the Glow Community Center in Queens, New York.



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This was an in-person event and there were over 100 invited guests attended from the New York City area. **New York State Senator John C. Liu and New York State Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar** also joined the event and gave special messages.

The event was a celebration of music, dance, special messages from the guest speakers and enlightening conversations. A central part of the event was a conversation focused on invoking the personal stories of enlightenment, stories of unique experience of awakening to the truth, to God's strength and to the heart of the eternal light.

The event started off honoring both the lands India and America by singing the National Anthems.



The candle lighting ceremony by the special guest speakers and performers.





Sister Madhavi sharing the intention of the Soul of India



Khush Kirpalani as MC



A special message from the New York State Senator. He is chairperson of the Senate's committee on New York City Education and also serves on the committees of Budget & Revenue, Education, Finance, Higher Education, Rules and Transportation.

[Listen to New York State Senator John C. Liu's message.](#)



A special message from the New York State Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar. She is a lawyer, professor and government leader who made history as the first South Asian-American woman ever to be elected to a state office in New York.

[Listen to Assemblywoman Jenifer Rajkumar's special message.](#)

A mesmerizing performance by Abha Roy, a Kathak dancer. She is a director of the Srijan Dance Center founded in 1992.



Pavitra Rajeev, a Bharatanatyam dancer, gave an extraordinary performance of invocation of Shiva's divine presence and qualities.



Brahmacharini Shubhani Chaitanya from the Chinmaya Mission was invited to be one of the guest speaker for the conversations.

Sister Gayatri, the Brahma Kumaris Representative to the United Nations and Brahmacharini Shubhani Chaitanya were engaged in an enlightening conversation by Abhishek Karla, a student of Peace Village Learning and Retreat Center, NY.



The participants were deeply touched by the light of spiritual conversations, the vibrations, performances and the gesture of toli and blessings.



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