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Editor's Column

Here we are on the verge of 2022 and prepared to have our first step on the threshold of the New Year 2023 for another annual journey full of new challenges and perspectives. 2022 which is now phasing out was for the MSDTF a year full of face to face activities after the end of Covid-19 pandemic. We have been able to renew contact with our affiliates through so many fruitful and enriching activities.

Without the unflinching support of our affiliates, well-wishers, sponsors, among others, it would not have been possible for MSDTF to accomplish its tasks for the welfare and benefit of our Eternal Sanatan Dharma. We, therefore, convey our heartfelt gratitude to all who have been with us in all our initiatives.

We wish you all with your members and families a very Happy New Year 2023 and Makar Sankranti Abhinandan.



Brotherly yours,
Gawtum Lallbeeharry
General Secretary

MSTDF RETROSPECTIVE 2022 **& FUTURE PLANS**

1) Aradhna Ramayan Competitions

Competitions were organised in 4 categories:

- Ramayan Gayan Pratiyogita
- Ramayan Bhashan Pratiyogita
- Ramlila Nritya Pratiyogita
- Bollywood Devotional Song Pratiyogita



We congratulate the winners once again and thank all the participants and wish that many more will take part in such competitions in 2023.

2) World Encyclopedia of Ram Katha

The Sahityik Sanskritik Shodh Sansthan of Mumbai, India has embarked in a herculean task to produce 58 volumes of the World Encyclopaedia of Ram Katha. The MSDTF has been coordinating related tasks to have articles from Mauritian writers for the 30th volume which is solely dedicated to Mauritius.

3) Diwali Celebration 2022

The MSDTF has celebrated Diwali at national level on Friday 21st October 2022 at 18h00 at IGCIC having as our Chief Guest, the Prime Minister and other eminent personalities.

5) Sanatan Vatika Convention Centre

We thank you all for having given approval to go ahead with the Sanatan Vatika Convention Centre at Le Triangle, Reduit. We will soon start all the administrative procedures for an OPP and the building permit and

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intend to start early next year. Your contribution will be the most awaited for this challenging project.

6) Gurukul Shiksha Course

The First cohort (batch) of children having joined the Gurukul Shiksha Course has completed the programme by end of November 2022. A

Convocation Day will be organised for them to showcase their talents and what they have learnt. Please stay tuned to the event. We will start another batch next year in April 2023. Start sensitizing kids and youngsters of your mandirs.

7) Book Launching Ceremony

A Book launching Ceremony was organised on 19 November 2022. 'The great soul: Dayanundlall Basant Rai' written by Jagesh Sukraj was launched by Honourable Avinash Teeluck, Minister of Arts and cultural Heritage. It is worth to be noted that Late Dayanundlall Basant Rai was the first secretary of MSDTF From 1964 to 1982 and Mr Jagesh

Sukraj is presently a very active member of our affiliated temple, Navjeevan Sabha of La Rosa.

MSDTF openheartedly welcomes and encourages



writers to come up with their publications.

We are always ready to support them in the literary initiatives.



8) Donation through Hindu Solidarity Fund Mauritius

Since the setting up of the 'Hindu Solidarity Fund Mauritius' (HSFM) in December 2020, MSDTF has helped needy cases through cash and kind donation to bring at least a whiff of hope to persons in sufferings. We have also helped our mandirs and kalimayes in their construction/renovation work. We kindly solicit your voluntary contribution to sustain our philanthropic initiative in 2023.



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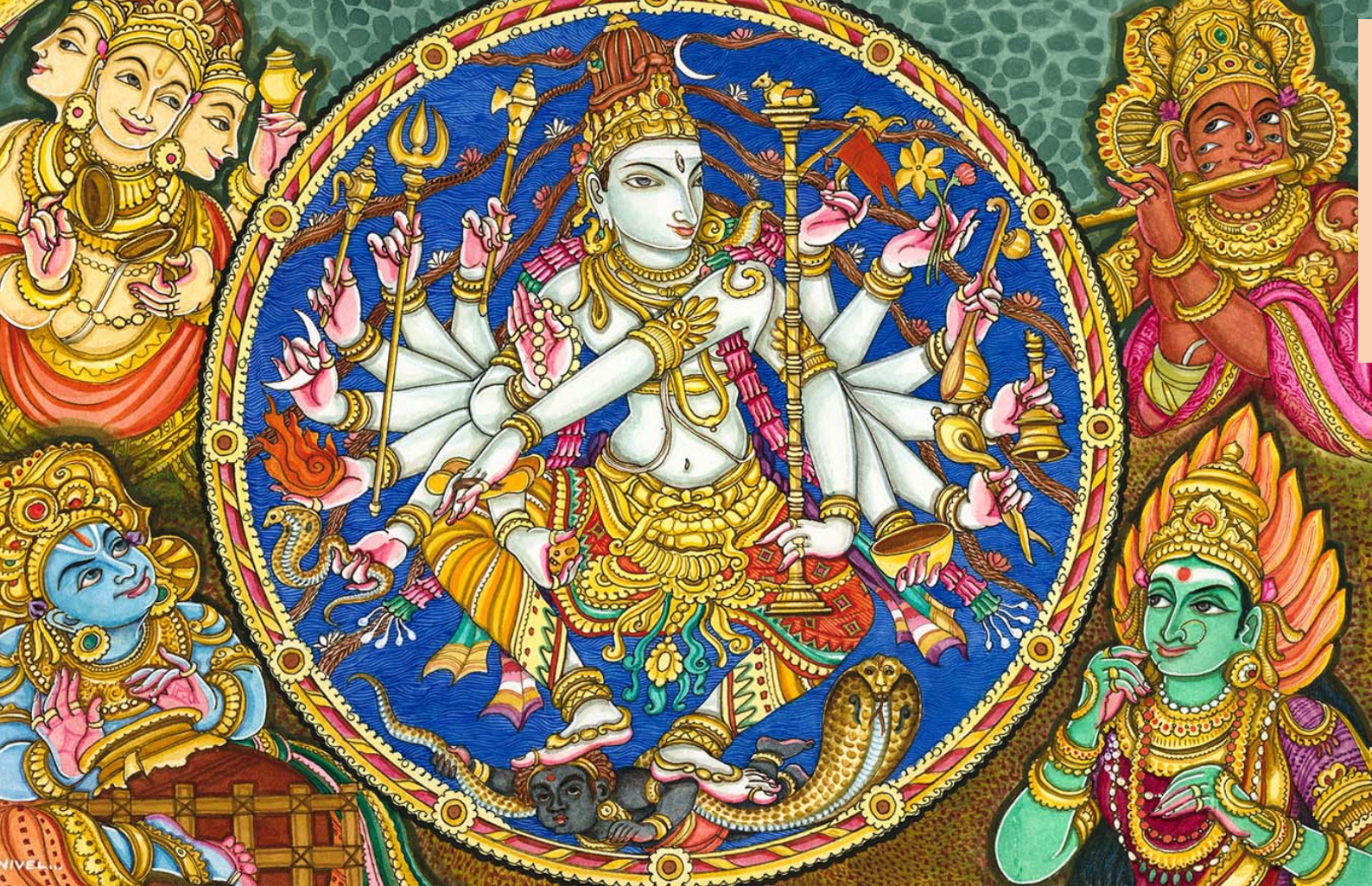
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9) Pravasi Bharatiya Divas

- Indore 2023

The MSDTF is leading a delegation of above 112 persons to the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas in Indore, India. It is the first time that we have encouraged our affiliates to register for this international conference. In addition, after the conference we have organised a pilgrimage in North India to visit Omkareshwar, Mahakaleshwar, Vrindavan, Mathura, Rishikesh, Haridwar, among others.

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17TH PRAYASI BHARATIYA DIVAS CONVENTION
NORTH INDIA TOUR
7TH TILL 18TH JANUARY 2023
WHOLE PACKAGE: RS 17,500**

7th to 10th JAN 2023: Stay in Indore for PBD
10TH JAN 2023: Indore to Jaipur, AC train, stay in Jaipur
11th JAN 2023: Sight-seeing in Jaipur, stay in Agra
12th JAN 2023: Visit Taj Mahal in Agra, Mathura, Vrindavan, Move to Haridwar to stay
13th JAN 2023: Visit Rishikesh, attend evening Ganga Artee in Haridwar, stay in Haridwar
14th JAN 2023: Haridwar to Delhi
15TH JAN 2023: Delhi city tour, catch train Rajdhani Express Delhi to Mumbai
16th JAN 2023: station pick up, drop hotel, free shopping
17th JAN 2023: Mumbai tour, back to hotel
18th JAN 2023: Mumbai airport drop

10) DIKSHANT SAMAROH – CONVOCATION DAY

The MSDTF organised a Dikshant Samaroh for all our kids and youngsters who followed our Gurukul Shiksha Course and Youth Leadership Programme from April 2022 to October 2022 through online classes. They were given opportunities to showcase their talents, skills and knowledge on that occasion. We strongly believe that due to time constraint in many families, children are not given opportunities and facilities to be empowered in religious and cultural matters. Sanskar is very important today along with academic knowledge for the integral development of the child. We are therefore humbly requesting all to spare some time to allow kids and youngsters to follow the Gurukul Shiksha Course and Youth Leadership Programme in 2023.



11) Celebrations of Gita Jayanti

MSDTF has since long been promoting Ramayana but at a very least extent the Bhagwat Gita. With the organisation of a talk on “The importance of Gyan, Karma, Bhakti and Yoga Marga in Bhagwat Gita”, we want to promote the values enshrined in the Bhagwat Gita for a better and just society. Anyone willing to share ideas and help in the organisation of Gita Jayanti in 2023 is most welcomed.

OMKARRESHWAR MANDIR
Carreau Lalianne, Vacoas
In collaboration with
MAURITIUS SANATAN DHARMA TEMPLES FEDERATION
Has much pleasure Inviting you along with your family and friends to glorify Gita Jayanti the sublime message from Bhagwan Shri Krishn to all mankind.



ग़ीता जयन्ती २०२२

Venue : Omkarareshwar Mandir – C/Lalianne, Vacoas
Date : Sunday 4th December 2022
Time : 10.00 a.m to Noon

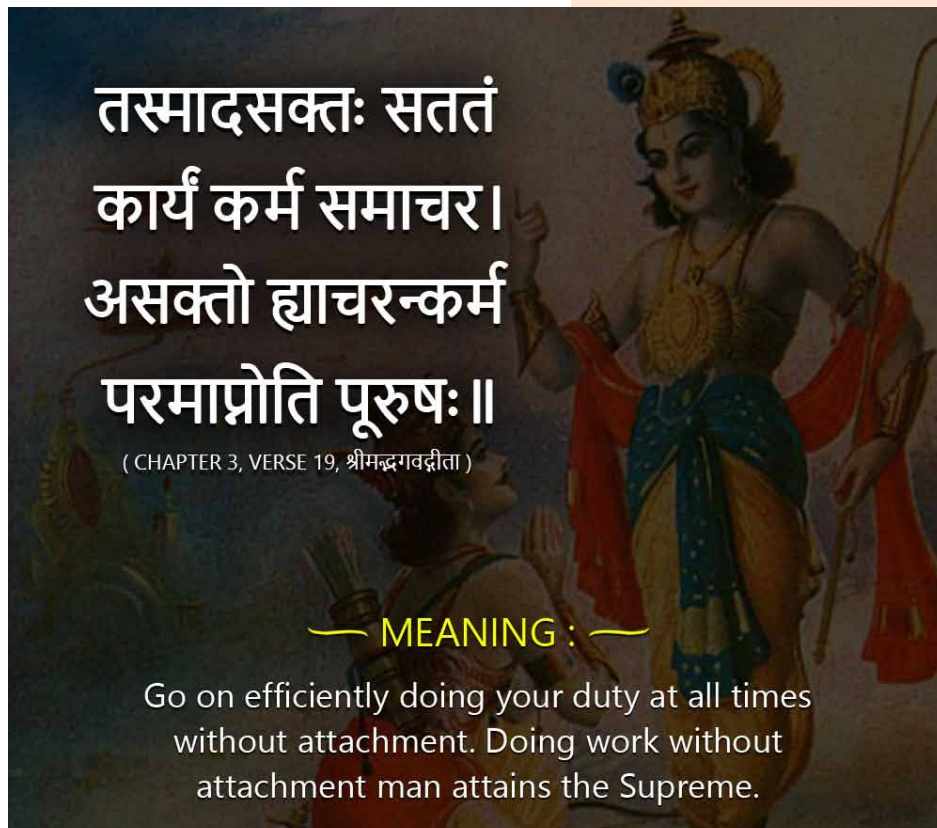
Hope to be honoured by your distinguished presence .

तस्मादसक्तः सततं
कार्यं कर्म समाचर।
असक्तो ह्याचरन्कर्म
परमाप्नोति पूरुषः ॥

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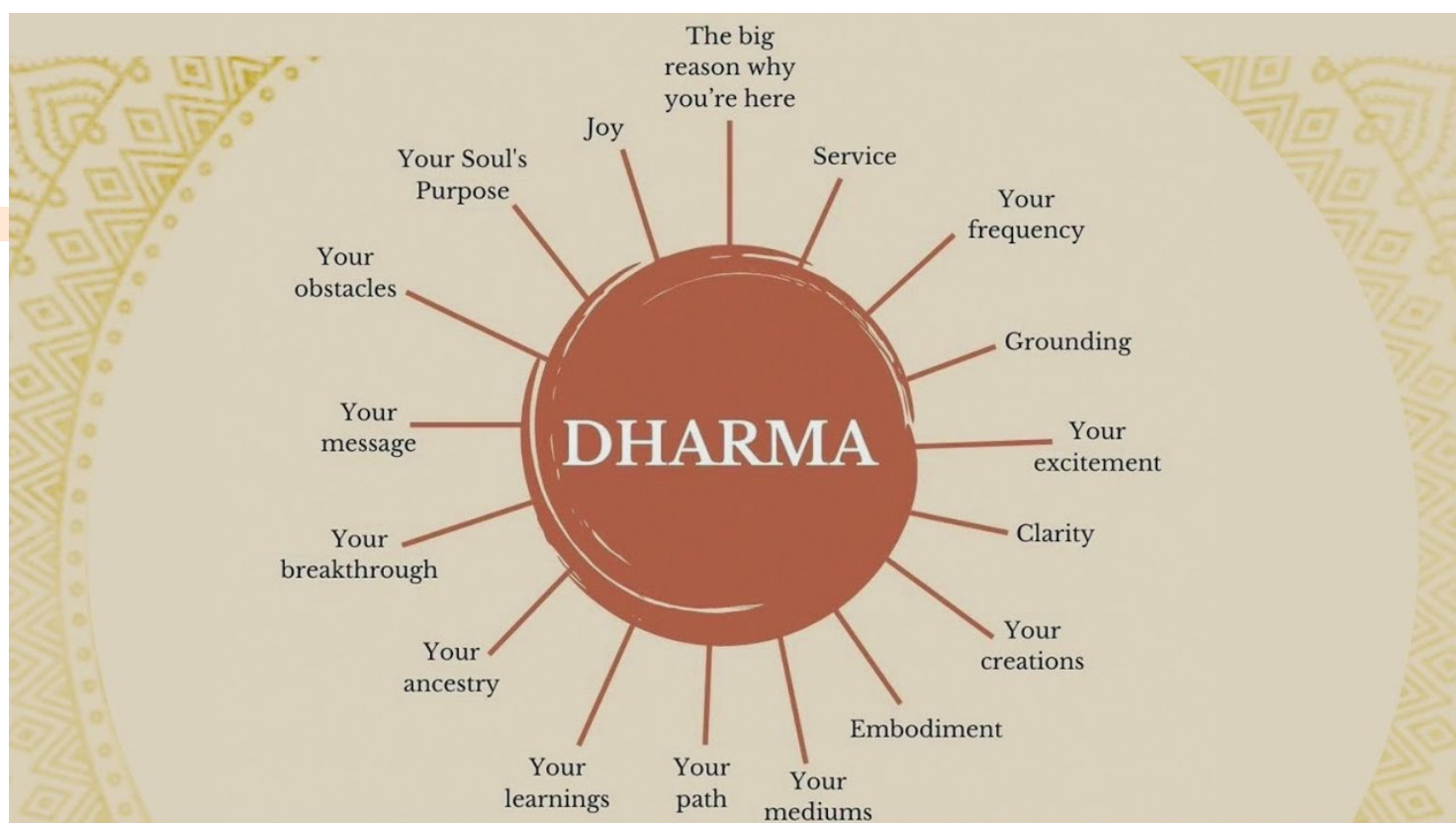
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Go on efficiently doing your duty at all times without attachment. Doing work without attachment man attains the Supreme.



12) REVITALISING BAITKAS RUN BY AFFILIATES

In a concern to revitalize baitkas run by our affiliates and partly subsidized by MSDTF, we have decided to increase the subsidy up to Rs 1500 monthly as from 2023. In addition, we will financially support all baitkas that will organize Varshik Utsav, Shiksha Divas, Educational Tour, among others to promote our Sanatan Dharma, culture, Hindi, Bhojpuri, Sanskrit languages. A maximum of Rs 5000 will be given for the above purposes. Conditions are attached. Only compliant baitkas will receive these financial facilities.



OUR MAIN PROJECTS FOR 2023

Our central and pivotal objectives for 2023 remain the following:

1. Laying of foundation stone of Sanatan Vatika Convention Centre in Le Triangle, Reduit in the early half of 2023
2. Consolidation of our Regional Sanatan samities and our various commissions to make them more functional.
3. Launching of the Gurukul Purohit Course and a database for priests.
4. Import of utility, religious, musical, cultural items, among others for our affiliates.
5. Consolidation of the Gurukul Shiksha Course and Youth Leadership Programme.

OUR HUMBLE REQUESTS

1. Support MSDTF in cash/kind for the major projects in 2023
2. Work out action oriented projects to start baitkas/Gurukul Shiksha Course/Bal Vikas Classes in mandirs/kalimayes.
3. Participate actively in various activities organised by MSDTF and affiliates.
4. Encourage adherence to our mandirs, the only solution to unity.
5. Be compliant, abide by deadlines and be punctual in sending any documents to MSDTF.

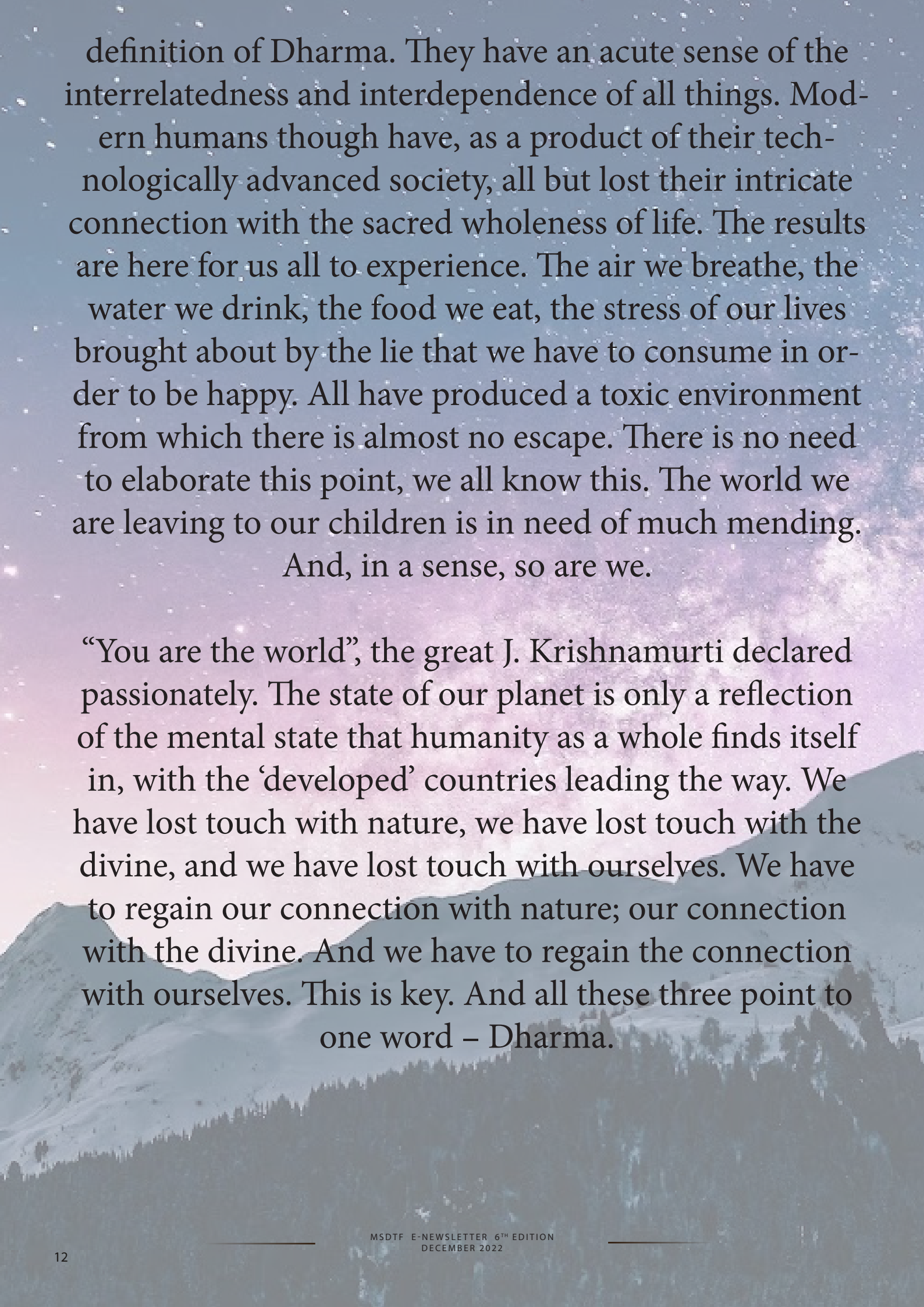


Sanatan Dharma

Sanatana dharma, in Hinduism, term used to denote the “eternal” or absolute set of duties or religiously ordained practices incumbent upon all Hindus, regardless of class, caste, or sect. Different texts give different lists of the duties, but in general sanatana dharma consists of virtues such as honesty, refraining from injuring living beings, purity, goodwill, mercy, patience, forbearance, self-restraint, generosity, and asceticism. Sanatana dharma is contrasted with svadharma, one’s “own duty” or the particular duties enjoined upon an individual according to his or her stage of life. The potential for conflict between the two types of dharma (e.g., between the particular duties of a warrior and the general injunction to practice non-injury) is addressed in Hindu texts such as the Bhagavad Gītā, where it is said that in such cases svadharma must prevail.

The term has also more recently been used by Hindu leaders, reformers, and nationalists to refer to Hinduism as a unified world religion. Sanatana dharma has thus become a synonym for the “eternal” truth and teachings of Hinduism.

Indigenous people have not lost connection with their place within the totality of life, which is another



definition of Dharma. They have an acute sense of the interrelatedness and interdependence of all things. Modern humans though have, as a product of their technologically advanced society, all but lost their intricate connection with the sacred wholeness of life. The results are here for us all to experience. The air we breathe, the water we drink, the food we eat, the stress of our lives brought about by the lie that we have to consume in order to be happy. All have produced a toxic environment from which there is almost no escape. There is no need to elaborate this point, we all know this. The world we are leaving to our children is in need of much mending. And, in a sense, so are we.

“You are the world”, the great J. Krishnamurti declared passionately. The state of our planet is only a reflection of the mental state that humanity as a whole finds itself in, with the ‘developed’ countries leading the way. We have lost touch with nature, we have lost touch with the divine, and we have lost touch with ourselves. We have to regain our connection with nature; our connection with the divine. And we have to regain the connection with ourselves. This is key. And all these three point to one word – Dharma.

How are Dharma and karma important the hindu way of life

Karma comes from the sanskrit word karman and means action. Dharma is a word that does not translate exactly into English for it has a scope of meaning which is wider than just one word. Dharma is righteousness as a way of life, doing the right thing, right action. The Hindu scriptures say dharmam moolam jagat which means dharma is the basis of the universe. Dharma is the foundation stone of all living things. All things follow their allocated dharma, except mankind. Mankind has a mind, a faculty called intellect, and a conscience. Man can choose to do the right thing, or mankind can choose to be selfish and follow his or her desires. The proper conduct of mankind is dharmic, that is to say, to do the right thing in all actions, at all times. So karma, (action) has to follow dharma (right action) or the consequences of the action have to be faced. Good actions produce good results; bad action produces bad results. Deleterious actions produce damage to the human body itself. So you can see, there are many different types of action, and true humanness means doing dharma in all things.

There are four goals of life in Hinduism:

1. Artha – obtaining a proper and useful level of wealth
2. Kama – fulfilling desires
3. Dharma – following right conduct
4. Moksha – freedom from the cycle of birth and rebirth.

If one engages in dharma, then one earns wealth and fulfills desires in a correct manner and fashion, thus earning moksha (liberation). The four goals of life have to be in balance.

“Nothing is higher than Dharma. The weak overcomes the stronger by Dharma, as over a king. Truly that Dharma is the Truth (Satya); Therefore, when a man speaks the Truth, they say, “He speaks the Dharma”; and if he speaks Dharma, they say, “He speaks the Truth!” For both are one.”



*So many things were achieved in 2022
despite constraints concerning the
confinement. We feel that we
have fulfilled our duty with great ded-
ication in the service of one and all.
We remain committed to
maintain the momentum in 2023.*



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