

Kriya Yoga Community News

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Dear Friends,

This issue focuses on a special aspect of our Pune Community's birth. The first picture introduces the theme: **"The Road to Swamiji's House."**

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Letter from Nirmala: "...a home that he will love, and that will inspire him to spend more and more time here in India sharing Master's teachings with all of us."

Pictures of progress on Swamiji's house;

Picture of the interim temple, and other projects;

Special appeal from Sundeep Bhatia, Pune's Financial Manager.

"The Road To Swamiji's House"

(photos from the land by Lisa Clark)

Imagine, if you will, February, 2010, and you are travelling to Pune for a special retreat with Swami Kriyananda to join him in blessing his new home. During the forty five minute drive from Pune, you drive through the countryside, watching the scenery of green trees and hills. As you leave thoughts of job, house, business and chores behind; perhaps you would notice a *sigh* as a deep breath relaxes away tension.

During the drive, as you get closer to the Kriya Yoga Community land, you might find yourself remembering times you have spent with Swamiji, meditating, absorbing Yogananda's teachings, and basking in vibrations of peace, joy, and love. How might you feel? -- energized? happy? grateful?

You might remember how many times you have heard Swamiji mention Yogananda's vision of Spiritual Communities and how much Swamiji hoped to serve his guru by starting communities in India.

And now, you are on the way to sharing Swamiji's joy that India's first Kriya Yoga Community *IS* coming up. As you drive onto the land, you look up and see the beautiful shape of the interim temple.

Settled into your simple accommodations, you freshen up, join in a group sadhana, have a light dinner, and rest knowing that tomorrow you will walk up the road to Swamiji's house and join many joyful devotees in a reunion Divine.

We invite you to "join your energies with those of your gurubhais" to make this vision come true *now*.

We begin by thanking each one of the Ananda members in the U.S. and Europe who have helped to buy the land, and each one of you in India who has shown your faith by committing to move into the community. Your faith and courage have made it possible to take the critical first steps.

In this issue, we will highlight many opportunities for each one of you who feels inspired to help.

Namaste, Lahari

Progress: we've come this far on Swamiji's house ...



From the left: Swamiji's office, bedroom, and entry.



View from the back side of Swamiji's house



View from Swamiji's living room window



and outside living room view

Blessing the site for the interim temple



Dharmadas and Nirmala lead a group blessing at the site of the new interim Temple of Light



Letter from Nirmala

Dear Friends,

As most of you know, Swamiji has a beautiful home and garden in America. The large photo hanging in his living room in Gurgaon gives a small indication of the vast and glorious view he has in America ~ of endless miles of pristine national forest, clear blue sky, and the river below.

Once, as we were walking in his garden in America, I asked him, "If you could be anywhere in the world, where is your favorite place?" He answered, "This garden."

In the Ananda Community in Assisi, Italy, Swamiji also has a lovely home. It is down a secluded lane which is paved and level ~ perfect for healthy walks in the fresh air. The view from his house is like an artistic Italian painting of Umbria or Tuscany: miles and miles of rolling hills covered during the summer with yellow sunflowers; there are beautiful villas in the distance, and he has his own garden around his house, filled with roses.

The best part is that these two homes are surrounded by thriving communities alive with sincere and energetic devotees who are dedicated to meditation, to living in harmony with each other and with nature, and to sharing Master's liberating teachings with all.

Does it sound as though it would be hard to leave such places? Yes, it is difficult for Swamiji to leave these beautiful places...

But through our Guru's grace we do have a beautiful community in Pune coming up! And each of us has the blessing and opportunity now to put our own energy into it, and experience the joy of helping to bring it into manifestation.

I invite you to read Sundeep's letter below and see what you can do to help create India's first Ananda Sangha community, complete with a home for Swamiji: a home that he will love, and that will inspire him to spend more and more time here in India sharing Master's teachings with all of us.

Aum,
Nirmala

Sundeep's Appeal: "... spirit of 100% participation...showing that we are thankful to Swamiji..."

Dear Devotees,
Jai Guru!

With tears of joy and a feeling of intense excitement, I am pleased to inform you all that our Guru's dream of having an Indian community dedicated to Self-realization is very much on the road to being fulfilled on our land in Pune.



What is also remarkable is that all of Swamiji's efforts are now coming to bear fruit. It is time for us Indians to come forward and not only to participate wholeheartedly in our community, but also to donate generously as an acknowledgement of this effort.

It is not the amount of money which is important, but the spirit of 100% participation in showing that we are thankful to Swamiji for all the sacrifices he has made for us. Dharmadasji mentioned to me an interesting fact, that to this day Swamiji remembers those people in America who did not have a lot of extra money, yet nevertheless gave all they could for the purchase of his house in Gurgaon.

There are three important projects which need immediate attention:
Swamiji's Home, Interim Temple, and Murti of Yoganandaji

List of Items for Swamiji's	Approx. Cost	Amt. Pledged	Item	Approx. Cost	Amt. Pledged
Each door	Rs. 20,000		Kitchen and bathroom	Rs. 30,000	
Each window	Rs. 10,000		Lighting fixtures	Rs. 20,000	
Each room of flooring	Rs. 40,000		Dining Set	Rs. 70,000	
Each granite counter	Rs. 6,000		Each Almira	Rs. 20,000	
Entrance road	Rs. 4,00,000		Rugs	Rs. 50,000	
Driveway - tarred	Rs. 2,00,000	Rs. 20,000	Washing Machine	Rs. 18,500	Rs. 18,500
Each terraced garden	Rs. 3,000		Dishwasher	Rs. 23,000	Rs. 23,000
Each driveway shade tree	Rs. 500		Each Solar Water Heater	Rs. 1,00,000	
Each terraced garden	Rs. 3,000		Power back-up system	Rs. 5,00,000	
Walking path with trees	Rs. 10,000				

You can donate for particular items of Swamiji's house, as well as for the **Master's murti** and **Temple of Light**. We will have a plaque near the entrance with the names of people who have donated.

Master himself always taught us that we are the custodians of the wealth we have, and that by opening our hearts and giving, our consciousness expands. Moreover, being an Indian Ananda community, I would request Indians to give their energies fully in completing these three important projects.

My wife, Delkush, will be helping to coordinate this fundraising.

You can send your cheques or DD made out to: "Ananda Sangha" and send them by courier to: Ananda Sangha, c/o Delkush Bhatia, B-8 Sweet Home Co-op Society, 2nd floor, 16 Pali Naka, Next to HDFC Bank, Bandra -West, Mumbai, 400050. Donations are tax-deductable under Section 80G of the Indian Income Tax Act.



Murti of Yoganandaji made in Italy of Carrera marble resin with lotus base
Cost: Rs. 1.6 lakh

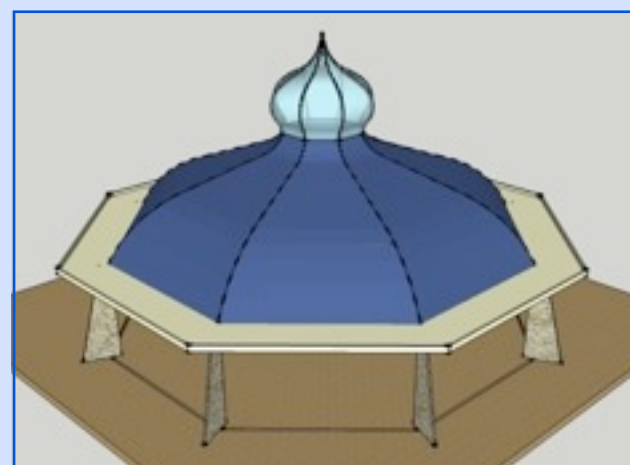
Please mention your name and mobile number on the back of the cheque so that we can acknowledge the same via sms, followed by a receipt in a few days.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Delkush at **+919870793343**, **send her an email at: sundeepnbhatia@yahoo.com**

or one of our Sanghis on the Fundraising Team will give you a call.

May Masters Presence be always felt in our lives and our community
In Masters Service,

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Phase I for interim Temple of Light pavilion: 7 lakh