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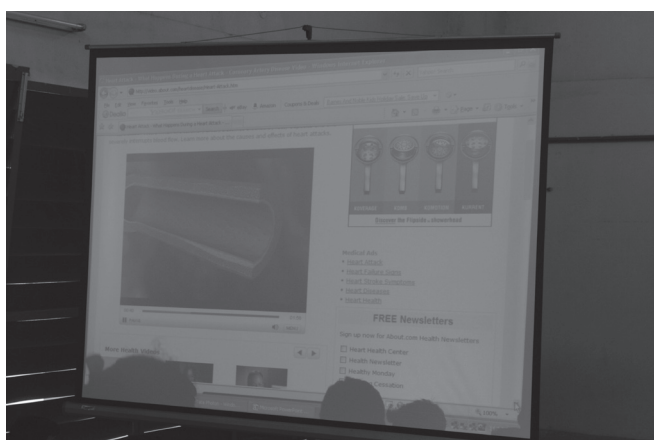
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LCD Projector Inauguration



N.T.Nathan inaugurating LCD projector with Quiz



Youtube Video on heart attacks



Christmas arrangements



Crib for Jesus



Prayers done by the Students

DUTY IS DIVINE – DUTY IS THE GATEWAY TO DIVINITY. AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT ATTACH SELFISHNESS, YOU ARE CLEAR IN YOUR DUTIES.

- KAMAKSHI BABA

Dear Member,

This incident happened in 2008 in the month of July. Every one of us is very familiar with the bomb blast in the Indian Embassy in Kabul. Here is the narration of a devotee Mrs. M.V. Rajeswari of Chennai as to how by a whisker she escaped the bomb blast thanks to the divine intervention of Guruji. Rajeswari is I. A. & A. S and works as Senior Deputy Accountant General in the AG's office (Govt. of India). The experience is verbatim carried below:

“Dear DMS Members

With soorya koti namaskaram to Guruji, I would like to share with you all that Guruji has been very kind to me and to my family by saving my life in an unbelievable manner which you will agree when you read the details.

With Guruji's blessings I am now a senior Civil Service Officer in the Indian Government and Guruji blessed me with selection for a prestigious foreign assignment of my department where we went to audit the Embassy Offices and Diplomatic Missions of India in Asia. Our team comprised three members, headed by me and assisted by one Senior Audit Officer and lady Assistant Audit Officer. We were assigned audit of Indian embassy offices at Seoul, Shanghai, Beijing, Pyonyang and Kabul.

As you know Seoul, Shanghai and Beijing are all envious places where we really had a very high standard of stay in international standard star hotels and interaction with Ambassadors and High dignitaries there etc., Pyong yang , capital of North Korea is of course very different under the Communist rule.

After finishing these assignments which had commenced on May 22nd, 2008, we finally landed in Kabul, Afghanistan. We were to audit the Embassy in Kabul from July 1st, 2008 until July 10th, 2008 and a Mission in a Kabul State called Jalalabad for a total stay of 10 days. Kabul is a non-family station with a high security alert.

The embassy is on a busy, tree-lined street near Afghanistan's Interior Ministry that is protected on both ends by police, though the checkpoints are easily driven past. Even when we were there, the Embassy on having received several inside information of various threats/ bomb attacks were relaying one more layer of fresco around the Embassy walls for additional security. We were accommodated in a Hotel just two streets before the Embassy.

We found the area around our Hotel and the Embassy office were all highly guarded and surrounded by bunkers. Vehicles were all checked and then allowed. Embassy of India was under constant threat. All Embassy officials always took different routes to come and go to Office and never went the same route continuously to avoid being followed by militants. We were strictly escorted with armed CRPF officials throughout. The embassy gate was always kept shut and opened only for identified vehicles and personnel.

We learned that over 3,000 Indians work in Afghanistan on rebuilding the country. They work either directly for the Indian government or on Indian government funded projects. Some work for international organisations like the UN, NGOs and private sector companies. For most the embassy is a reference point, a place which they frequently visit.

Third day we met one Mr. Ravi Ramakrishna, AIR-Doordarshan Senior Correspondent in Kabul in the Embassy. As the AIR-DD correspondent based in Kabul, Ravi worked closely with the embassy. On seeing two Indian ladies working in the office, he came and talked to us. We were really excited to hear about his experience during his two year stay there. For Ravi, the embassy was much more than a source of stories. He had also joined music classes being held by the embassy in its new cultural centre. Yoga classes and cultural programs showcasing Indian and Afghan culture were on offer there. He invited us to his house for lunch the next day and said that he had a Kabul lady who had learned to cook our Indian food especially idli, sambar, etc.

The next day along with two Embassy officials we three went to Ramakrishna's house I was really surprised to hear from him that he is basically from Vijayawada and he recited Lalitha sahasranama and Chandi regularly and does pooja on full moon day. In fact his servant maid (of Kabul origin) takes bath and prepares the food on those days seeing his routine, he told. She had lost her husband in one of the internal wars by the militants. He told that only those poojas and Chandi has been keeping him alive every day. After having a very delicious typical south Indian lunch, which one can never even dream of, we finally prepared to leave. Then suddenly Mr. Ravi asked me to keep the book which he showed me some time back, inside an adjoining room. When I went inside that room, on one corner of a small table I saw two small pictures of Matha Kamakshi and Shirdi Sai Baba. I was really surprised and happy to see SAI and told Guruslokam silently and then left for office. That day evening we were given a dinner by Defence Attache Brigadier R D Mehta. He narrated how he escaped two attacks previously.

Next day morning (Monday, July 7th, 2008) as usual the vehicle came (8.25 am) and we were about to enter into the vehicle. Just then the audit officer told that he has just forgotten to take the medicine and went back to bring the tablets. *So we got down from the vehicle and went inside the hotel as we were generally asked not to stand out in the street even for a minute. The vehicle also would not be parked but would go round the street corner and would come back. When after the officer came down and we were about to enter the vehicle we heard a loud explosion and the full length glass on the sides of the Hotel displaying some exhibits came crashing down.* We immediately ran up to the top floor and saw huge black smoke on the side of the street where the Indian Embassy was. No one knew what had happened for the next ten minutes. First they thought it might be usual internal rival militant gang shooting. Then after ten minutes we got the news that a suicide bomber targeting the Indian Embassy had exploded two embassy vehicles as they were entering the premises, the intensity of the blast blowing off the gates of the embassy. Some buildings inside were also damaged in the blast. The blast also killed five Afghan security guards at the nearby Indonesian Embassy, where windows were shattered and doors and gates broken.

One vehicle had the Defense Attache Brigadier R.D.Mehta and the other a Counsellor Mr. Venkateswara Rao . This Counsellor had gone on 10 days leave and had returned the previous day only. He was due for transfer back to India the next week. In fact he had traveled back to Kabul the previous day with the Indian Ambassador Mr. Jayant Prasad and had been discussing his future plans. Both of them were blown to pieces along with two more Indian nationals, of which one was the CRPF jawan who suspecting the credentials of the militant's car had tried and closed the gate with presence of mind. But for him the entire Embassy building would have been blown up. But this Jawan instead got blown up into pieces. This CRPF Jawan was the one escorting us daily. He was to join his family in another 40 days on completion of tenure, we were told.

I was shocked to hear that the Officers whom we saw the previous day were blown up then, besides several public who were outside the Embassy for passport, visa etc. *Then I realized that if the officer had not forgotten the tablets and we had come in the first trip, then our car also would have been following the Embassy vehicles and we would have faced the same fate. Even if inside the building we would have been affected as we were sitting in the very front room from where we had a full view of the entrance gate.*

It is thus one of Guruji's miracles that had saved our lives that day and the darshan of SAI the previous day in Mr.Ravi Ramakrishna's house had been meaningful. Ravi Ramakrishna had planned to collect his telephone diary that fateful morning from Mr.Venkat Rao, Counsellor (Information) at the Indian embassy. He had left it behind in India on his last visit and Rao was his constant point of contact that had collected it from India to hand over to Ravi. Instead, a few hours later, Ravi found himself filming the gory death of someone he knew so well. So the Chandi had saved Mr.Ravi Ramakrishna also.

We stayed back for the rest of the 4 days as per schedule and returned safely escorted by Guruji, who else.

Matha Kamakshi”

As the New Year sets in, nothing could be more apt than to assure ourselves Guruji is with us every micro-millimetre of the way. Pray to Him, never cease to be grateful for what He has done and will always do for His devotees!

There are great happenings at Alamadhi – the LCD projector donated by ENVIKAL (IIT, Madras group of 1970) has been installed. (Details below).

This issue of Satsanga carries the Annual report of Divine Mother Society and DMS Trust for the year ended 31st March, 2010. Names of donors over Rs.2000 are contained therein.

Holy kum kum from Guruji's pooja room comes to you along with this Satsanga (hard copy)

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MATA KAMAKSHI

MANAVA SEVA NEWS FROM ALAMADHI CENTRE

Here is great news! The development work at our Alamadhi Centre took a leap on 17th Dec. '10 when the new LCD projector was inaugurated. Now children coming to our Centre can be shown educational clippings.

This LCD is the donation of ENVIKAL, the IIT, Madras group of 1970. ENVIKAL has been supporting *DMS* in its activities at Alamadhi where technology is involved.

The individual who contributed significantly for the LCD is **Mr. Ramani, a NASA scientist at Canada** who is from IIT, Madras. He had visited our Centre three years back.

ENVIKAL wish to dedicate the LCD to the memory of their colleague P. Sankaran who passed away recently.

ENVIKAL at Chennai is represented by Mr.N.T.Nathan of the 1970 batch. He inaugurated the LCD with a quiz. Surprisingly all questions except one were correctly answered. A sample of the questions using the LCD projector is given below so that you can evaluate the standard:



Which is the second longest beach in the world?



What is the city where this famous temple in Tamil Nadu is located?



What is common to the players shown here?

Christmas celebrations!

- 25th Dec. was a day of festivities relating to Christmas and the New Year.
 - After classes were over for the day, the children were treated to Santa Claus videos from Youtube followed by a quiz on General Knowledge and a Video on Treatment for Common Cold without medication.
 - The GK quiz was conducted by teacher Karnan and Treatment of Common cold by Dr. Geetha Badrinath.
 - Both of them used the LCD projector.
 - *DMS* wishes all devotees and their families a fantastic year ahead filled with the love and grace of Shri Kamakshi Baba.
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