

## Jai Shri Mataji

Dear National Coordinators, Councils & Trusts Members,

Jai Shri Mataji!

By Mother's Grace, we are very happy to announce that we are initiating the Sahaja Marriages activities for this year 2021, with the ultimate desire to perform Sahaja Marriages on the most auspicious occasion of Shri Ganesha Puja 2021 in **Cabella on the 5th September 2021, if the external situation will allow us to do so** (we'll keep you posted as circumstances evolve).

### 2021 IMPORTANT DATES

Attempts will be made to announce the matches one month before Shri Ganesha Puja, in order to provide enough time to the couples to talk to each other and do the necessary arrangements for taking part in the ceremony. The tentative **date for announcements is the 22nd of July 2021**, before Guru Puja weekend celebrations.

This means that the application forms will be collected by us one month earlier from you than our yearly routine collection time limit (**deadline for submission is 20th of June 2021**). This earlier deadline is necessary in order for the IMC to perform all necessary activities of the matching process. The matching process will take place in the Castle at the Holy Lotus Feet of Shri Mataji as usual, with remote participation by the IMC members who won't be able to travel.

### APPLICATIONS PROCESS

We request you to kindly decide the local application process required and to **distribute the Protocol + Marriage forms as soon as possible** within your collective to start collecting the required information. Leader's forms should not be distributed to applicants but be filled in by city or country coordinators, country delegates for marriages, following an interview with candidates, as per the local process (we will be offering a workshop for coordinators, especially those who might not be familiar with the application process - see details below).

The full sets of filled forms of each candidate (application + leader's form), or any request of information, can be then sent by the country coordinator or appointed person for the country to the new IMC email address: [applications@sahajamarriages.org](mailto:applications@sahajamarriages.org).

Please inform IMC beforehand if we might be receiving application forms from appointed yogis different from the country coordinators, otherwise we might put such forms on hold until confirmation from country coordinator is received.

Please note that **only the forms attached with the email, marked "Shri Ganesh Puja 2021", are to be used** for applying to this year's ceremony.



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### MARRIAGE MATERIALS

Please find attached to this email the following documents:

- Information package for coordinators
- Sahaja Marriage Protocol
- Application Form for Sahaja Marriage
- Application Form for Remarriages (to be used if ceremony is confirmed)
- Leader's Form

We kindly ask you to carefully read the instruction in the "Sahaja Marriages package for coordinators" attached, which gives all the details about marriages arranged by the International Marriage Committee. Please also **urge applicants to read and understand the Principles and Protocols before applying.**

### MARRIAGE WORKSHOPS & OTHER ACTIVITIES

As mentioned above, to provide more information about Sahaja Marriages and clarify any doubts, we will be holding **online workshops** where we will explain the process to country coordinators, and then to applicants:

- **10th April at 10.00 and 16.00 Cabella time for Country Coordinators, local Council members, local teams involved in marriage interviews and application approvals ONLY**
- **11th April at 10.00 and 16.00 Cabella time for Applicants, open to all yogis & yoginis**

Both workshops will have a duration of 2 hours and will include a short video of Shri Mataji, a presentation about Sahaja Marriages, details about this years' process (from coordinator/reviewer/approver OR from applicant point of view), and live questions and answers. They will be recorded, too. We'll send the invitation for these workshops separately.

Moreover on the **18th April a global collective Havan** will be held in Switzerland and streamed online, in order to support this important and delicate process, both for all applicants and future matches.

Also we plan to hold an **on line programme on Sahaja Marriages around the end of May for all.** The details of this program will be sent to you soon. We would like to remind married couples to send us testimonies about their marriage experiences, as communicated earlier. It would greatly help in building collective awareness about the importance, experiences, joy and challenges of Sahaj marriage.

We hope to be able to meet again soon at the Lotus Feet of Shri Mataji in celebration of this most joyful event for our Sahaja family.

With love and respect,  
International Marriage Committee

