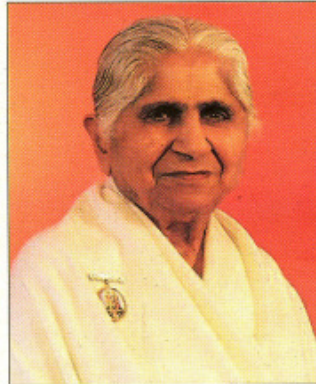
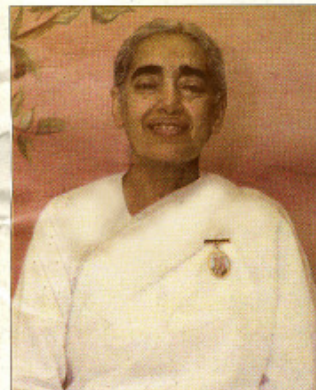


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Dadi Janker: Spiritual quest



Sister Jayanti: Western perceptions

What's on and where

- Experience – Spiritual Secrets of an Ancient Land. Experience the beauty of the place that gave birth to the world's major eastern religions. Saturday, July 22, 2-5.30pm.
- Rituals, Rickshaws and Reality. Brahma Kumaris European Director Sister Jayanti explores western perceptions of India beyond the call centres and curries. Saturday, July 28, 3-6pm.
- Eastern Thought for the Western Mind. Australian seeker Anthony Strano talks about his 30 years with the Brahma Kumaris. Thursday, August 16, 7-8.30pm.
- 18 Chapters of the Gita. Love, betrayal, honour, fear, enlightenment... delve into the ancient spiritual scripture of India. (Hindi). Saturday, August 18, 6-7.30pm.
- 18 Chapters of the Gita. The ancient spiritual scriptures of India... discussed in English. Sunday, August 19, 4-5.30pm.
- Borderland – A Celebration of Rabindranath Tagore. The life and times of spiritual leader awarded Nobel Prize for Literature in 1913. Saturday, September 1, 7-8.30pm. Saturday, September, 7-9pm.
- God's DNA, Dadi-Janki, 91, shares the wisdom amassed from a life of spiritual quest and examination.
- Swaminarayan Temple Tours (free) daily 9.30am-5.30pm. Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, 105-119 Brentfield Road, Neasden. 020 8965 2651. Visit the exquisite marble edifice.
- Tamil Readers Group (free) last Sat of each month 2.30pm. Ealing Road Library, Coronet Parade, Ealing Road, Wembley. 020 8937 3560. Discuss Tamil literature, culture and history.
- Gujarati Poetry Slam (free) Sept 1 5-8pm. Wileesden Green Library, 95 High Road, Wileesden. 020 8937 2516. Verse from new and established Gujarati poets.

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A nation brings its spirit to the capital



BY PETER KENNEDY

INDIA is an emerging economic superpower, a burgeoning cultural force and a major influence on London life.

The India Now is a three-month season, London wide celebration of the subcontinent's art, food, fashion... and spirituality.

From July to September appreciate an array of sensual delights – a three-week Indian themed Trafalgar Square Festival, Regent Street transformed for a day of market, music and theatre, a Bollywood premiere at Somerset House and a major exhibition at The Museum of London – but north west London's particular contribution will cater for the soul.

The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University originated in Pakistan in the mid 30s, established international headquarters in Rajasthan, north west India and came to the west in the 70s.

The organisation now has "thousands of branches across India" as well as a their Global House venue in Pound Lane, Wileesden – where better to host an exploration of spirituality.

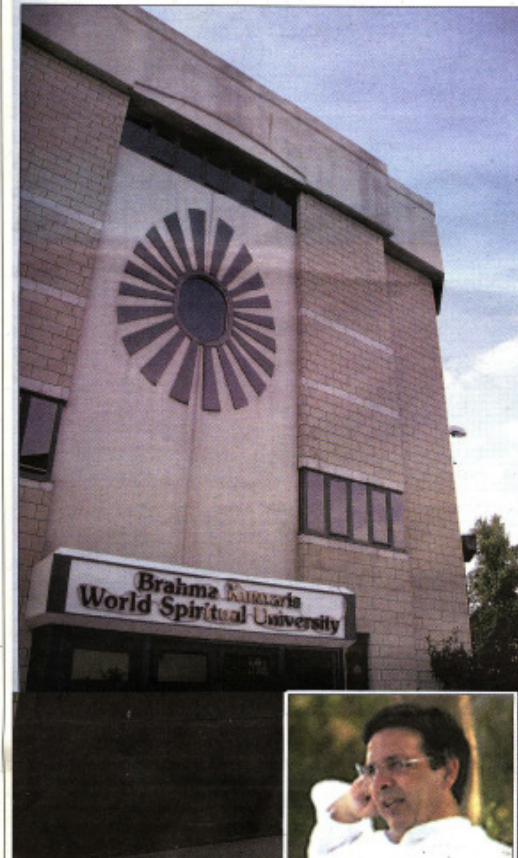
Media executive for the BKWSU, Rosemary Tuberville-Smith, said: "This celebration is important because we've been close to India for a long time now and it has become part of our culture."

"Most importantly though India is the motherland of spirituality and the world needs spirituality."

"We lost a lot of spiritual ideals, morals, values which are embedded in India, so this is a step towards rediscovery."

● The Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University offers courses, retreats, lectures, community outreach services and much more. Visit their website at www.bkwsu.org.uk for further info.

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Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University, in Pound Lane, Wileesden. Anthony Strano, right, on Eastern Thought. See What's on Where



Beautiful: Classical Indian colour