

GOLDEN JUBILEE OF SOMAIYA VIDYAVIHAR





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પ્રતિસાદ

જગતમાં એકાદ એવી વિરલ વ્યક્તિ હોય છે જે શમણાં જુએ અને એ સાકાર થાય. મારા પિતાજીનું એક સપનું હતું કે માનવતાની સેવા અર્થે શિક્ષણસંસ્થાની સ્થાપના કરવી. ઈ.સ. ૧૯૫૯ માં સોમૈયા વિદ્યાવિહાર શૈક્ષણિક સંસ્થાની સ્થાપનાનાં બીજ વાવ્યાં અને આજે એની સુવર્ણજયંતી મહોત્સવનો સમય પૂર્ણતાને આરે આવીને ઊભો છે. શિક્ષણક્ષેત્રની સાથે સાથે એમણે ચીંધેલા પથ પર અમે મૂલ્ય, નીતિ અને માનવતાનાં ક્ષેત્રમાં દિનપ્રતિદિન કાર્ય આગળ ધપાવી રહ્યા છીએ.

મારા પિતાશ્રીનું શમણું સાકાર થયું એનો આનંદ મારે હૈયે છે પણ સૌથી વધુ આનંદ તો મને સોમૈયા વિદ્યાવિહારની શૈક્ષણિક સંસ્થાના વિકાસશીલ ૫૦ વર્ષો પૂર્ણ કર્યા તેની માહિતી ‘સ્મરણિકા’માં રજૂ કરી આપના હસ્તકમલમાં મૂકવાનો છે.

આ સ્મરણિકામાં ૩૫ શૈક્ષણિક સંસ્થાઓના વિકાસની માહિતીની સાથે સાથે ભારતીય સંસ્કૃતિ, ધર્મ અને સંસ્કારનાં ક્ષેત્રે એમને ગમતાં વિચારોના વિસ્તારની અને જીવનઘડતરના પાયાની કેડીને કંડારવાની અમારી મહત્વાકાંક્ષાનો સમન્વય પણ કરવામાં આવ્યો છે.

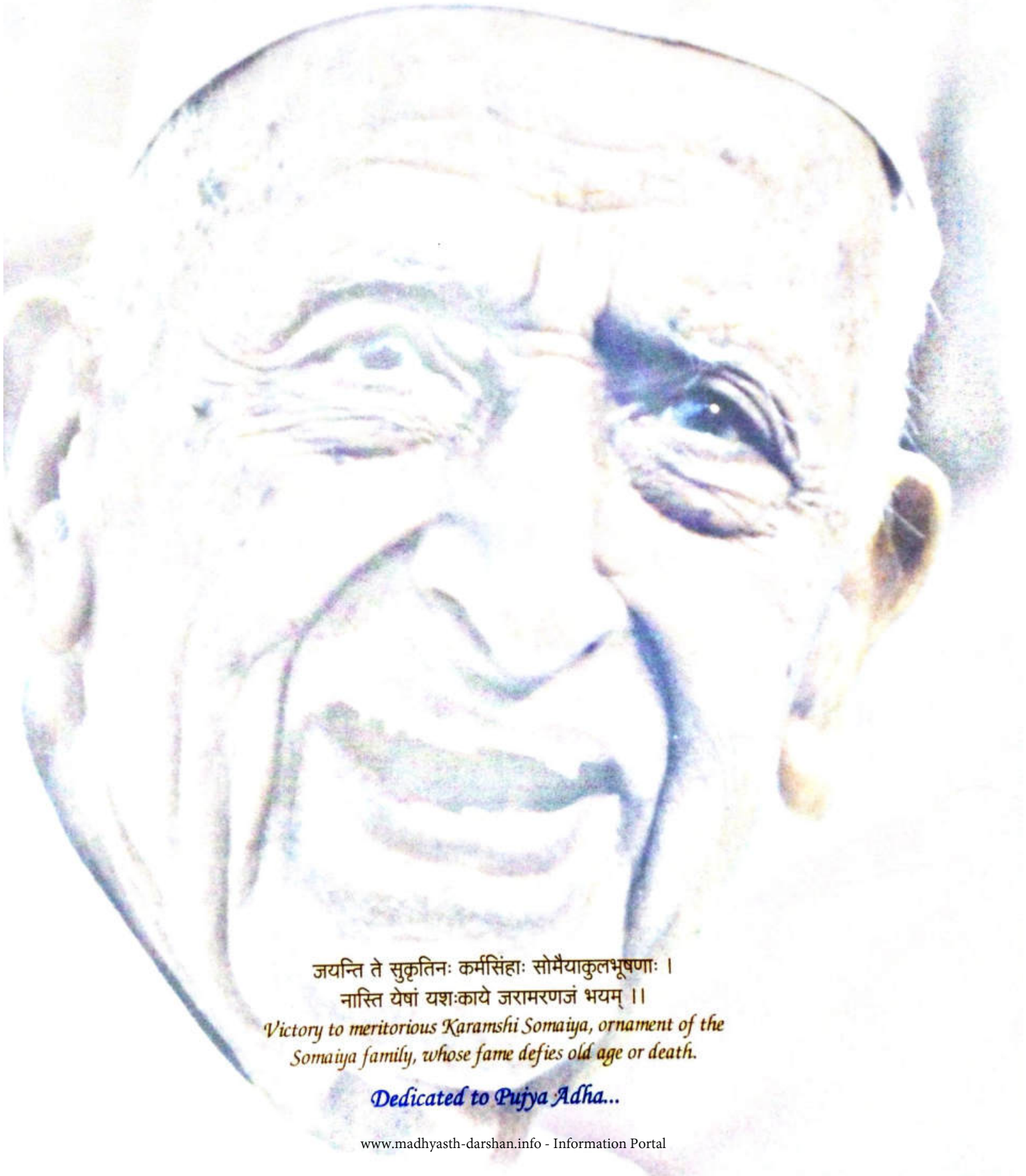
આ ‘સ્મરણિકા’ સોમૈયા વિદ્યાવિહારના પરિવારના પુરુષાર્થની સોનેરી ઝલક રજૂ કરે છે. અમારો ઉદ્દેશ વિદ્યાર્થીઓની જ્ઞાનપિપાસાને સંતોષવાનો છે. સાથે સાથે અનેકવિધ પ્રવૃત્તિઓ અને ભાવિ સ્વપ્નાં રમતાં મૂકવાનો છે.

૯ સપ્ટેમ્બર ૧૯૫૯ ના દિવસે સ્થપાયેલ સોમૈયા વિદ્યાવિહાર સંસ્થા આજે બીજમાંથી વૃક્ષમાં રૂપાંતરિત થઈ, સમગ્ર વર્ષ દરમિયાન વિદ્યાર્થીઓની કુતૂહલવૃત્તિ અને ઉભરાતા સપનાંઓને પૂર્ણ કરવાની ધગશ, આપ સર્વને ‘સ્મરણિકા’માં દષ્ટિગોચર થશે.

‘સ્મરણિકા’નાં પૃષ્ઠો ફેરવતાં પ્રત્યેક વ્યક્તિ જોઈ શકશે કે કેટકેટલી વ્યક્તિઓના પુરુષાર્થ, સાથ અને સહકાર અમને સાંપડ્યા છે. કાર્ય ભલે એક હોય પણ એને સફળ બનાવવા માટે પ્રત્યક્ષ અને પરોક્ષરીતે સહયોગની વિગત આપ નિહાળી શકશો.

આ ‘સ્મરણિકા’ પથદર્શક બની રહે તેવી ઈશ્વરને પ્રાર્થના! આપના હસ્તકમલમાં ‘સ્મરણિકા’ મૂકતાં અનેરી લાગણીની અનુભૂતિ કરું છું...

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*Victory to meritorious Karamshi Somaiya, ornament of the
Somaiya family, whose fame defies old age or death.*

Dedicated to Pujya Adha...

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Sharing Wisdom in Search of Inner & Outer Peace

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Since the first manifestation of creation, peace and harmony have been sought by humankind on the earth. Man has dreamt of leading a peaceful life; yet conflicts and warfare have stained human civilisation and brought the world to the threshold of disaster and ruin. Hatred, malice and violence have overpowered mankind in spite of genuine and priceless efforts of Lord Mahavira, Lord Buddha, Jesus Christ, Prophet Muhammad, Mahatma Gandhi and others.

Science has worked miracles and brought dramatic changes in the life-style of humankind. On the one side it has made man's life comfortable; while on the other side, life is miserable. Science, even though indirectly, has become an instrument of destruction but religion, though apparently a cause of discord, can still prove to be effective tool for establishing peace in human life as it is a binding factor. Positive understanding and proper practice of religion can bring 'heaven's kingdom' on earth. Religion has tremendous power in it. It can shape human life and transform it into meaningful and peaceful existence. Consequently it can give solace and relief to those who are oppressed in the name of difference in races, sects and isms, communities and nations.

Sanskrit word for peace is Shanti. In the Vedic religion the term Shanti was used in a wider sense. It included peace on the physical, spiritual and cosmic level. This was indicated by utterance of the word Shanti - peace thrice at the end of every Vedic prayer.

Lasting peace can be achieved only if people and nations realize the importance of non-violence and harmonious co-existence. Gandhi says that peace puts an end to suffering and oppression by showing compassion and sympathy to an enemy and not by warring against him.

The ancient Indian sages have given the foremost place to non-violence (Ahimsa) in the set of universal values. These include non-violence (Ahimsa), truthfulness (Satya), non-covetousness (Asteya), abstinence from sensual pleasures (Brahmacharya), and non-acquisitiveness (Aparigraha). These are universal values. Patanjali, the propounder of the Yoga philosophy, has enumerated these moral virtues as Yamas. Jainism enjoins the same ethical code as the vows to be practised by a pious layman (Anuvratas) as also by a monk (Mahavratas). Buddhism calls similar vows Panchashila.

Buddhism lays emphasis on compassion, Christianity on love and service while Islam on equality. Zoroaster preached good thought (Humata), good word (Hukhta) and good deed (Hvarshta) to be the essential virtues or duties for every religious man. Thus we find that religious and spiritual wisdom can help in bringing peace and harmony.

Time has come that we all following different world religions come together and unite forgetting petty differences and join to fulfil the dream of establishing a kingdom of peace on the earth. It is observed that although there have been several peace dialogues and international peace summits, the progress towards a global peace formula is not visible. The reason for this is, these efforts are all on the external level and the inner core that gives strength to the outer manifestation is ignored.



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MESSAGE

The President of India, Smt. Pratibha Devisingh Patil, is happy to know that the Somaiya Vidyavihar, Mumbai is celebrating the concluding function of its year long Golden Jubilee Celebrations in December, 2009 and also bringing out a Souvenir highlighting its achievements and activities.

The President extends her warm greetings and felicitations to all those associated with the Institution and wishes the Celebrations all success.

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MESSAGE

Hon'ble Vice President of India is happy to know that the Somaiya Vidyavihar Campus, Mumbai is organizing the concluding function of its Golden Jubilee Year Celebrations during the month of December, 2009 and publishing a souvenir on this occasion.

Vice President of India extends his greetings and good wishes to the students, teachers and the staff and wishes the Golden Jubilee celebrations and the souvenir all success.

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New Delhi
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MESSAGE

I am glad to know that the Somaiya Vidyavihar is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year.

The late Shri Karamshibhai Somaiya, the founder of Somaiya Vidyavihar was a true Gandhian who believed in the dictum that what one receives from society must be returned to it manifold. While imparting quality education to the students through his institutions, he laid great emphasis on moulding the character of students and imbibing values in them. It is gratifying to note that the institutions created by the Somaiya Vidyavihar are striving to uphold the ideals cherished by the Founder.

I congratulate the Somaiya Vidyavihar on the momentous occasion of its Golden Jubilee and wish the institution Godspeed in its future endeavours.


(S. C. Jamir)



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संदेश

सोमैया विद्याविहार (एज्युकेशन ट्रस्ट) सुवर्ण महोत्सवी वर्षात पदापर्ण करीत आहे, ही अत्यंत आनंददायी व प्रशंसनीय बाब आहे. महाराष्ट्र राज्य हे भारतातच नव्हे तर संपूर्ण जगामध्ये अग्रेसर असलेले राज्य म्हणून ओळखले जाते. शिक्षण क्षेत्रातील महाराष्ट्र राज्याची कामगिरी अत्यंत प्रभावशाली मानली जाते. उच्च व तंत्र शिक्षण क्षेत्रात महाराष्ट्राचा वाटा सिंहाचा आहे. या राज्याच्या विकासामध्ये शिक्षण क्षेत्रात कार्य करणा-या व्यक्तींचे योगदान फार मोठे आहे. प्रदीर्घ काळापासून शैक्षणिक क्षेत्रात प्रभावशाली कार्य करणा-या अनेक व्यक्ती महाराष्ट्रात जन्मलेल्या आहेत. महर्षि आण्णासाहेब कर्वे, महात्मा ज्योतिराव फुले, कर्मवीर भाऊराव पाटील, भारतरत्न डॉ. बाबासाहेब आंबेडकर यांच्या शैक्षणिक कार्यानेच महाराष्ट्राचा विकास घडवून आणला आहे. आजही महाराष्ट्राची ही गौरवशाली परंपरा चालूच आहे व त्यामध्ये सोमैया विद्याविहारचाही योगदान आहे.

पद्मभूषण कै. श्री. करमसीभाई सोमैया यांनी गेली ५० वर्षे सातत्याने शिक्षण प्रसाराचे कार्य केले आहे. त्यांच्या प्रभावी नेतृत्वाखाली मुंबईतील विद्याविहार येथे तसेच महाराष्ट्रातही शिक्षण संकुले उभारली आहेत. गुजरात, कर्नाटक राज्याप्रमाणेच देशाबाहेरही शिक्षण प्रसाराचे कार्य ही संस्था करीत आहे. मुंबईतील विद्याविहार येथेच सुमारे २७००० विद्यार्थी शिक्षण घेत आहेत व ३४ घटक संस्थांमधून १७०० शिक्षक, शिक्षकेतर कर्मचारी कार्य करीत आहेत. यावरूनच या संस्थेचा पसारा लक्षात येतो.

केवळ शिक्षण देणे एवढेच मर्यादित उद्दिष्ट न ठेवता संस्कृत, संस्कार व मुल्यशिक्षण यावर या संस्थेचा भर राहिलेला आहे. त्यांच्या या सुवर्ण महोत्सवी वर्षानिमित्त त्यांच्या पुढील वाटचालीस माझ्या हार्दिक शुभेच्छा .


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MESSAGE

I am very happy to know that the Somaiya Vidyavihar is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year (1959-2009) and on its concluding day function, on 19th December 2009, a Golden Jubilee Commemoration Volume is being brought out highlighting the contributions of Somaiya Vidyavihar to the cause of Value-based basic and higher education through its 34 educational institutions catering to 27000 student-population with a band of 1700 dedicated faculty.

I am aware that this spectacular achievement is made possible by the visionary founder Padmabhushan (late) Shri K. J. Somaiya through his self effacing, dedicated and singular efforts. It is equally significant that this legacy is further carried on with additional inputs by the illustrious father-son duo Dr. S. K. Somaiya and Shri Samir Somaiya.

It gives me immense pleasure to associate myself, as an educationist, with the mega event in the annals of Somaiya Vidyavihar.

I extend my heartiest greetings and best wishes for the success of the programme at which Somaiya Vidyavihar Golden Jubilee Commemoration Volume is being released.

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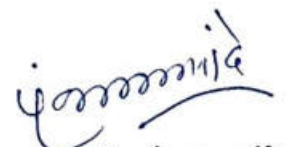
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एतत् प्रमोदावहं यत् सोमैया विद्याविहार—परिसरस्य सुवर्णमहोत्सवः डिसेंबरमासे विशालेन कार्यक्रमेण सम्पत्स्यते । उत्तमं शिक्षणं, सर्वेषां शिक्षणं, आप्राथमिकस्तरात् पूर्ण शिक्षणं, विभिन्नशाखा—शिक्षणं, उत्तमः अध्यापकवर्गः, उत्तमानि वास्तूनि इति एतानि विद्याविहारस्य यशसः सुलक्षणानि । दिवंगतानां परमादरणीयानां पद्मभूषण करमशी जेठाभाई सोमैया महोदयानां निरलसयत्नैः ज्ञानसाधनाप्रेम्णा च पंचाशत् वर्षपूर्वं निर्मितः अयं विद्याविहारः डॉ. शांतिलाल सोमैया महाभागैः अतीव श्रद्धापरिश्रमैश्च विभिन्नशाखासु विकसितः राष्ट्रियस्तरे ख्यातिं च नीतः । इतः परं मान्याः समीर सोमैया महोदयाः अपि इमं ज्ञानयज्ञं वैश्विकस्तरे अवश्यं नेष्यन्ति इत्यत्र नास्ति संशयः । एतत् न विस्मरणीयं यदस्य विशालतमस्य शिक्षासाम्राज्यस्य मूलाधारः तावत् संस्कृतशिक्षणं यत् आरम्भे मान्यैः करमसी महोदयैः परिसरेऽस्मिन् स्थापितम् । सुवर्णजयन्तिनिमित्तं सोमैया परिवारजनानां तथा च विद्याविहार—परिसरस्थानां प्राध्यापकानां छात्राणां कर्मचारिणां च अस्य यशसः कृते ससाधुवादं हार्दम् अभिनन्दनं करोमि तथा च परिसरस्य भावियशोर्थं शुभाशंसनं करोमि !


डॉ. पंकज चांदे



17th November 2009

Shri V. Ranganathan,
Hon. Secretary,
Somaiya Vidyavihar,
Mumbai.

Dear Shri Ranganathan,

I was delighted to learn that Somaiya Vidyavihar is completing 50 years of service to the community in education, culture and social service and celebrating Golden Jubilee this year.

This Institution was started by late Padmabhushan Karamshibhai 50 years ago. He was actuated by keen desire to promote education and learning amongst large masses of people, many of whom were living a life of poverty and ignorance and with that end in view, he laid the foundations of this Institution on 9th September, 1959. This Institution which has been rightly named as Vidyavihar has grown and matured over the years and is today one of the finest Educational Institutions in the country. It has 1700 faculties where education is imparted in different disciplines and there are about 27,000 students benefiting from this Institution. It is rendering great service to the community by imparting education of the highest excellence. I think it is high time that it is granted the status of Deemed University.

I am delighted to learn that this great Institution is celebrating its Golden Jubilee this year. I wish to convey my best wishes to the Management of this Institution as also to its Principal and members of staff and pray to God that He may shower His choicest blessings on this Institution and spur its further progress and advancement.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

P. N. Bhagwati

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The Jeevan Vidya Study Center at Somaiya Vidyavihar was formally inaugurated on August 13, 2007 by Dr. S. K. Somaiya (Chairman, Somaiya Trust) in the auspicious presence of Pujya A. Nagraj Ji, Amarkantak (MP), the propounder of 'Madhyastha Darshan'.

Objectives of Jeevan Vidya Study Centre

1. Enhancement of humanness, human values and human consciousness.
2. To implant 'consciousness developing value education' in the content of education.
3. To disseminate the humanness based code of conduct.
4. To promote synergetic (universal) world order, human constitution and human mindset by means of workshops, seminars and research projects.
5. To inculcate in the people a concern for environment, ecological balance and co-existence.
6. To develop an environment conducive to human consciousness and human values at different centers of knowledge, institutions and educational set-ups.

Jeevan Vidya Activities in the Campus

The mission of value education through Jeevan Vidya started with a multitude of activities. For faculty the orientation was planned through Jeevan Vidya workshops and through the formation of study circles at different institutes. For students, classroom lectures were introduced in the timetable of some of the institutes. University of Mumbai

has accepted one unit of Jeevan Vidya in the Syllabus on Environmental studies for the students of V semester of Engineering Courses conducted by the University.

Orientation of Faculty

A series of seven days' (30-35 hours) Jeevan Vidya workshops were organized at different institutions at the campus for faculty and teaching staff. The resource persons for these workshops were from IIT Delhi, IIT Kanpur, IIIT Hyderabad, Abhyuday Sansthan (Achhoti) Raipur, Divya Path Sansthan, Amarkantak and other institutions of repute. The number of Participants in these workshops was 537 (Teachers-442 and Students-95). Resource persons for the Workshops were : Shri. Kumar Sambhav, Prof. (Dr.) Pradeep, Shri. Shriram Narasimhan, Shri. Sadhan Bhattacharya, Shri. Pravin Singh, Ms. Atishi Marlena, Shri. Yogesh Shastri, Mrs. Suvarna Shastri, Shri. Somdev Tyagi and Prof. (Dr.) R. R. Gaur.

Study Circles

In order to give the faculty an opportunity for enriching their knowledge and developing an insight into the philosophy of Madhyastha Darshan, 'study circles' have been formed at KJSCE, KJSIE&IT and K. J. Somaiya College of



Science and Commerce, Shri. S. K. Somaiya Vinay Mandir and Smt. Sakarbai K. Somaiya Junior College of Education.

Certificate Course

A Certificate course on Jeevan Vidya has been started at K. J. Somaiya College of Arts & Commerce.

National Seminar

With the assistance of Jeevan Vidya Study Centre a national seminar on "Human Consciousness and Values in Global Society" was organized on Feb 11 and 12, 2009 at K. J. Somaiya College of Arts and Commerce.

Special Lectures by Invitees in the Campus

A number of special lectures on Jeevan Vidya by distinguished persons were organized in the Campus.

On the Anvil

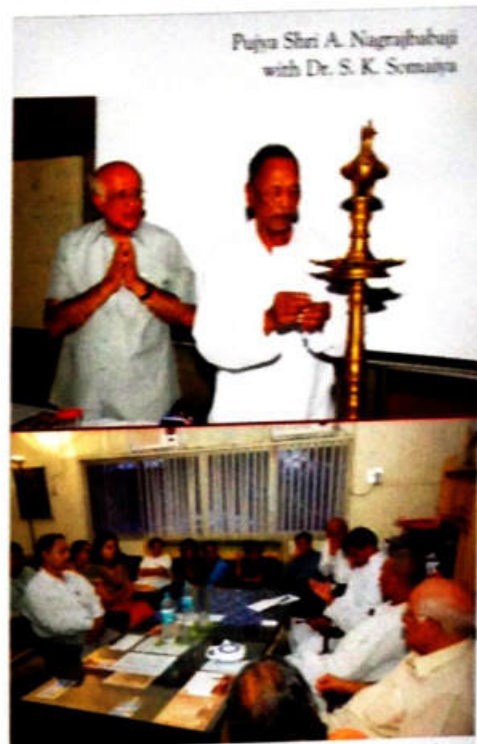
1. Getting the University of Mumbai to adopt the syllabus of Jeevan Vidya in the University Curriculum.
2. To promote a research activity in the institutions on the subject of Madhyastha Darshan Saha-astitvavad.
3. Activity for promoting Values amongst parents.



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Pujya Shri A. Nagrajkrishnaji
with Dr. S. K. Somaiya



HODs interacting with
Pujya Babaji

Pujya Babaji's
visit to
K. J. Somaiya Hospital

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