# **Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative**



Om Shanti to all angels in all colours



We keep growing spirituality but did you know that we also grow green angels? And do you know about the 5 keys to sustainable happiness? We hope that you will enjoy this BK Green Newsletter with happy small and big news.

World Environment Day is coming soon - big plans for India! Enjoy below picture from last year - our BK mothers sitting in the desert meditating on a green future -it capture it all. More inspiring news from Madhuban below.



# Coming Up: World Environment Day 5th of June.

The theme this year is <u>Reconnecting You to Nature</u>. You can arrange you own program, very easy with a few clicks. Rural Wing is planning a maximum activity - see below description sent by Raju bhai and Sumanth bhai in Madhuban. You can also post your photos in the <u>world biggest nature photo album!</u>

Theme of the Program: I am with Nature

Expected no. of Programs: Minimum of 300 to a max. 500+

**Devised Programs:** Programs at BK Centers, Schools, Colleges, Government offices, Public Programs, Plantation Programs, Peace March, forming Human Chains, cleanliness programs, Sloganeering, Mass Meditation for Environment etc.,

Involvement of Officials from various departments: Local Government officials serving Forestry, Rural

Development, Agriculture, Horticulture, Irrigation, Animal Husbandry, Panchayatraj, Welfare,

Environment NGO's: Associations, Clubs, Self Help Groups, Corporates

Place: Almost all states in India

Main Motive: Environmental Awareness & Conservation of Natural Resources

Innovative Aspect: Meditation for Environment



# More from Madhuban:

Radio Madhuban 90.4 FM celebrated Earth Day on 22nd April 2017 with the community in Abu, Rajasthan.

Community Services - Together Towards Sustainable development
Our "Corporate Social Responsibility & Sustainability Initiatives" team in Madhuban
has created a **beautiful and informative booklet** called "Cultivating Values Nurturing Livelihoods" . You can read about Holistic Health, Environment, Yogic
agriculture, Education, Renewable Energy etc. Very useful for community contact.

In April you received a special India-One Newsletter. We mentioned that **Prime Minister Narendra Modi honouring India-One** and the BK's use of renewable energy in his video address to the BK 80th year celebration. If you like to read the whole speech, you can see it <a href="here.">here.</a>



#### Here comes the sun...

Interesting article about India-One in the Speaking Tree - Times of India Blog

# More from around the World



#### **Brazil**

In last newsletter we forgot to mention the extensive green activities in **Brazil.** They also had a poster on Sustainable activities in the green Booth at NC/CCs retreat in Shantivan. A whole section on their webpage is dedicated to the environment - <a href="here it is in Portugese">here it</a> is in Portugese!

#### **Australia**

The theme for the <u>BK Australia Environmental Group</u> Annual Retreat 10 -12 February 2017 **APPRECIATING AND GIVING -** appreciating the colours of nature and giving to the 5 elements of nature. Enjoy the newsletter called Growing Angels.

### **England**

The <u>first solar powered bus</u> in the UK has been launched in Brighton - it is called Om Shanti .



#### **Iceland**

The 3rd Spirit of Humanity Forum in Reykjavik, Iceland brought up the topic of environment this year. The panel was called: <u>Caring for a World in Transition</u>, Building Foundation for a Loving and Peaceful World.

Golo participated on behalf of the BK's and Maureen facilitated. The BK center arranged a public talk called Green Angel with Sonja.



# **Spain**

Biocultura is a large <u>annual ecological fair</u> that takes place in many big cities in Spain. Brahma Kumaris and Marta hosted a panel called "Conscience and sustainability" with Valeriane as panelist amongst others. Valeriane also gave a talk on "5 Keys to Sustainable Happiness" at the fair.

## **Germany**

The UN climate change conference held their annual mid-term meeting in Bonn in May. Maureen, Valeriane, Gopi, Dagmar, Heidi, Antje and other were part of the delegation. You can read more about a successful side event called "A Negotiators Tool Kit".

**Recommended link -** Arnold recommend this <u>TED talk</u>: His Holiness Pope Francis: Why the only future worth building includes everyone

**Planning:** Environment Retreat, Moringen Germany 15th- 19th June EU Sustainable Energy Month in June - now 7 programs in different BK venues COP23 in Bonn, Germany in November

Do you have any news, good ideas, pictures to share with us? Please mail or post on facebook.

Om Shanti and Green Angels greetings



Sonja & Arnold & Peter & and all of you

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