



SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR

Uniting the World into a Global Family



BIOGRAPHY



- ◆ Born in 1956 in southern India.
- ◆ At the age of 4, astonishes his teachers by reciting the Bhagavad Gita, an ancient Sanskrit scripture.
- ◆ Starts lessons with his first teacher, Pandit Sudhakar Chaturvedi, a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi.
- ◆ Becomes a scholar in Vedic literature and obtains a degree in modern science.

Conferred with:

- ◆ Honorary Doctorate, Desh Bhagat University, Punjab, India, Oct. 21, 2013
- ◆ Doctorate Honoris Causa, Utkal University, Orissa, India, April 25, 2013
- ◆ Honorary Doctorate, Gujarat Technological University, Jan. 19, 2013
- ◆ Doctorate Honoris Causa, Universidad Autonoma de Asuncion of Paraguay, Sept. 13, 2012
- ◆ Diploma of Honour from the Buenos Aires University, Sept. 6, 2012
- ◆ Honoris Causa Doctor, Siglo XXI University Campus, Cordoba, Argentina, Sept. 5, 2012
- ◆ Honorary doctorate, Nyenrode University, Netherlands, June 15, 2012
- ◆ Honorary Doctorate from Suresh Gyan Vihar University, Rajasthan, India, 2012
- ◆ Professor Honoris Causa, Szent Istvan University, Budapest, (Hungary), 2009
- ◆ Doctor of Letters Honoris Causa, Bangalore University, India, 2009
- ◆ Doctor of Letters Honoris Causa, Nagarjuna University, India, 2008
- ◆ Doctor of Letters Honoris Causa, Maharaja Sayajirao University, India, 2007
- ◆ Doctor of Science Honoris Causa, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India, 2007
- ◆ Doctor of Philosophy (Holistic Medicine) Honoris Causa, Open International University for Complementary Medicine, Sri Lanka, 2006
- ◆ Doctor of Literature Honoris Causa, Kuvempu University, India, 2004

Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is a universally revered spiritual and humanitarian leader. His vision of a violence-free, stress-free society through the reawakening of human values has inspired millions to broaden their spheres of responsibility and work towards the betterment of the world.

Sri Sri is a multi-faceted social activist whose initiatives include conflict resolution, disaster and trauma relief, poverty alleviation, empowerment of women, prisoner rehabilitation, education for all and campaigns against female foeticide and child labour. He is engaged in peace negotiations and counselling in conflict zones around the world. His expertise in bringing opposing parties to the negotiating table in areas such as Sri Lanka, Iraq, the Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Kashmir and Bihar is widely acknowledged.

In 1981, Sri Sri established The Art of Living, an educational and humanitarian Non-Governmental Organisation that works in special consultative status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations. Present in 154 countries, it formulates and implements lasting solutions to conflicts and issues faced by individuals, communities and nations. In 1997, Sri Sri founded the International Association for Human Values (IAHV) to foster human values and lead sustainable development projects. Sri Sri is also a co-founder of India Against Corruption (IAC).

Sri Sri has reached out to an estimated 370 million people worldwide through personal interactions, public events, teachings, Art of Living workshops and humanitarian initiatives. Not since Mahatma Gandhi has one person united people of different traditions and faiths into a spiritual communion across the length and breadth of India.

He has brought to the masses ancient practices which were traditionally kept exclusive, and has designed many self-development techniques which can easily be integrated into daily life to calm the mind and instil confidence and enthusiasm. These techniques have helped thousands overcome depression and violent and suicidal tendencies. One of Sri Sri's most unique offerings to the world is the Sudarshan Kriya, a powerful breathing technique that facilitates physical, mental, emotional and social well-being.

Numerous honours have been bestowed upon Sri Sri, including the highest civilian awards of Colombia, Mongolia and Paraguay. Sri Sri has also been conferred with 15 honorary doctorates from around the world. Sri Sri has addressed several international forums, including the United Nations Millennium World Peace Summit (2000), the World Economic Forum (2001, 2003) and several parliaments across the globe.

Sri Sri is the Chancellor of Sri Sri University. He has also been appointed as the Chairman of the Quality Control of India Yoga Certification Committee. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is a member of the Amarnath Shrine Board (appointed by Government of Jammu and Kashmir, India). He was appointed the Chairman of Reception Committee for the 500th anniversary celebrations of the Coronation of Krishnadevaraya (by Government of Karnataka, India). Sri Sri Ravi Shankar is also a member of the Amarnath Shrine Board (appointed by Government of Jammu and Kashmir, India).

Sri Sri travels to nearly 40 countries every year, exemplifying his call to globalise wisdom. His universal and simple message is that love and wisdom can prevail over hatred and distress.



ONE WORLD FAMILY



At 'The Yoga Way', an event jointly organised by Indian Embassy in Brussels, Sri Sri addresses the European Parliament on relevance of Yoga for decision makers, April 21, 2015.



Sri Sri addresses the gathering at UNESCO in France on the solutions for current global challenges, April 24, 2015.



Sri Sri addresses the 'Religions and Peace: From Terrorism to Global Ethics' conference at the historic Kremlin Palace in June 2005. Sri Sri called upon all leaders to sow the seeds of love and harmony in every corner of the world.



Sri Sri at the Interfaith Conference for World Religious Leaders in Seville, Spain. Sri Sri has played a vital role in promoting interfaith dialogue. He encourages individuals to follow their chosen spiritual path while honouring the path of others.

Sri Sri is engaged in bridging religious, social, ideological and economic divides in society by enlivening the ancient Indian ideal of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (One World Family). He reminds us that diverse traditions and cultures have their roots in the same basic human values of peace, compassion, truth, belongingness and non-violence. The Art of Living serves society with a non-denominational, secular and holistic approach.

In February 2006, at The Art of Living Foundation's 25th anniversary celebrations in Bangalore, India, an estimated 2.5 million people from 151 countries gathered to celebrate the spirit of service and togetherness. The historic gathering included 1,000 leaders from ten main religious traditions of the world and 750 key political figures from various countries. It was the largest recorded meditation for world peace in history.

Sri Sri was central to the opening ceremony for the largest and most diverse multi-faith gathering of religious and spiritual communities in the world, The Parliament of the World's Religions in Melbourne in December 2009. He urged people and communities of faith, spirit and goodwill to "Make a World of Difference" in the midst of the challenges facing the global community.

In March 2007, the Universal Declaration of Human Values, authored by Sri Sri, was unveiled at the John F Kennedy Centre for Performing Arts in Washington DC. This document, in the form of a proposed resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations, represents Sri Sri's vision for a fresh approach to fostering understanding and harmonious coexistence between different peoples and cultures.

In January 2005, Sri Sri gave the keynote address at the First World Congress of Imams and Rabbis for Peace held in Brussels.

Sri Sri has hosted and facilitated several dialogues and reconciliation events between different caste groups in various parts of India. In 2002, he hosted a three-day conference at The Art of Living International Centre in Bangalore to showcase the contribution of Dalits to the rich heritage of India.

Respected as a neutral party with unquestionable integrity, Sri Sri has inspired many groups to adopt peaceful means to resolve conflicts. He has engaged all the stake holders in the peace process in areas such as Sri Lanka, the Balkans, Iraq, Kashmir, Israel, Lebanon and the Ivory Coast. Trauma relief programmes have been conducted extensively in these areas to help individuals release negative emotions such as anger from the past, revenge and frustration, which can hamper the peaceful resolution of disputes. Sri Sri convened the South Asia Peace and Reconciliation Conference in Oslo in April 2008.

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"Pluralism and embracing people of all cultures should be part of our education," said Sri Sri at the Presidential Conference entitled 'Facing Tomorrow 2009', in Jerusalem. "The Middle East crisis can be solved through educating people with a multi cultural, multi religious and broader spectrum of knowledge," he said.



CONFLICT RESOLUTION



Sri Sri in dialogue with Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki during his three-day peace mission to Iraq in May 2007.



Sri Sri visits refugees in different camps in Erbil, Iraq in November 2014.



Mahindra Rajapakse, President of Sri Lanka, with Sri Sri Ravi Shankar in April 2009, after an in-depth discussion of the Tamil refugees in the IDP camps.



Sri Sri offers solace and comfort to the people in the Manik camp for Internally Displaced People (IDP) Sri Lanka.

IRAQ

Art of Living volunteers have been working in Iraq on a sustained basis since September 2003 to facilitate the physical, mental, emotional and social well-being of the Iraqi people. To date, 5,000 Iraqis have benefited from the trauma relief and community empowerment projects in Baghdad, Basra, Suleimania and Karbala. Sri Sri visited the nation in May 2007 and in December 2008 at the invitation of Iraqi Prime Minister, Nouri al-Maliki. The Prime Minister requested Sri Sri to expand The Art of Living programmes to more parts of Iraq, including the prisons.

Sri Sri urged Iraqi leaders to give non-violence a chance. He met with a wide spectrum of Iraqi society including senior political figures, Shiite leaders, tribal heads, representatives of humanitarian organisations, women, soldiers and youth. Following Sri Sri's visit, the Iraqi government sent 55 youth to The Art of Living international headquarters to attend a month-long training. As a result, Iraq now has many more agents to bring about peace.

In his third visit to Iraq, in November 2014, Sri Sri visited relief camps near Erbil and Lalish to give solace and strength to displaced Christians, Kurds and Arabs living there in difficult conditions.

He also spent many hours deliberating with various leaders bringing them on a common platform to discuss restoration of peace and normalcy. Sri Sri also shared his vision of peace and restoration with the Kurdish parliament and the Speaker of Iraqi Kurdistan.

SRI LANKA

Rebuilding Trust for Lasting Peace

Sri Sri has visited Sri Lanka four times since 2005 to resolve the crisis. Concerned about the conflict in Sri Lanka, and the plight of the civilians, Sri Sri went on a 3-day peace mission to Sri Lanka in April 2009. He closely interacted with refugees in the Manik camp for Internally Displaced People (IDP) as well as a camp in Vavuniya and met with H.E Mahinda Rajapakse, President of Sri Lanka. Sri Sri has also started the "Village of Hope", an orphanage for children.

Since 2004, Sri Sri has been actively involved in resolving the Sri Lankan crisis. He was instrumental in the formation of the 'Committee for Peace in Sri Lanka' comprising Hindu and Buddhist leaders, including the Dalai Lama.

Sri Sri had extensive meetings with the President, opposition leaders, Tamil leaders and the general public during one of his visits to the nation in April 2006. During the visit, he was inundated with letters from the public seeking his help to bring about peace in Sri Lanka. In September 2006, Sri Sri ventured into LTTE stronghold Kilinochchi for peace talks.

In two separate visits, former Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickramasinghe and two parliamentary delegations from the United National Party (UNP) and Tamil National Alliance (TNA) visited Sri Sri in India in 2006 to discuss the Sri Lankan issue.

Since 2005, over 1,500 Tamil youth, mostly from Jaffna, have undergone The Art of Living youth leadership training programme after which they have given up violence and taken on community empowerment projects.

In his fifth visit to Sri Lanka in October 2009, over 10,000 people visited Sri Sri at the country's largest indoor stadium in Colombo. He urged Sri Lankan Tamils to "have peace in your heart, in your mind, family and society."



CONFLICT RESOLUTION



Sri Sri with Kashmiri leaders during his visit to the state in 2006. The visit led to a rare dialogue between leaders of several Kashmiri separatist groups, including both factions of the All Party Hurriyat Conference and representatives of Kashmiri Pandits.

JAMMU & KASHMIR

Sri Sri's peace initiatives in Jammu & Kashmir focus on:

- ◆ healing the trauma of decades of militancy
- ◆ facilitating dialogue between people from different ideological groups
- ◆ improving the inhumane conditions in migrant camps
- ◆ reforming prison inmates
- ◆ de-stressing army and police personnel
- ◆ channelling misguided youth toward constructive activities.

Sri Sri has visited the state three times in as many years to open up avenues for dialogue and negotiation. His visit in 2006 culminated in a rare dialogue between leaders of several Kashmiri groups, including both factions of the All Party Hurriyat Conference and representatives of the Kashmiri Pandits. Inspired by Sri Sri, thousands of youth who had been trained in terrorist camps, have shunned the path of violence.

In 2005, IAHV established a child care centre to provide education and a safe haven for children affected by militancy and the 2005 earthquake.

CLASS CONFLICT IN INDIA

Sri Sri's teachings and initiatives have transformed many villages in the Naxalite-infested areas of central Bihar and Andhra Pradesh. During his visit to Bihar in 2002, more than 100,000 youth from warring factions such as Ranvir Sena, CPI-ML, People's War Group and Maoist Communist Centre vowed to spread the message of non-violence.

As a result of Sri Sri's timely intervention, there was no retaliatory massacre in the aftermath of the 2006 Jehanabad killings. Instead, warring groups came together soon after the incident for a community gathering organised by The Art of Living in Ekwari, the nerve centre of Naxal violence in Bihar, which avoided further escalation of violence.

Sri Sri has hosted and facilitated dialogues and reconciliation events between different Caste Groups in various parts of India. In March 2007, Sri Sri hosted the Truth and Reconciliation Conference in New Delhi bringing together leaders from the upper and lower castes of India who pledged to strive towards bringing equality in society. In 2002, Sri Sri hosted a 3-day conference at The Art of Living International Centre in Bangalore to showcase the rich heritage of the Dalits in India.



Kashmiri children at The Art of Living International Centre in Bangalore, India. The children were previously staying in refugee camps. They have now found a safe haven at the centre.

KOSOVO

In Kosovo, The Art of Living has successfully carried out programmes to promote dialogue between people on both sides of the ethnic divide, thus expanding the circle of belonging to transcend narrow identities.

The Health Ministry of Kosovo directly supports The Art of Living's trauma relief efforts which have helped thousands of people including war veterans, prisoners, health workers, victims of war crimes, UN peace keeping forces and children in Kosovo.



Women learn breathing techniques at an Art of Living trauma relief course in Plemetina Camp, Kosovo. The 105 participants, mostly Albanians, Serbs and Roma people, were all suffering from severe post-war trauma.



DISASTER MANAGEMENT & TRAUMA RELIEF



Sri Sri consoles the victims of the December 2004 Indian Ocean Tsunami in Nagapattinam. This coastal town in Tamil Nadu, India was among the worst affected areas.



The Art of Living conducted trauma relief programmes for army personnel (involved in rescue operations), families, children and school teachers in the aftermath of the Beslan school hostage crisis.



Art of Living volunteers provide emergency relief in remote areas of Assam and Bihar in the September 2007 floods.

Sri Sri leads a worldwide network of volunteers to bring immediate relief and long term rehabilitation to people affected by disasters. The Art of Living has implemented disaster management and trauma relief initiatives for affected people in the aftermath of almost every major disaster in the world, including most recently:

- ◆ Chennai Flood Relief (December 2015)
- ◆ Nepal Earthquake Relief (April 2015)
- ◆ 26/11 attack in Mumbai
- ◆ Manila Floods (September 2009)
- ◆ West Bengal, India and Bangladesh Floods (2009)
- ◆ Bihar and Assam floods, India (September 2007)
- ◆ Virginia Tech Campus shootings, USA (April 2007)
- ◆ Vidarbha farmer suicides, India (2007)
- ◆ Surat floods, India (August 2006)
- ◆ Lebanon war (July 2006)
- ◆ Mumbai train blast, India (July 2006)
- ◆ Kashmir & Pakistan earthquake (October 2005)
- ◆ Hurricane Katrina, USA (August 2005)
- ◆ Mumbai floods, India (July 2005)
- ◆ London subway blast, United Kingdom (July 2005)
- ◆ Gujarat floods, India (June 2005)
- ◆ Indian Ocean tsunami, India/Sri Lanka (December 2004)
- ◆ Beslan school hostage crisis, Russia (September 2004)
- ◆ Madrid train attack, Spain (March 2004)
- ◆ Iraq War (ongoing, 2003)
- ◆ Bam earthquake, Iran (December 2003)
- ◆ Jakarta floods, Indonesia (February 2007 & January 2002)
- ◆ River Elbe floods, Germany (August 2002)
- ◆ Gujarat riots, India (2002)
- ◆ Kosovo conflict (2002)
- ◆ Afghanistan War (October 2001, ongoing)
- ◆ 9/11 terror attack, USA (September 2001)
- ◆ Gujarat earthquake, India (January 2001)
- ◆ Orissa cyclone, India (October 1999)



EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES



As a result of the Youth Leadership Training Programme (YLTP), people in this remote village in Cameroon have taken the initiative to build a road rather than wait for other agencies to help. Hundreds of youth in Cameroon have undergone the YLTP and are engaged in implementing the 5H programme in their villages.



The Art of Living's 5H programme has revolutionised lives in thousands of villages in India. Thanks to its hygiene initiatives, nine villages in Maharashtra, India have won the Nirmal Gram Puraskar award from the Government of India for achieving total sanitation targets.



Sri Sri has led and promoted campaigns to end the practice of sex selection in India.

Through grassroots initiatives, The Art of Living has empowered rural communities to become partners in the process of sustainable development.

5H PROGRAMME

Sri Sri started the 5H Programme (Homes, Hygiene, Health, Harmony in Diversity and Human Values) in 1997 to engineer a socio-economic transformation that will eradicate poverty, misery and disease and ensure peace and harmony among communities. The 5H programme is implemented by rural youth trained under The Art of Living's Youth Leadership Training Programme. In India, 110,000 trained youth leaders are working in 40,212 villages. The 5H projects are operating in villages and slums across Africa, Asia and South America.

EDUCATION FOR THE MARGINALISED

422 schools have been set up providing free education to 51,000 children every year in the tribal, rural and semi-urban belts of India, where child-labour and poverty are widespread.

ADDRESSING FARMER SUICIDES

The Art of Living is pursuing a comprehensive programme in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra, where farmers have become suicidal due to successive crop failures and mounting debts. Earlier statistics suggested that one farmer was committing suicide every eight hours. In the 507 villages where The Art of Living volunteers have worked so far, there has not been a single reported instance of suicide. Encouraged by the results, the Government of Maharashtra has requested Sri Sri to take up the work in all affected districts.

The Vidarbha programme focuses on:

- ◆ Building community support systems
- ◆ Instilling confidence and enthusiasm in farmers
- ◆ Promoting alternative farming techniques such as organic farming and zero budget farming, to improve the yield of crops in the long run
- ◆ Rainwater harvesting
- ◆ Implementing the 5H programme for overall self-sufficiency in villages.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT

Sri Sri has inspired numerous initiatives to uplift and create opportunities for women, especially in rural areas. He has initiated mass campaigns against female foeticide. With female literacy rates abysmally low in some parts of the world, The Art of Living rural schools encourage parents to send girl children to school. At one such school on the outskirts of Bangalore city, 46% of the children are girls, with the numbers rising every year.

Women are given vocational training to reduce economic dependencies, and are given free homes registered in their names. Health education for women covers nutrition, hygiene and disease prevention, while self-development courses help to instil inner confidence.



EMPOWERING INDIVIDUALS



Over 30 million people from all walks of life have benefited from Art of Living workshops world-wide.



The Art of Living programmes eliminate stress, create a sense of well being, restore human values and encourage people to come together in service and celebration.



More than 200,000 inmates in jails around the world have been provided an opportunity for serious rehabilitation through The Art of Living prison programme.

“A disease-free body, a stress-free mind and a violence-free society are the birth right of every individual,” says Sri Sri. He has designed a myriad of self-development programmes to release stress, create a sense of well-being, restore human values and encourage people from all walks of life to come together in a spirit of service and celebration.

SUDARSHAN KRIYA

The Sudarshan Kriya, a powerful breathing technique cognised by Sri Sri forms the cornerstone of a diverse range of self-development programmes catering to all sections of society. Customised courses are available for executives, youth, military, children and villagers. Special programmes have been designed for prisoners, as well as individuals with drug and alcohol dependencies.

Independent medical research from reputed institutions such as NIMHANS (National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences) and AIIMS (All India Institute of Medical Sciences) have documented the benefits of the Sudarshan Kriya, including:

- ◆ alleviation of depression
- ◆ heightened awareness and enhanced brain activity
- ◆ reduced cortisol levels (stress hormone)
- ◆ improvements in the blood cholesterol profile, with significant drops in total cholesterol and LDL (harmful) cholesterol, and increases in HDL (beneficial) cholesterol.
- ◆ strengthened immune system.

PRISONER REHABILITATION

Since 1990, over 350,000 prisoners in countries such as India, USA, South Africa, Denmark, Cameroon, UAE, Serbia, Argentina, UK, Argentina and Russia have been provided the opportunity to reform themselves, and break the cycles of violence, guilt and self blame, through The Art of Living programme. In Denmark, the nation's judicial system recognises the effectiveness of the course and sends juvenile offenders to The Art of Living programme in lieu of jails.

In India, 100,000 inmates, including terrorists, in over 100 jails have been provided an opportunity for serious rehabilitation. To provide a more holistic rehabilitative intervention, Sri Sri has also initiated recreational opportunities such as theatre, music and dance workshops and vocational training for inmates. In cooperation with the jail authorities, production units have been started in select jails.

DE-ADDICTION

Sri Sri has initiated programmes to help people come out of drug, alcohol and substance dependencies which have been highly effective in USA, India, Mongolia and Bahrain. In India, de-addiction centres are operating in West Bengal, Punjab, Delhi, Kolkata, Kashmir and Himachal Pradesh. Thanks to the education imparted by the 5H programme, thousands of villagers have given up alcohol and other addictions, reducing the incidence of domestic violence.



AWARDS & HONOURS



"Orden de la Democracia Simón Bolívar" Colombia's highest civilian award was conferred upon Sri Sri by its Parliament in June 2015.



Sri Sri is honoured with the Illustrious Visitor Award by government officials in Buenos Aires, Argentina.



Sri Sri conferred with the Order of the Pole Star, top civilian honour of Mongolia, by the President of Mongolia, Mr. Nambaryn Enkhbayar.



The Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, India's largest medical university, conferred Sri Sri with an Honorary Doctorate in Science.

HONORS BESTOWED BY GOVERNMENTS ACROSS THE WORLD

- ◆ Humanitarian Award from the Municipality of Lima, Peru, June 30, 2015
- ◆ "Medalla de la Integración en el Grado de Gran Oficial", Andean Parliament, Lima, Peru, June 30, 2015
- ◆ "Diploma de Honor" by the National Congress of Peru in Lima, June 30, 2015
- ◆ Highest civilian award, "Orden de la Democracia Simón Bolívar", Bogotá, Colombia, June 24, 2015
- ◆ Honored by the city of Tampa, Florida, USA by declaring June 18, 2015 as "A Day of Happiness", Florida, USA, June 18, 2015
- ◆ Certificate of Recognition from the California Legislature Assembly, USA, June 30, 2014
- ◆ 'Most Illustrious Guest Award' awarded by the Mayor of Lima, Peru, September 15, 2012
- ◆ Highest civilian award 'National Order of Merito de Comuneros, Paraguay, September 13, 2012
- ◆ Illustrious citizen by the Paraguayan Municipality, September 12, 2012
- ◆ Illustrious guest of the city of Asunción, Paraguay, September 12, 2012
- ◆ Tiradentes Medal in Rio, the highest honor from Rio de Janeiro State, Brazil, September 3, 2012
- ◆ Vishwa Chetana award, India, December 19, 2011
- ◆ Human of the World Award, (bestowed by the Academy of National Security of Russia), Russia, July 1, 2011
- ◆ Phoenix Award, Atlanta, USA, 2008
- ◆ Honorary Citizenship and Goodwill Ambassador, Houston, USA, 2008
- ◆ Proclamation of Commendation, New Jersey, 2008
- ◆ Architect of World Peace Award, India, 2008
- ◆ 'Light of East' National Award, India, 2008
- ◆ Honored by United Nations Millennium Campaign (UNMC) for his contributions towards achieving the Millennium Development Goals, 2007
- ◆ Honored by the city of Washington DC by proclaiming the week of his visit as 'Human Values Week' in March 2007
- ◆ Leadership Award for Extraordinary Promotion of World Peace and Harmony by Amity University, New Delhi, 2007
- ◆ Honorary Citizenship by City of Baltimore, Canada, 2006
- ◆ Honorary Citizen of the city of Calgary, Canada, 2006
- ◆ Centennial 2006 Medallion by the Legislative Assembly of Calgary, Canada, 2006
- ◆ The Humanitarian Award by the city of Brampton, Ontario, 2006
- ◆ Order of the Pole Star, Mongolia, 2006
- ◆ Peter the Great First Grade Award, Russia, 2006
- ◆ Mongolian Prime Minister's Award, Mongolia, 2006
- ◆ Alberta Legislative Centennial 2006 Medallion, 2006
- ◆ Global Humanitarian Award, Illinois, USA, 2005
- ◆ Bharat Shiromani Award, New Delhi, India, 2004
- ◆ The Illustrious Visitors Award, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 2004
- ◆ Phoenix Award, USA, April 29, 2002
- ◆ Guru Mahatmya Award by Government of Maharashtra, India, 1997
- ◆ Nominated to the Advisory Board of Yale Divinity School, USA, 1990
- ◆ Title of Yoga Shiromani (Supreme Jewel of Yoga) by the President of India, 1986



AWARDS & HONOURS



Professor Honoris Causa, Szent Istvan University, Budapest, Hungary, June 24, 2009



Tiradentes Medal in Rio, the highest honor from Rio de Janeiro State, September 3, 2012



Sri Sri receiving the highest civilian award of Paraguay, September 13, 2012

SRI SRI RAVI SHANKAR DAYS

- ◆ October 23, 2014, St. Louis, Missouri, USA
- ◆ April 25, 2010, Hamilton County, Ohio, USA
- ◆ April 23, 2010, Milwaukee, USA
- ◆ April 20, 2010, Denver, USA
- ◆ October 29, 2008, Irving, Texas, USA
- ◆ July 4 - 6, 2008, Edison, New Jersey, USA
- ◆ July 29, 2007, Pomona, California, USA
- ◆ March 28, 2007, Washington DC, USA
- ◆ December 4, 2006, Regina, Canada
- ◆ November 25, 2006, Windsor, Canada
- ◆ November 21, 2006, Surrey, Canada
- ◆ November 21, 2006, Richmond, Canada
- ◆ September 13, 2006, Ottawa, Canada
- ◆ September 10, 2006, Halifax, Canada
- ◆ September 7, 2006, Edmonton, Canada
- ◆ June 28, 2002, Chicago, Illinois, USA
- ◆ May 9, 2002, Beverly Hills, California, USA
- ◆ April 29, 2002, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- ◆ January 10, 2002, Austin, Texas, USA
- ◆ August 26, 2000, Washington DC, USA
- ◆ June 28, 2002, Chicago, Illinois, USA
- ◆ May 8, 2002, Beverley Hills, California, USA
- ◆ April 29, 2002, Atlanta, Georgia, USA
- ◆ January 10, 2002, Austin, Texas, USA
- ◆ August 26, 2000, Washington, USA

OTHER AWARDS

- ◆ Asia Pacific Brand Laureate Award, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, March 28, 2015
- ◆ Independent Charities of America Seal of Excellence, California, USA, October, 2013
- ◆ One World Family Award at the first "One World Family Days 2013" Conference, Stuttgart, Germany, September 13, 2013
- ◆ Gandhi, King, Ikeda Community Builders Prize by Martin Luther King, Jr. International Chapel, Morehouse College, Atlanta, USA, April 3, 2013
- ◆ Siddha Shri Award, Belgaum, Karnataka, India, December 2, 2012
- ◆ Sir M. Visvesvaraya Memorial Award, Bangalore, India, October 1, 2012
- ◆ The Sivananda World Peace award, Sivananda Foundation, South Africa, August 26, 2012
- ◆ Award for peace and harmony by the Al-Mustafa University, Delhi, India, March 11, 2012
- ◆ Crans Montana Forum Award, Brussels, June 24, 2011
- ◆ Atmajyoti Award, Delhi, India, September 23, 2010
- ◆ Culture in Balance Award, Dresden, Germany, October 10, 2009
- ◆ The Ball of Peace awarded by The Peace Doves, Norway, June 13, 2009
- ◆ National Veterans Foundation Award, USA, 2007
- ◆ The 2006 International Peace Award by 'For the Love of Children Society of Alberta Canada', 2006
- ◆ Dara Shikoh National Award for Harmony, New Delhi, India, 2005
- ◆ Mahavir-Mahatma Award, India, 2005