

IT'S TIME TO RETURN HOME!

–B.K. Ranjit Fuliya, Associate Editor

{Prajapita Brahma, the founder of the Brahma Kumaris organisation, was a great protagonist of Woman-Empowerment. He had great regard for women and kept them at the forefront in all matters related to the administration of the organization. After Jagadamba Saraswati left her mortal coil, Didi Manmohini successfully administered this world-wide organisation, along with Dadi Prakashmani and took it to new heights. Associate Editor B.K. Ranjit Fuliya shares with esteemed readers the specialties of Didi Manmohini, whose Remembrance Day falls on 28th July. – **Editor**}



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The original name of Didi Manmohini was Gopi and she belonged to a well-known family of Hyderabad, Sind. She was married into a reputed family. Dada Lekh Raj, the founder of the Brahma Kumaris Organisation was a very famous jeweller of those days and Didi Manmohini's parents had very good relations with Dada. The newly-established spiritual organisation was called Om Mandali, which, with the passage of time, developed into an international organisation, presently known as Prajapita Brahmakumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya. Didi was Dada's relative and her family had great regard for



Didi Manmohini

Dada for his virtues such as righteousness, charity, compassion and generosity. He was also famous for his devotion and people in general admired him for his noble conduct.

Though Didi Manmohini was rich and spend most of her time in *Satsang* and charity. She had immense faith in Hindu scriptures – Gita and Bhagwat which she read as her daily

routine. She felt that she herself was a 'gopi', as mentioned in the scriptures.

Didi Manmohini's mother, who was later known as Queen Mother in the *yagya*, attended Dada's *Satsang*, for the first time after divine descent of Incorporeal God Shiva into his body. Dada was sitting there in a very small room, conducting *Satsang*, holding Gita in his hand. Attracted by some strong divine pull, she sat near Dada. As he gazed at her, she realised a *chakra* of light on Dada's forehead. She continued to look at Dada like that. Lastly, as Dada sounded the word 'Om', she completely felt herself detached from the body and experienced super-sensuous joy. She had, in fact, seen Shri Krishna in Dada and had faith that he was Shri Krishna.

The next day, when she went to Dada's *Satsang*, he drew the pictures of Subtle World, corporeal world and incorporeal world with pencil and explained the same to her. While listening

to the knowledge, Dada appeared as Shri Krishna to her. In the meantime, Incorporeal God Shiva revealed that He had entered Dada's body and was disseminating the esoteric knowledge to re-establish heaven or virtuous world on this very earth. Now Dada Lekhraj was renamed Brahma Baba by Incorporeal God Shiva.

Obstacles could not deter her

Didi Manmohini had been married at a very young age. Her husband was a businessman, and he would frequently go abroad for business purpose. Those days, it was a talk of the town in Hyderabad that through '*Om dhwani*' or the sound of Om, all disciples attending the *Satsang* would go in a state of trance. Hearing this news, many people began to attend *satsang*. One day, Didi's mother also came to attend the *satsang*, got inspired by it and sent a car to Didi so that she could also attend the *satsang* and meet Dada. When Didi came, Dada's first teaching was to live a life of purity, i.e., celibacy. Didi immediately decided to lead a celibate life. Because of this decision, there started a quarrel between Didi and her husband. On one or two occasions, her husband even beat her.

Woman – Harbinger of a new World Order

Om Mandali had established in 1937. Just imagine the status of women those days, i.e., about 77 years ago! Women were considered weak and helpless by the society; they faced all sorts of opposition. Didi Manmohini also faced stiff opposition from her relatives and had to struggle a lot while pursuing the Godly path. She underwent a lot of harassment because of her determination to lead a pure life. She was even confined in several bondages, but because of her firm will, strong determination and sincere spiritual efforts, she overcame all the impediments. Didi didn't retract from her resolve to lead a pure life. Brahma Baba then formed a trust consisting of women and girls. He bequeathed all his movable and immovable property to the trust of which Didi Manmohini was one of founding members. She was then appointed as a special consultant of *yagya* mother Jagdamba Saraswati.

A True Lover of Baba's Murli

Didi was extremely fond of Baba's *murli*. She would get lost in Godly love while listening to Godly versions. Whatever Baba said to His children, she would instantly inculcate in her life. Meeting Didi Manmohini in

Madhuban always used to be a special experience for the spiritual family. Since Didi took keen interest in the spiritual progress of all the B.K. brothers and sisters, she would invariably meet them while bidding goodbye. She used to enquire about their spiritual efforts at personal level and suggested ways and means to remove the impediments and enhance their stage of soul-consciousness.

A Good Administrator

Didi Manmohini had a number of qualities like great power of discrimination, tireless work, administrative capability etc. Her politeness, affectionate personality, and soul-conscious state endeared her to one and all. When Prajapita Brahma Baba ascended to subtle region, after attaining perfection in his spiritual efforts, on 18th January, 1969, Didi Manmohini and Dadi Prakashmani were appointed to look after the administration of Brahmakumaris organisation, jointly. The administration of the huge organisation required great coordination and cooperation which was visible to one and all in their administrative decisions and actions. While Dadi Prakashmani used to appear as a symbol of love, Didi Manmohini was considered an embodiment of the rule of law. The organisation was growing at a

fast pace and there were many ticklish and complex issues of the *yagya* which were taken care of by Didi Manmohini. But Didi was a practical person; highly experienced in understanding people's problems and providing them sure and certain solutions. She would instantly create a rapport with whomsoever she met. Her personal touch really inspired many souls.

An Embodiment of Love and Care

Didi sustained the divine family with great love and care. She would discuss the Godly Knowledge and Meditation for the benefit of all. Though she showered her motherly love on all, she was also particular that Godly *maryada* or code of conduct is followed by all, in letter and spirit. She would draw personal attention of divine brothers and sisters towards self progress and inspired them to strengthen the foundation of Godly Knowledge and yoga. She also laid special emphasis on inculcation of values in practical life.

Unity and Purity

As Didi had true love for One God and was an impartial person, she taught all to be free from the bondages of attachments. She was royal and courteous while interacting or dealing with others. She immediately used to invite the

attention of the aspirants if she received some complaint. She would always remind them about Godly code of conduct. She would handle aspirants' grievances efficiently, call the complainant and dispose of their grievances amicably, then and there. Thus, she would always try to keep the atmosphere light, pure and positive. She always highlighted the importance of Godly code of conduct and inspired all to adhere to it, strictly. Her royalty and simplicity ensured Unity and Purity in the organization.

Be Frugal; Make the Best use of Resources

Those days the Brahma Kumaris organisation was not well off, financially. Therefore, Didi would emphasize the importance of being frugal and economical. She would often inspire all to make proper use of money and never to waste it. She wanted that the service that was rendered should be royal but not very costly. Not a single grain of food was allowed to be wasted and she would draw attention of one and all to very minute aspects also.

Her Affection won Many Hearts

I visited Madhuban during summer season of the year 1981. While I was taking leave for returning, Didi gave me a bag

having the picture of Shri Krishna printed on it. "Ranjit, you take this bag as a divine gift with you and use it for carrying lunch to office. You should also keep Baba's Murli (divine versions) in it which you should read in the noon. And of course the picture of Shri Krishna will always remind you of your aim and object, i.e., to become a virtuous deity like Shri Krishna", said Didi while presenting godly gift to me. I was really overwhelmed by her hearty wishes, and such a divine care and concern.

It's Time to Return Home

Didi Manmohini always used to remind all: "It's time to return home" and "Nothing is mine, everything is Baba's." By Home, she meant the real and original home of all souls, i.e., Incorporeal World, *Param Dham* or Soul-World. She went to Mumbai for her health check-up in July 1983 where she was diagnosed with a tumor which was not malignant but benign. Doctors advised her to be operated upon. Even while going to operation theatre, she was cheerful and happy. Even nurses of the hospital would admire her and said, "Your Didi is a very nice person". Whenever they came to her, she would greet them with a smile. She always showered spiritual love received

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become too much materialistic those who are for communal ideas, concerns and elevated and man has moved far away harmony, national integration deeds that know no superficial from his beloved Creator. It and non-violence, should justify differences of caste, colour and would, therefore, be better if to the exploited sections their country. ●

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from Baba on all souls. While in the hospital, she remained in *avyakt* stage most of the time and left her mortal coil on 28th July, 1983.

World Transformation through Self-Transformation

As a tribute to Didi Manmohini, let us resolve to cut all mental bondages and have ourselves constantly united with the Lord, mentally, so that we may become completely pure and return Home. Those who pass with good marks can claim God Fatherly Birthright of Purity, Peace and Plenty and become an instrument of God for rejuvenation of the world which can be possible only through self-transformation.

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female and the five vices of male. This is the symbol of the impure household.

Look, all these things have symbolic meaning, which must be understood in right spirit. Ravan is the symbol of an impure person. When both male and female become impure, the world becomes unhappy, and that is known as the kingdom of Ravan; it means the kingdom of the vices. Ravan is the symbol of the vices and not a real life character. Can there be a human-being with ten heads?

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relationship, the right way of doing things and help us enrich with spiritual experiences leading to total contentment in life.

The present time is the auspicious Confluence Age and God has descended now with a mission to transform the souls and this world. It is the right time to receive God's powers for easy self transformation and help in the great transformation of the world. It is now or never.

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