

## Tentative Programme for Guruji's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday

We, all students of Guruji have been eagerly awaiting to learn about the programme as a part of the celebration of GURUJI'S 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

First and foremost, there would be no special classes which will be conducted to commemorate this event. The entire programme would be a cultural bonanza divided into two parts.

There will be a cultural programme in Pune from the 12<sup>th</sup> of December till the 14<sup>th</sup> of December. This would include exposition to Classical Music, Dance and even theatre amongst a variety of other items.

This will be followed by a 4-day cultural trip to Bangalore, Bellur, Belur-Hallebeid, Sravanbelagola, Mysore, Somnathpur and back to Bangalore. This trip would commence from Bangalore on the 17<sup>th</sup> and end at Bangalore on the 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> (both days inclusive).

Respected Guruji is expected to accompany the participants on this tour. The participants would be expected to organize their own travel from Pune to Bangalore (we will definitely guide and help them in this regard). Once in Bangalore, the participants would be picked from the airport/bus station/railway station and the lodging, boarding, local travel, guides would be taken care by us. The approximate costs would be informed to you shortly. Bangalore has an international airport so those desirous can even fly out to their respective countries out of Bangalore. The programme is open to all students of Iyengar Yoga and their family members.

Students are requested to inform the respective representatives in their country if they are interested in participating in the programmes in Pune /the trip to South India or both. We will be sending application forms for the same soon.

### **Brief information on the places that has 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 the short span of time.

**Belur-Halebeid:** This is a heritage site located about 225 kms from Bangalore. It houses the famous temple complexes built over 103 years and completed in 117 AD. The façade of these temples are The facade of the temple is filled with intricate sculptures with no portion left blank with carvings of elephants, deities, episodes from the epics amongst many other things. Each of the 650 charging elephants carved on the frieze on the walls are all different.

**Sravanbelagola:** The world's tallest monolithic statute 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 an

exquisite paintings, paintings, sculptures and musical instruments dating back to 1800s. Interestingly, it was in this palace that Gururji's Guru Sri T. Krishnamachar taught yoga.

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

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