

## **Dadi Janki's Visit to Karachi (Pakistan)**

**Karachi, April 27, 2010:** Dadi Janki, Chief of Brahma Kumaris with BK brothers and sisters from overseas have visited Yagya's historical sites like Om Niwas, Baba Bhawan, Radha Bhawan, Kunj Bhawan etc.. in Karachi. Sister Mala had identified an old derelict building which still showed some of its past original beauty, Dadi couldn't identify it from the front of the building but when we drove to the back there was an old broken gate, she then instantly recognised it and said that this is a home that Brahma Baba had set up for woman in bondage, the back of the building was just a few yards from Kunj Bhawan the home of the Kumaris with Mama.

Dadi would go from Kunj Bhawan to the mothers home to conduct classes and would use that back gate. Standing there opened up the treasure store of stories and Dadi shared one of the stories. We drove around the whole block of Kunj Bhawan but at this point we couldn't enter. We have another appointment for that and Dadi recognised it immediately.

We then went to the site of Radha Bhawan, the building has been destroyed but the site remains vacant and close to that on the other side of the road is Om Niwas. Dadi shared how Om Niwas was the very first building occupied by Baba and some of the sisters. The building has now been destroyed but the site still remains with the walls clearly identifiable in particular a brass name plate embedded in the wall that gives the address and the name of owners of the land and the previous building. This is the address that has been used in all the early correspondence from the Yagya to the government. This is also the site of the picketing that happened. The road is now one of the main roads and one could easily see how a few thousand people could have gathered there. A beautiful scene at the site of Radha Bhawan was that 3 daughters of the original laundry man of the Yagya Pooran Dhobi came to meet Dadi. The eldest daughter is now in her late 60s and remembers when she was 5/6 years old peeping over the walls of the terrace of her building which was next to Radha Bhawan.

Baba would conduct classes in the garden at 5am the place would be full not just with the sisters but with people from outside who would even be sitting on the trees to listen to Baba. She remembers vividly how Baba would look after the family so well. Each day breakfast would be sent to them and on special occasions of Bhog the family would receive all the special dishes made, when vegetables came to the yagya Baba would send some of these for the family . She told Dadi

that her family (the children) are now comfortably settled in Switzerland and she feels this is because of Baba's blessings.

We went to Clifton (upper class residential area of Karachi ) and we were able to see Baba Bhawan from the outside. The sea has now receded, but in the early days Baba's room had a window that over looked the sea. We then went to Clifton Pavilion, the original dome is still easily recognisable and is in good condition. The sandy beach has now been replaced by a huge garden and the sea is now at quite a distance. We then went to Baba's current home which Dadi loves, and Dadi was absolutely full of stories at this is point and there was a very beautiful chitchat with the family.

Georgio, Madhuban/Italy, Jon, London , Mala, Jakarta , Wajeeha , Kuwait , Rekha London plus the BK residents in Karachi , Tony, Kathryn, Usha (UK) were with Dadi for the tour. In the evening there was a programme at the Beach Luxury Hotel. Formar Vice Chancellor, Sindh University , Mazhar Ul-Haq Saddique.

Dadi's talk was much appreciated and the Vice Chancellor was taking notes, the former President of the Hindu Council, the President of the Hindu Council were there. Everyone who had come to the programme were contacts, and came through word of mouth.

An additional very beautiful ceremony was the launch of Dadis book "Companion of God". The publisher is one of the top companies of Pakistan and has distribution in outlets all over Pakistan .

The publisher spoke for a couple of minutes sharing how they had worked very hard to get the book ready for Dadis visit, the translator the brother of a contact soul spoke movingly of how Dadi was not just a world personality but is a woman of Sindh and how he had worked day and night to complete the translation in 21 days, because he had been inspired by the wisdom in the book.