

REPORT ON THE ACTIVE PEACE PROJECT PILGRIMAGE

On Thursday, 22 February 2019, Valérie Bernard, Brahma Kumaris, joined the Peace Pledge Pilgrimage organised by the Active Peace Foundation in New Delhi.



The Peace Pledge pilgrims attended a program that day in the Bahai Temple, hosted by a trustee of the temple - Dr K.A. Merchant.

For the opening talks, the 12th Tai Situ Rinpoche addressed the group on the importance of the first 8 years of a child's life, how there is then essential construction of the child and the human being she or he is going to become. He then spoke of the next 8 years of life, from 8 to 16, and then up to 24 as important stages in the construction of a human personality.

Dr K.A. Merchant introduced the work of the Bahais on peace and their connection to the Peace Pledge.

Mohanji addressed the group on what active peace means for him and its significance.

Valérie Bernard spoke about the role of consciousness in the present situation for the environment and climate change. She also shared the need to create a positive relationship with the elements and mother nature.

HH 12th Tai Situ Rinpoche



On the 23rd of February, the group was hosted by the Dargah Hazrath Inayat Khan. The 12th Tai Situ Rimpoche and Mohanji presented the result of their reflections and work.

Angaangaq Angakkorsuaq, an Eskimo elder representing his nation in many fora, also shared his perspective from Greenland. There, the Eskimos noticed years ago that the ice is melting in the north pole and they have tried for years to alert the world that this would endanger the whole planet and its water systems.

In the afternoon, Julie Schelling presented the project of the children's peace pledge that was launched in 2018. Aruna Jain then presented the hope project which started in a local school for girls from very poor muslim backgrounds. These girls had never attended school before or had dropped out from school. Their work is amazing and they have encountered much success. Then Devi Mohan presented on Awareness – Education – Values. At the **Dargah Hazrath Inayat Khan Shrine (photos bellow)**. In good Suffi tradition, the day's program included dancing, singing and music from top performers.



24 February, the group flew to Dheradun. They were invited there by HH Puja Swami Chidanand Saraswati and Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, and stayed at the Parmath Ashram in amazing Rishikesh.

Our brother Selvam who takes care of the water systems in Madhuban, came to join us in Rishikesh.



25 February, the first day at Rishikesh, the group went to visit and meditate in a very famous cave bordering the Ganges, the Vashishta cave.

In the afternoon, the keynote speaker and expert on water, Eric Laarakker, presented his research on coherent water called "Water & Light" to bro Selvam, Valeriane and Devi Mohan.

We all know that we consist of water for a considerable part. We also realise that clean water is of vital importance for us.

With all the intensified exposure to chemical and electromagnetic disturbances today, even chemically pure water and mineral waters are vulnerable, and are becoming more and more affected by mostly man-made radiation.



On the morning of the 26th, Corry de Lange shared on water projects. She is an expert with the Dutch water systems and has carried out a project for Rishikesh: Water@Rishikesh.nl

Photo, place for Puja on the river Ganges.

27 February, early in the morning, the pilgrimage left Rishikesh for New Delhi.

From 28 February to 1 March, the group was supposed to go to Palpung Sherabling Monastic Seat for the Active and Living Peace project, but the plane could not fly as the conflicts between India and Pakistan escalated on that day and all flights were cancelled. So instead the group had a final spiritual meeting at the **Dargah Hazrath Inayat Khan Shrine** for a last get together where Rolf Dolf Zantinge, part of the Water and Light project, presented his part of the research to the people on the pilgrimage.



The pilgrimage was organised by the Active Peace Foundation chaired by Brigitte Von Baren from the Netherlands and co-founded by another one of the participants the Sufi Master and Musician Shabda Khan.

