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ANNUSHKA PRABHUDYAL

formerly Miss India Guyana Miss India East Coast 2012

SHIVANGI MAINI

Miss Bollywood Diva @ Miss India USA 2012-13

Both Appeared, and Bid Farewell to Kali Bharat Yatra Departing Groups to India
— March 2013 at JFK International Airport • New York • USA —

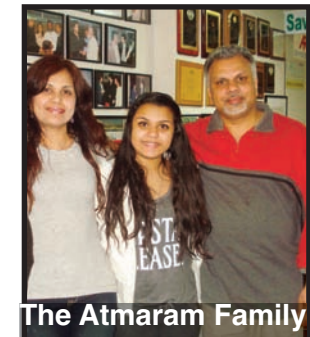


The Legendary Kali Bharat Yatra Tour Celebrates its 30th Anniversary in 2013 — BY DR TARA SINGH —

At an elegant ceremony at the JFK Airport in March 2013, two beauty pageant queens Annushka Prabhudyal (Miss India East Coast 2012), and Shivangi Maini (Miss Bollywood Divas 2012) gave Kali Yatrans a splendid send-off on Kali Bharat Yatra 30th anniversary tours to India. Also present were Mr. Senthur Kumaran of the Information Office of the Government of India Tourist Board and who presented a gift to each Yattran, Mr S Ansari, JFK Airport Manager for Air India.

In addition, Robert Mahesh author read a poem in tribute to “Kali Bharat Yatra” which is published in his book. Tour Director Ramesh D Kalicharran is so confident that he has helped to establish a travel institution, the Kali Bharat Yatra Tour, that he does not necessarily have to travel with Yatrans anymore to reassure them of comfort, safety, and high quality entertainment. He feels that the tours are so well organized and planned that he can appoint a Yattran from among his tour party to serve as group leader. He did just that for the 30th anniversary tours to India and other places.

This year, 2013, Ramesh D. Kalicharran sent off four groups with 4 different itineraries. Group A’s leader was **Diawantee Ramsuchit (Seroj)**. Her tour party visited North India during the period March 19, 2013 to April 3, 2013. Group B’s leader was **Leelawtie Rambajohn (Lee)** went to Dubai and South India. That tour included: *Cochin*, also known as the “Queens of Arabian Sea. *Madurai* – the *Meenakshi Temple*, a



The Atmaram Family

superb example of the Davida School of Architecture. *Rameshwaram* – A major pilgrimage center for both Shivaivites and Vasihnavaites, and here is where Lord Rama worshipped Lord Shiva after the war against Ravana. *Kanyakumari* – *Kanyakumari Temple* is dedicated to Parvati as Devi Kanya. They visited *Swami Vivekananda Memorial Rock on the Sea. Allepey* – Enjoying a cruise in Houseboat on the Backwaters of Kerala, *Goa* – miles of silvery beaches. *Mumbai (Bombay)* – the Bollywood of India.

According to Lee the entire group had a remarkable time, except that everyone wanted a little more of Goa. “Needless to say, the camel



Shivangi Maini Miss India Bollywood Divas with the Departing group at JFK



Shivangi doing Lightning Ceremony. Inset top Pandit Mochan offers prayers



Mr. Senthur Kumaran with Shivangi Maini and Mr. Ansari with Annushka Prabhudyal and Kali



Extreme Left Group Leader Leelawtie Rambajohn (Lee) with departing group to Dubai & India via Emirates at JFK



Annushka Prabhudyal Miss India East Coast with departing group for India led by Pandit Mochan



Shivangi Maini and Jasmie



Annushka flanked by Robert Mahesh & Anand Kisore



Annushka in Lighting ceremony conducted by Pandit Mochan

ride at the Safari was really enjoyable. Parasram said the belly dance was fascinating.”

Group C went to North and South India. They visited the Golden Triangle and Ayodhya, the birthplace of Lord Ram, as well as, *Lucknow* the City of Nawabs. That group was led by **Pt. Mochan Persaud**, the Priest in charge of *Vighneshwar Mandir*.

Group D that consisted of the **Sookram Family traveled to North India and Nepal**. They thought that the tour to Mount Everest was awesome.

Sookram’s daughter, *Eshwattie*, really had fun with the colors at the Holi celebration in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The highlight of the 30th

anniversary *Bharat Yatra Tours* was that all four tour parties comprising 60 Yatrans rendezvous at Jaipur on March 28th and celebrated Holi at the Garden Court of Jaipur Kothi/Heritage Haveli. This site was inaugurated by Mr. Ramesh D. Kalicharran during the *Seeta Panday* tour to India last Diwali.

Here are some comments of the Yatrans. **Chhabbarajee Hariprasad (Indra)** of *Bhakti Pradashini Mandir, Inc* with its spiritual Head *Pandit Suresh Sukul* said: “From the flight to the Tour guide it was excellent.” When asked what was her expectation of the tour, she replied; “The Tour was way beyond my expectation. I

learned a lot and I am very satisfied. What was very significant was the experience in the Ganges; Holi celebration was awesome. I really, really enjoyed myself and I would recommend Kali Travel to anyone.”

When asked how **Gomattie Kishun (Laila)** felt about the tour, she “choked up” and with tears of joy said; “Don’t even ask! I had a great time; Kali-ji must be complimented for such flawless arrangement, good food, great hotel, etc. From the beginning Mr. Kali set a good tone at the JFK Airport with a superb send off with Shivangi Maini Miss Bollywood Divas from the Miss India USA Pageant, 2012. From

the time his Assistant *Jasmin Singh* gave us the “Kali Travel Pouch” with everything so organized, I just knew we will have a great time. *Jasmin* and the entire team that Mr. Kali has in India is really good. But *Sunil Bhardwaj* is the best. Keep him all time, don’t let him go!” *Gomattie* continued: “Holi was very colorful and exciting. I enjoyed every moment. Then going to *Mathura* and *Brindavan* was an exceptional experience to visit the birthplace of *lord Krishna*. My brother *Dr. Doodnauth Harrykissoon* and my *Bhowgie* (his wife) went with *Kali Travel* 2 years ago, and I went based on their satisfaction. Our Group leader

Seroj was very good and responsible. The Ganges was very inviting, the dip in the Ganges is still lingering in my mind; the boat ride at *Udaipur* is unforgettable and the farewell was exceptionally great. I am glad I went.”

Diawantee Ramsuchit (Seroj) explained, “I went to India a few times with *Kali Bharat Yatra*, and although I visited most of the places, yet visiting India is always so refreshing. This time as the Group Leader I enjoyed it, even though it was quite a responsibility that *Kali-ji* had bestowed upon me. I must thank him for that. From my observation everyone is different, everyone has different in-

terest in India. But collectively they all had a great time. What was exciting was that all four groups met in Jaipur to celebrate Holi.”

Seroj noted: “As I arrived in *Delhi* walking towards the coach, I was shocked when one of the Yatrans pointed out a blown up photo of myself, but then I learned later that *Kali-ji* always have surprises.”

Kailash Shankar stated, “I had the most enjoyable time in India. Firstly, I must compliment *Kali-ji* for giving *Sunil Bhardwaj* to us as a tour guide and *Bajrang* as the driver. They were very nice. *Dilip Sirwani* is a great guy and his brother *Suresh* is

equally good; he’s lots of fun. My wife and I are going back with *Kali Travel* for *Diwali 2014*.”

Rohani Sookraj said, “The tour itself was excellent, but I mistakenly thought it was going to be more religious.” It should be pointed out that *Kali Travel & Tours* never claimed or represented that it was a religious tour. This particular tour was a mixture of spirituality, fun and excitement. **Kali Travel and Tours is uniquely qualified to organize custom made tours to satisfy the needs of any type of group, organization or individual and to structure an itinerary appropriate to their specific needs and interests.**

Roopdai Balgobind, a devotee of *Bhavanee Maa Mandir* with its spiritual head *Pandit Mahendra Doobay* stated; “I’m glad that *Uncle Kali* gave me the encouragement to go to India. I enjoyed the *Phagwah* and all the beautiful sightseeing. I did not do too much shopping as that was not my priority. I went to see and discover the wonders of India with the team moving us in and around India. We could not ask for more; they are very good and honest. We were spoiled with the hospitality from the first hotel in *Delhi*

(the *Country Inn Suites*). The food was great with a large array of about 50 different kinds of dishes. The destination was beautiful. My money was well spent, I got a lot for my money’s worth. I recommend *Kali Travel* to anyone. At the Ganges, it’s breath-taking. What was phenomenal was that we went for *Ganga Aartie* and I felt blessed as I was the only one called to sit and participate in the *Hawan* at *Parmarth Niketan*. After *Aartie* the *Tour Guide* and I mixed and mingled with the children of the *Ashram* and together sang “*Holi Khele Regubheer...*”

Daniel Tikalall said that the tour was very good, the hotel was great, the historical buildings were fine. We gained a lot, saw a lot. We saw what the position was like when our foreparents left India to go to *Guyana* and other places in the *Caribbean*. I feel very fortunate to visit India. At first, I felt the driving in India is very confusing. I still don’t know how they do it, but we were safe. One thing I must say is that I thought *Mr. Kali* is popular in *New York*, but to me he is more popular in India; every place we go his name is mentioned and lots of people know him. Although my foot is not too

well, still I danced with the people; I just could not resist the rhythm. The hotels were great, food top class, veg & non-veg & fresh. The Ganges at *Rishikesh* were extraordinary scenes. Thanks to *Kali-ji* for organizing such a magnificent tour.”

Deonauth & Hulasie Ramsubhag originally from *Trinidad* said they had a great time; it was very educational and emotional at the same time. When **Eileen Singh** was asked how was the trip, she replied, “The trip was good.”

Kamlawatie Sukhu said that the tour was excellent. “I enjoyed every moment of it. Including *Holi Celebration*. *Mr. Kali* arranged the tour in such a manner that all the 60 Yatrans met at *Jaipur* to celebrate *Holi* together. What was amazing too was that I discovered one of my relatives from the other group. I brought home *Ganges water*.”

Jaiastri Zahiruddin said the tour was great & *Kali-ji* and staff had to do lots of planning to make it so well organized. Since I left *Guyana* this was the best *Holi* I ever spent. Food was great; there was good music and an exciting farewell dinner. I have to see more of India. Once is

not enough.”

Heerandai Goberdhan (Kamal) said, “going on the tour, I didn’t know what to expect, but it turned out to be beyond my expectations.” I celebrated *Phagwah* in *Guyana* and in *New York* but our celebration in *Jaipur* was the greatest. The service and food were awesome. Above all, *Sunil* was really great. I did not expect so much entertainment. I don’t know how *Kali-ji* does it, he is very popular in India and because of his popularity as soon as the shopkeeper recognized us as “*The Kali Group*,” we get discounts automatically. I was happy to see *Mr. Kali* counterpart, *Mr. Dilip Sirwani* of *Rajasthan Travel Service (RTS)*. He provided a special cake celebrating 30 years of “*Kali Bharat Yatra*.” At the farewell dinner there was a live band, which was awesome. We danced and really enjoyed ourselves. But then, it was sad to say goodbye.”

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Holi at the Garden Court of Jaipur Kothi/Heritage Haveli.



The Atmaram family having a great time at Holi



Believe it or not its Dilip Sirwani



Pandit Mochan Persaud flanked by two colorful yatrans



One of the groups at Taj Mahal Agra India, March 2013

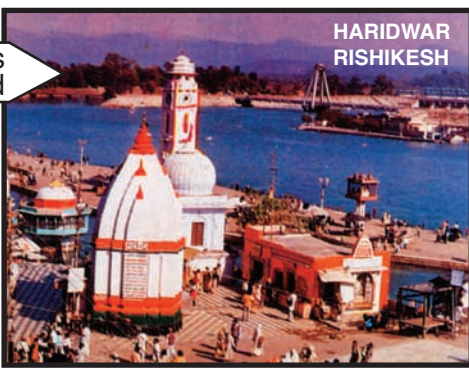


Charming ladies with traditional sarees at the hotel lobby



Delhi India Gate

Recent Destinations Yatrans Visited



HARIDWAR RISHIKESH



AYODHYA



MOUNT EVEREST



DUBAI



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PHOTO ESSAY FOR THE DEPARTING GROUPS @ JFK



Kali presents Gift to Annushka on behalf of Govt. of India Tourist Office



Customized tote bags by Kali given to each Yatrans



Kali in a warm hand-shake with Shivangi



Annushka and her Mother



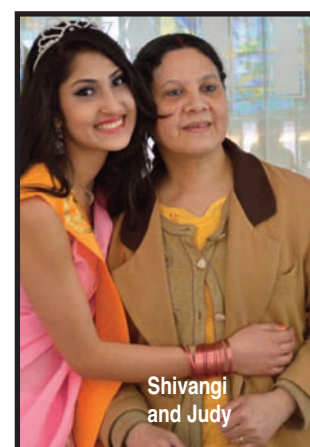
Jasmin with Annushka



Photographer Mohan Singh & Annushka



Shivangi and Jean



Shivangi and Judy



Shivangi and her Mother

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