

News:

Guruji's 90th Birthday Celebration

Guruji Yogacharya BKS Iyengar will be completing 90 years of his life on December 14, 2008. We, his students, irrespective of the part of the world we live in, would be eager to celebrate this event in a manner befitting Guruji's immense contribution to our lives.

The programme would be a cultural bonanza and is to be held in Pune as well as South India.



The tentative programme is as follows:

Venue: Pune

Dates: December 12 - December 14, 2008

Programme: A cultural tribute which will include exposition to music, dance, theatre and films.

Venue: Tour of South India

Dates: December 17 to December 20, 2008

Programme: A tour of South India starting from Bangalore and covering the following Bellur, Bellur-Hallebid-Sravanabelagola, Mysore - Somnathpur, Cauvery Falls and return to Bangalore.

Points to note:

- The participants are expected to make their own travel arrangements from Pune to Bangalore either by road, train or air. We will of course provide suggestions and guidance for the same.
 - A distinctive guide will be accompanying the tour to provide information about the history, archaeology and the culture of the places that have been selected for this tour.
 - Bangalore has an international airport and students/participants may want to consider returning home from Bangalore.
 - Guruji will be accompanying us on this trip.
 - This programme is open to students of Iyengar Yoga and their family members.
 - Those interested in these programmes are requested to contact their respective National Iyengar Yoga Associations for registration. In the absence of a national association, you can contact info@bksiyengar.com.
- “ We request those interested to kindly inform their respective representatives from the Association by the May 15, 2008 as that would aid us in further organization of the programme. Please clearly convey whether you are interested in attending the programme in Pune, South India or both.
- “ Please visit <http://www.bksiyengar.com> for regular updates.
- “ The expenses for these programmes will be conveyed to you shortly.

Brief information on the places that have been selected for the tour:

Bellur: The birth place of Guruji and the location of the world's only Patanjali temple. It is interesting and touching to see the work accomplished by the Bellur Trust in a short span of time.

Bellur-Hallebid: This is a heritage site located about 225 kms. from Bangalore. It houses the famous temple complexes built over 103 years. The façade of these temples is filled with intricate sculptures with carvings of elephants, deities, episodes from the epics amongst many other things. It is said that each of the 650 charging elephants carved on the frieze on the walls are all different.



Sravanabelagola: The world's tallest monolithic statue which is 17 metres tall.

Mysore: This is a city of palaces, gardens and sacred temples which retains the charms of the old world. The palace built between 1897-1912 is famed for its architecture and interiors with its glazed tiled flooring and stained glass, domed ceiling and intricately carved doors. It houses a museum which has exquisite paintings, sculptures and musical instruments dating back to 1800s. Interestingly, it was in this palace that Guruji's Guru Sri T. Krishnamachar taught yoga.

In addition, Mysore is famed for its Bird Sanctuary, Zoo and the Vrindavan Gardens.

Somnathpura: Famous for its temple built in the 13th century. The temple is famous for its elaborate details in the carvings and its beautiful pillars.

More information can be attained from the website <http://www.incredibleindia.org>
