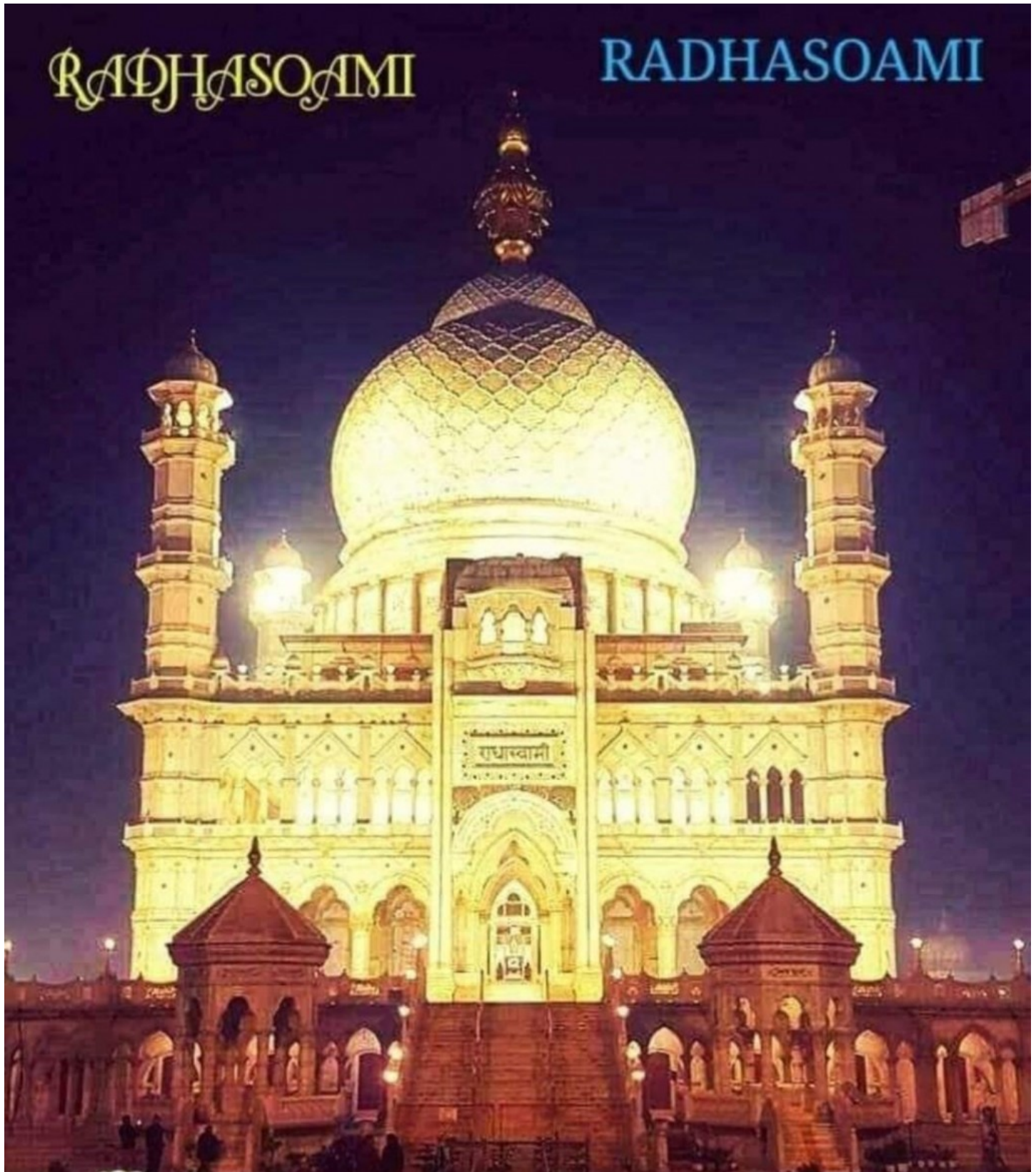


Basant Panchami (Spring Festival) celebrated Uk and Europe wide in line with Dayalbagh, Agra (India)

Basant Panchami a blessed and sacred day, celebrated at DRSAE(CIO) Branch venue Stokenchurch (UK), Birmingham (UK), Bensheim, Center Kiel (Germany), Amsterdam (Netherlands), Oslo (Norway), Helsingborg (Sweden) and other locations U.K. and Europe-wide



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BASANT PANCHAMI IN DAYALBAGH & WORLDWIDE

Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi

Ritu Basant aye Satguru jag me, chalo charnan per sees dharo ri.

“With the auspicious season of Basant, Most Benevolent, Supremely Merciful Satguru manifested on this earth,

Let us all bow our heads in homage at His Holy Lotus Feet.”

In the month of maagh, January/February, the auspicious day of Panchmi (the fifth day of the lunar fortnight in the Hindu Calendar), which is popularly known as Basant Panchmi, is considered a blessed and sacred day among Hindus and is welcomed as a harbinger of joy and exuberance. With the passing of the winter season, as soon as the season of Basant commences, there is an infusion of new energy in animals as well as birds, human beings, and vegetation. Saints to have compared the time for the manifestation of the Supreme Lord of All Creation on this earth with the most majestic of all seasons—Basant.

“Let us, dear friend (fellow spirits) rush to get the blissful vision of Basant,

Basant which is flowering with joy and bliss here, there, and everywhere.”

The Basant season is of special significance for Dayalbagh, the headquarters of the Radhasoami Faith situated in the city of Agra. For the satsangis of the Radhasoami Faith, the auspicious day of Basant is one of extreme happiness and Bliss as on this sacred day, February 15, 1861, the first Revered Leader of the Faith, Param Purush Puran Dhani Huzur Soamiji Maharaj, revealed for the first time the Divine message of the salvation of all creation and mercifully opened the doors of Satsang to the general public.

Ghat me khelun ab Basant, bhed bataya satguru sant.

“I revel in the joy and Bliss of Basant internally within the depths of my soul,

Most Gracious, Ever Merciful, All benevolent, Sant Satguru has revealed the secret.”

On the auspicious day of Basant Panchmi, on January 20, 1915, the fifth Revered Leader of the Radhasoami faith, Sir Sahabji Maharaj, laid the foundation of Dayalbagh, the headquarters of

Radhasoami Satsang by planting a Mulberry seedling. Along with this, the foundation of a new Satsang culture was also laid. At Dayalbagh, Education and Culture or a Way of Life commenced in the form of a very beautiful and delicate plant, on January 1, 1916, with a Model School popularly known as Radhasoami Educational Institute (REI). This plant slowly and gradually grew into the vast tree that it is at present, in the form of a University, the impact of which can be felt not only in different parts of the country but also in countries abroad. The fragrance of this tree named Dayalbagh Educational Institute, is spreading in all four directions.

Aaj ayee bahar Basant, Umang man guru charnan liptaye.

“Today, the beauty, glory, joyous splendor of Basant is here,

With their minds filled with exuberance and Bliss, the disciple devotees embrace in adoration the Holy Lotus Feet of Ever Merciful Sant Satguru.”

The day of Basant is of extreme importance to the satsangis of Radhasoami Faith. This year is the 205th Samvat of Radhasomi Faith. This day is celebrated with much enthusiasm and pleasure by all satsangis as they sing and praise the Glory of Ever Merciful Radhasoami Dayal. Before the arrival of Basant, the preparations for its welcome begin well in advance. From very small children to adults and seniors-- there is no limit to enthusiasm and zeal. All get fully involved in the cleaning and decoration of houses, mohallas, in fact, the entire Dayalbagh. Because of the collective efforts of all, one can get a glimpse of the most beautiful vision and luster of Dayalbagh on the auspicious occasion of Basant. The Festival of Basant is celebrated by satsangis with rituals steeped in the spirit of immense love and devotion, by expressing a deep sense of gratitude in the Holy Lotus Feet of their Beloved Sant Satguru with intense Faith in Radhasoami Dayal. With complete love and devotion, joy and Bliss, they pass this day in offering aarti, worship, and meditation, feel Blessed and exult in their good fortune.

Mohi mil gaye Ra-Dha-SVA-Aah-Mi pure sant, Ab bajat hiye me dhun anant.

“I have found the All-Gracious, Ever Merciful Supreme Being, the only True Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi Satguru Sant

In my heart the melodious eternal sound current reverberates in everlasting Bliss.”

On the occasion of Basant, in Dayalbagh, a variety of programmes like baby Show, Fancy dress Show, Gymnastics and different Sports events are organized. In all these programmes, children, youth, and all brothers and sisters actively participate with enthusiasm and zeal.

Aaj aya Basant Naveen, Sakhi ri khelo guru sang fag rachaye.

“Today Basant has arrived anew

Fellow devotee spirits, let us celebrate the joy and Bliss of spring with our beloved Sant Satguru.”

On the auspicious occasion of Basant, in Dayalbagh and in Satsang colonies all over the country and at DRSAE Branch venues Stokenchurch (UK), Birmingham (UK), Bensheim, at Center Kiel (Germany), AREA satsang Amsterdam (Netherlands), at MPG Oslo (Norway), Helsinborg (Sweden) and at other locations in U.K. and Europe-wide, the most glorious and attractive decorative lighting are displayed at night. For this candles and oil lamps (diyas) which can cause pollution, are not used. LED lights, powered by solar energy are used for this lighting decoration.

Followers of Ra-Dha-Sva-Aah-Mi faith celebrated the occasion with variety of cultural programs, sports and Prabhat & Sandya Feri. "It was great opportunity to work with cooperation (Sahyog) collectively (Sangadan) to make event Successful (Safalta). This all happened by HIS grace and mercy." said Dr. S.K. Gautam, President of Dayalbagh Radhasoami Satsang Association of Europe (DRSAE).



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