

Bharat Gaurav Life Achievement Award

It is always nice when somebody gives you respect and acknowledge your work. Most of the times it does not matter but it becomes necessary to show how much some person did for the society. When people are famous and everybody knows them there is always a question:

”What did he do for us? What he does for society?”

It is my great pleasure to give an answer to this question. Gurudev Abunathswamiji. His Holiness Vishwaguru Mahamandaleshwar Paramhans Abunathswami Maheshwarananda Puriji got an Bharat Gaurav award for his Life Achievement in the area of the social work. Was it necessary? Of course not! Was it needed? No. Was it justified? Yes, definitely yes!

Since 1970, when he landed in Austria, he started to promote highest cultural values, spirituality. But, what is spirituality without people, without society. So, the first step is to start from the beginning, physical body and helping it this area. Slowly, with that in mind, the whole system Yoga in Daily Life came into the being.

This Yoga system became famous and now it is practiced around the globe. It brings physical, mental, social and spiritual health into the balance.

Now, 44 years later things got more evolved. In India Swamiji is supporting Gyan Putra, education for the poor children, especially girl children which are still mostly uneducated, hospital and all services connected with that, help during the draught, not only to people but also to animals. Love for animals is one of the central teaching points of Swamiji. One cannot be merciful if he is cruel to the animals. Saying Ahimsa Paramo Dharma is not meant only for the humans but for the animals and whole creation. He supports many gausalas (cow shelters), supports deers and other animals and preaches since the beginning against slaughtering of animals for food. On the one side we ask God to protect us and on the other we kill or cause animal to be killed. To achieve balance in the nature, Swamiji promotes and builds rain water lakes and also does reforestation. Water is life, without it we cannot live! On one side in Rajasthan there is scarcity of water and on the other side of the world there is a lot but it is polluted. Swamiji is warning, advising and reminding us to reduce the pollution, live the simple life, do not run behind the material things and so on. Often he quotes Mahatma Gandhi: ”Earth has enough for everybody's need but not for their greed!”

One of Swamiji's main projects in India is Om ashram, a building in the shape of the sacred symbol OM. The future spiritual university and place for various sadhana camps and anushtanas. Since 1993 just building of this ashram created work that supported thousands and thousands of families in that area and protected the area from normal migration to the big cities, kept the culture and improved the lives of people.

Swamiji teaches Vedic values of life, protection of traditional culture wherever he goes, importance of heritage, not only physical but spiritual as well. It was not by chance that Abunathswamiji was awarded the Bharat Gaurav Life Achievement Award, he deserved it by tireless devotion and dedication to the society in general. Thank you, Gurudev for all you have done and we hope that your work will continue growing and bear fruits.

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