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**H.H. SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI SAHAJA YOGA TRUST**

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**|| JAI SHRI MATAJI ||**

**INTERNATIONAL DIWALI  
PUJA, 2018  
AND  
SAHAJA MARRIAGES,  
KOLHAPUR**

**16<sup>TH</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2018**

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- ❖ Sahaja Seminar* - 16<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018
- ❖ Sahaja Marriages* - 17<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018
- ❖ Diwali Puja* - 18<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2018

**Venue**

Muskan Lawns, Opposite Riverside Honda  
Showroom, Railway Station Road, Kolhapur,  
Maharashtra, India

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*H.H. SHRI MATAJI NIRMALA DEVI*

*I welcome all of you from abroad, and this Kolhapur is regarded as one of the deities' temple, which have three-and-a-half deities, or you can say three-and-a-half coils of the Kundalini, so it is said that, in this triangular bone of Maharashtra – because it is surrounded by, on all three sides by mountains, and the plateau is in the center so the all the three sides make a nice triangle – is the Kundalini of the whole universe, of the whole world, is expressed by Mother Earth in Maharashtra.*

*These are three-and-a-half energies, which are coiled together. The first one is of Mahakali. This Mahakali power is expressed in Tuljapur as Bhavani, and Shivaji Maharaj used to come on a horse all the way for miles together, to get the darshan of this Bhavani at Tuljapur: he knew this; and he had a sword which was called as Bhavanitalwar, and people said that the Goddess Herself has given this sword to him. Now the second one is Mahasaraswati, is at Mahurgadh. We always sing Mahurgadawari song, that is the one – is Mahasaraswati, which is also called as Renuka Devi, that's the right-sided Mahasaraswati. Then the third one is Mahalakshmi, that is at Kolhapur. Here a very bad demon called Kolasur was killed by the Mother, so this place is especially very holy for all of us; because you got your Realization as the Kundalini went through your Sushumnanadi, which is being nourished by Mahalakshmi principle.*

*So in the Temple they sit down – it's a Mahalakshmi's Temple, but they sing that: "Oh Ambe, please rise, please rise, please rise." This comes with the full understanding of the Sushumnanadi, but ninety-nine-point-nine percent people don't know, because all the knowledge about Shakti is being lost due to the different timings, and people never worried about it. So, one has to realize that in Indian shastras, scriptures, Shakti is the most important thing.*

*- Shri Mahalaxmi Puja, Kolhapur, 21-12-1990*

**H H Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Sahaja Yoga Trust** & Sahajyogis from the hosting states Maharashtra & Goa, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana takes this immense privilege to convey all the Sahajayogi Brothers and Sisters across the world that, By virtue of the utmost benevolent blessings of H.H. Shri Mataji, the International Diwali Puja, 2018 and Sahaja Marriage Ceremony is being organised in the city of Goddess Mahalaxmi, i.e. Kolhapur, Maharashtra, India from 16<sup>th</sup> November to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

We request you to share the details of this puja with your collective and invite all the Sahajayogis to book their travel arrangements in advance to attend and enjoy the bliss by Shri Mataji.

With Love and Respect,  
Jai Shri Mataji.

**On behalf of Organising Committee & Hosting States**

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### **Puja Contact Details -**

#### **Puja Registration –**

Shri Ram Bhawar– 9922158880/9284623662

Shri Ganesh Bhujbal- 8888685788

Shri Sunil Bane - 9930907401

#### **Puja Site Accommodation –**

Shri Ravindra Balgunde - 9421219836

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#### **Hotel Accommodation Booking at Kolhapur and Transport from Pune–**

Shri Ashok Singh– 9665039890/9370222057

Shri Nitin B Vetel Patil – 9822402997

ShriAmol Shinde - 9766500782

#### **Local Transportation (Miraj /Kolhapur Railway Station, Bus Station) – And Sight Seeing around Kolhapur**

Shri Ravikiran Mane - 9762613247

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**For any queries do write Email to [diwalipuja2018@gmail.com](mailto:diwalipuja2018@gmail.com)**

#### **Cultural Activities –**

We will have only 2 hours slot available on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov 2018 eve for cultural activities. With this consideration, we are going to perform one Grand Dance and Drama performance representing various cultures of the States in India. It's our sincere request to communicate to us through your respective state coordinator about your group performance representing your state culture. There will not be any individual performances.

#### **Cultural Team**

Mandar Bhonde (9689277521)      Roshani Shah (9890885427)

Milind Dalal(9881483804)

*Registration at PUJA Place will start from 15<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2018, FROM 8:00 AM onwards*

## **SEMINAR SCHEDULE**

### **INTERNATIONAL SHREE MAHALAKSHMI PUJA AND SAHAJ MARRIAGES, KOLHAPUR (MAHARASHTRA)**

**(16th November to 18th November 2018)**

#### **Seminar Day 1 – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018(Friday)**

<b>Morning Meditation</b>	6:00 AM – 7:00 AM
<b>Breakfast &amp; Tea</b>	7:00 AM – 9:30 AM
<b>Music Program</b>	9:30 AM – 11:00 AM
<b>Havan</b>	11:00 AM– 1:00 PM
<b>Announcement of Marriages</b>	1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
<b>Lunch</b>	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
<b>Evening session</b>	2:30 PM – 5:30 PM
<b>Tea break</b>	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
<b>Cultural Program and Mehendi</b>	6:30 PM – 10:00 PM
<b>Dinner</b>	8:30 onwards

#### **Seminar Day 2 – 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018(Saturday)**

<b>Morning Meditation</b>	6:00 AM – 7:00 AM
<b>Breakfast &amp; Tea</b>	7:00 AM – 8:30 AM
<b>Haldi Program</b>	8:30 AM – 10:30 AM
<b>Morning Session</b>	10:30 AM– 1:30 PM
<b>Lunch</b>	1:30 PM – 2:30 PM
<b>Evening session</b>	2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
<b>Tea break</b>	5:00 PM – 5:30 PM
<b>Shree Ganesh and Gauri Pujan</b>	5:30 PM – 6:30 PM
<b>Departure of Barat</b>	6:30 PM
<b>Swagat of Barat</b>	7:00 PM
<b>Marriages</b>	7:00 PM onwards
<b>Dinner</b>	10:00 onwards

**Seminar Day 3 – 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018(Sunday)**

<b>Morning Meditation</b>	6:00 AM – 7:00 AM
<b>Breakfast &amp; Tea</b>	7:00 AM – 9:00 AM
<b>Music Program</b>	9:00 AM – 10:30 AM
<b>Shree Mahalakshmi Pujan</b>	10:30 AM– 1:30 PM
<b>Mahaprasad</b>	1:30 PM onwards

**SEMINAR EXPENSES (FOR THREE DAYS AT PUJA SITE)**

<b>Indians</b>		
<b>ADULTS</b>	<b>YUVASHAKTI (12-25 yrs)</b>	<b>CHILD (6-12 yrs)</b>
<b>Rs.1800</b>	<b>Rs.1400</b>	<b>Rs.1000</b>
<b>Foreigners</b>		
<b>60\$</b>	<b>50\$</b>	<b>40\$</b>

**\*\*\* MODE OF PAYMENT OF SEMINAR EXPENSES\*\*\***

The Bank detail for deposit of Seminar expenses are as under:

Name of the Bank: AXIS BANK LTD  
Branch: Nagala Park Branch, Kolhapur  
Account Name – SahajYog Mahotsav Society  
Account Number – 918020078808700  
IFS CODE –UTIB0003014

**Note:**

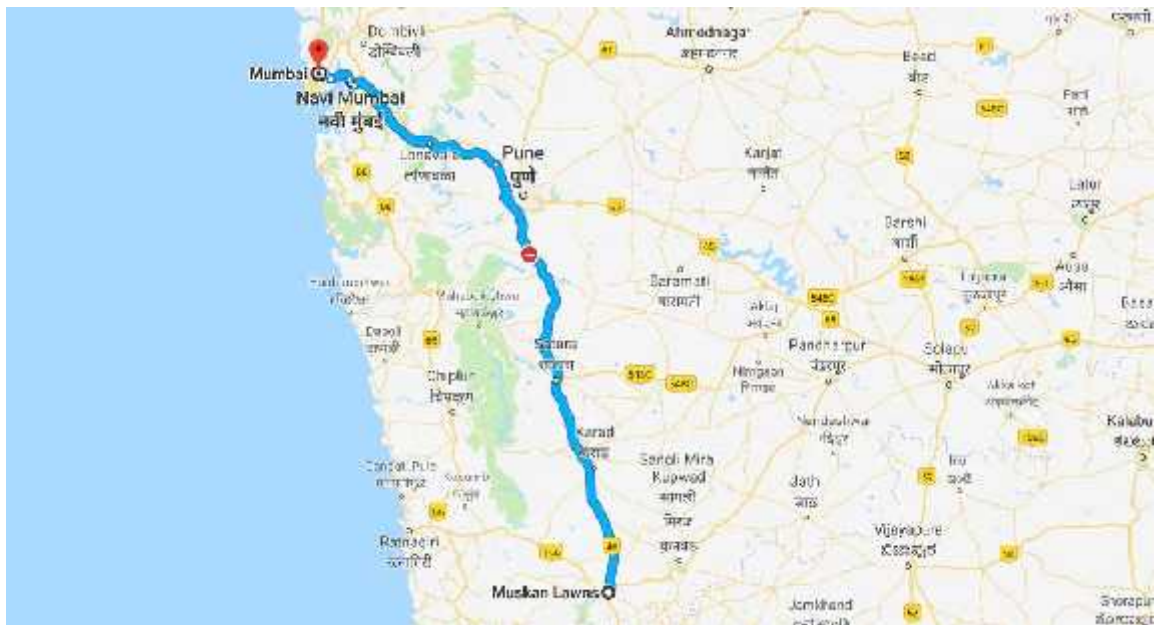
1. All are requested to send complete information of Seminar Amount Deposited in Bank should be filled up in the format as Annexure 1 (Attached) and email it at the following Email ID [diwalipuja2018@gmail.com](mailto:diwalipuja2018@gmail.com) and inform on phone call to Finance Committee on 9422255605 (Mr BahgwanTupe) or 9822307719 (Mr Anil Yendhe)
2. For Seminar Amount deposited in groups, Badges will be handed over to one person at one time only at Registration Counter.
3. All Sahaja Yogis/Yoginis are requested to kindly send their Seminar Amount before 10th October 2018, so that proper arrangements can be made at Seminar and Puja site.
4. Children below six years are free.

## **GENERAL AND SITE LOCATION INFORMATION**

- a) Kolhapur is situated on Mumbai Bengaluru Highway and is well connected through Road, Railway and Air as Kolhapur is a Holy Land of Goddess Mahalakshmi and is having Domestic Airport.
- b) Kolhapur is 380Kms from Mumbai Airport via Pune and 240Kms from Pune Airport/Rail-way station connected through NH-4. Belgaum (Karnataka State) Airport is 120 Km from Kolhapur. One can visit Pune Pratishtan (Shri Mataji's Home) and Bramhapuri- Satara while reaching or after Puja.
- c) Muskan Lawns- the Puja site is located at the Entrance Gate of Kolhapur besides the Old Shirolu Toll Plaza in front of Riverside Honda Showroom.
- d) Puja site is only 3.6 Kms from Kolhapur railway station, only 5.4 Kms from Kolhapur Central Bus Stand and 7.8 Km from Kolhapur Domestic Airport. Local conveyance/Public Transport is easily available from all sides of Kolhapur. You can get taxi service from Pune Airport/railway Station with advance information. There are A/C comfortable buses (SHIVSHAHI) from Pune (Swargate Bus Station) to Kolhapur running every hour with affordable price of INR 450. It takes 4.30 HRS only.
- e) A reception point shall be made at the Kolhapur Railway Station/Bus stand and Airport.
- f) There are many hotels in Kolhapur. The Budget is around Rs 500 to Rs 700 per person per night. Yogis wishing to stay in hotels can email their request to [diwalipuja2018@gmail.com](mailto:diwalipuja2018@gmail.com) for more details and booking of Hotel accommodation or contact Hotel Accommodation Team ( Shri Ashok Singh – 9665039890/9370222057)
- g) Although all arrangements shall be made for bedding etc., it is advisable to bring a bed-sheet, shawl and a torch with you.
- h) Care shall be taken for elder Yogis/Yoginis to provide them place to stay (with western style toilets) and dinning near Meditation Pandal, chairs in the Meditation Pandal, etc.



## Puja Location- Sitemap





## PLACES TO VISIT AROUND KOLHAPUR

### **SADOLI, KHALSA**



1). Side View of Shree Adiguru Dattatraya Temple. 2). Stage where Shree Mataji conducted Public Program in 1984. 3). Shree Mataji while giving mass self- realisation at Sadoli Khalsasa, Kolhapur. 4). Location inside temple where Shree Mataji meditated with visitor Sahajayogis. 5) Front View of Shree Adiguru Dattatraya Temple

H.H. Shri Mataji has blessed the holy land of Kolhapur with her lotus feet on many occasions. Many public programmes were conducted by the Mother in Kolhapur district such as Sadoli Khalsa, Jaisinghpur etc. Kolhapur has been blessed with Mahalaxmi Puja of Holy Mother in Sakar form in 1983, 1984 and 1990. Mother has also organised a Press Conference in Kolhapur in 1990. It's pertinent that, Mother has also guided the Sahajayogis about Sahaja Marriages in Kolhapur in 1987.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 1984, Shree Mataji Visited Sadoli Khalsa and conducted a public program with Foreigner and Indian Sahajayogis. In this village, there exists a temple of Shree Adiguru Dattatraya wherein Shree Mataji meditated along with visitor Sahajayogis. Shree Mataji stated that underneath the ground of this temple, there is a continuous lit lamp.

Even she asked the villagers to dig and confirm. Sadoli Khalsa is 25 Kms away from Puja Venue.

### **Katyayani Temple**



18 kms away from our Puja Venue, Goddess Katyayani's temple is situated. As per Karveer Mahatmya, Katyayani accompanied Goddess Mahalakshmi in the war against Demon Kolhasur, possessed a power whereby every drop of blood spilled on earth would give rise to a demon. Bhairava, the chief Commander of Gods was finding it impossible to kill Raktabeej. Katyayani swallowed all of Raktabeej's blood without letting it fall of earth. Goddess Katyayani created an Amrut Kunda (tank of nectar) to rejuvenate Bhairava's soldiers, thus played a crucial role in the war. Her temple to the south of Kolhapur recalls this.

The temple courtyard consists the small temple of Goddess Renuka. Katayayani Temple has witnessed Shree Mataji's presence and you can feel the pleasant vibrations once you enter in the Temple area.

## PRATISHTHAN, PUNE



H.H. Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi ji lived in Pratishthan from 1986 till 2010. Her residence 'Pratishthan' was named after the capital of her ancestors the Shalivahans (presently called Paithan). Pratishthan was donated by H.H. Shri Mataji to the humanity at large, and to that effect it was gifted to the H.H. Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi Sahaja Yoga Trust (National Trust) on 08<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and has been converted into Shri Mataji Museum.

Pratishthan Museum and meditation hall is open to all the Sahajayogis as per the following timings-

- **Visiting Hours:** Sunday 11:00am to 2pm.
- **Meditation:** Morning- Everyday 5:30 am to 6:30 am;  
Evening – 7:00pm to 8:00pm;  
Weekly- Saturday 6:30pm to 8:00pm
- **Address :** Shri Mataji Nirmaladevi Museum, Pratishthan, ChandaniChowk, to, NDA Rd, Vitthal Nagar, Warje, Pune, Maharashtra 411023

To visit the Pratishthan, Sahajayogis can enquire on following details:

- Helpline No: +91 8881 192 193
- Email on : [pratishthanpunendsy@gmail.com](mailto:pratishthanpunendsy@gmail.com)
- The route to Kolhapur goes via Pune. Kolhapur can be reached through Road- NH-48 Mumbai-Bangluru Highway. It's pertinent that, whilst going to Kolhapur the Sahajayogis can visit Pratishthan, Pune- the residence of our Beloved Mother.

## **ADISHAKTI PEETHAS IN MAHARASHTRA**

Three and a half Shakti Peethas (prominent seats of the Hindu Goddess) are reported in Maharashtra.

These four Goddess temples are:

### **1. Mahalakshmi Temple, Kolhapur**

The Mahalakshmi Temple of Kolhapur in Maharashtra, India, is one of the Shakti Peethas listed in various puranas of Hinduism. According to these writings, a Shakti Peetha is a place associated with Shakti, the goddess of power. The Kolhapur Shakti Peetha is of special religious significance being one of the six places where it is believed that one can either obtain salvation from desires or have them fulfilled.

### **2. TuljaBhavani Temple at Tuljapur**

TuljaBhavani Temple is a Hindu temple dedicated to the goddess Bhavani. It is located in Tuljapur in Osmanabad district of Maharashtra and is considered as one of the 51 Shakti Pithas. It is situated 45 km from Solapur. The temple was built in c. 12th century CE.

### **3. Renuka Temple at Mahur (Matripur)**

Renuka/Renu is a Hindu goddess worshipped predominantly in the Indian state of Maharashtra. "Renu" means "Atom/Mother of Universe". She is also worshipped in the South Indian states of Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, and Telangana. Renuka's temple at Mahur in Maharashtra is considered one of the shaktipeethas. Renuka is also called as "Renu" which means "Atom/Mother of Universe".

### **4. Saptashrungi Temple of Vani at Nasik**

Saptashrungi (Saptashrungi) is a site of Hindu pilgrimage situated 60 kilometres (37 mi) from Nashik in West Indian state of Maharashtra in India. According to Hindu traditions, the goddess Saptashrungi Nivasini dwells within the seven mountain peaks. (Sapta means seven and shrung means peaks.) It is located in Nanduri, Kalwantaluka, a small village near Nashik in India. Devotees visit this place in large numbers every day.[8] The temple is also known popularly as one of the "three and half Shakti Peethas" of Maharashtra. The temple is also one among the 51 Shakti Peethas located on the Indian subcontinent and is a location where one of Sati's (first wife of Lord Shiva) limbs, her right arm is reported to have fallen. Its half shaktipeeth among three and half shaktipeeth of Maharashtra.

This is known as a half Shakti Peeth of Goddess Shakti.





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*- Shri Mahalaxmi Puja, Kolhapur, 21-12-1990*

## **Bramhapuri, Satara**

Located about two hours drive from Pune on way to Kolhapur, in Satara district, in Maharashtra state, on the banks of the river Krishna, it is a place where you are alone with God and you can dive into the primordial depth of the Spirit. The name Brahmapuri in the yoga sastras refers to the seat, sphere, or abode of Brahman and the Sahasrara Chakra is also referred to as Brahmapuri.



In the MarkandeyaPurana it is described as the city of Lord Brahma, situated on the summit of golden Mount Meru, the king of mountains and the support of the planet earth in the island of Jambudwipa which is the puranic of Indian subcontinent. Also this city Brahmapuri is surrounded by the cities of Lord Indra and of seven other gods. It is also regarded that these places are subtle in nature and so their discovery is not easy.

Since ancient times yogis have lived and meditated in Brahmapuri. On the left river bank one can find BhavaniNahani - the bathing place of Bhavani Devi - and just 30 meters away from it is a very small, but vibrational temple of Shri Bhavani. Locals say that the water in this bathing place is healing, especially for the skin.

Shri Sita and Shri Ram stayed in Brahmapuri during their exile when Shri Sita used BhavaniNahani for bathing.

**Shri Mataji had visited to Bhramhapuri from 1985 to 1990**

## **ASHTAVINAYAK IN MAHARASHTRA**

Maharashtra is rightfully known as Holy Land. Especially, it's the land of Ganesha, as it has eight Swayambhu (self-originated) Ganesha idols called as AshtaVinayakas. These

eight Ganesha places are called Ashtavinayakas, and are considered as supreme in the religious life of Maharashtra. H.H. Shri Mataji have explained the importance of Ashtavinayakas in many of the lectures and Sahajayogis can enjoy a huge treasure of vibration and divinity by the visit of these eight holy abodes of Lord Ganesha. Following are the Ashtavinayakas located in the Maharashtra.

1. **Shri Mayureshwar – Morgaon**
2. **Shri Siddhivinayaka, Siddhatek**
3. **Ballaleshwar- Pali**
4. **VaradVinayak, Mahad**
5. **Chintamani, Theur**
6. **Girijatmaj, Lenyadri**
7. **Vighnahr, Ozar**
8. **Mahaganapati, Ranjangaon**



**WE ARE WAITING FOR YOU TO JOIN DIWALI PUJA AT KOLHAPUR  
JAI SHRI MATAJI**

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