

## INADS Celebrates Women Power and Role Models for Men

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A nine-day program of Navratra-manisha and Ram Janmotsav was jointly organized by INADS, USA and Kuruom school, India in collaboration with TCN Media on the occasion of Navratri.

In the tradition of India, nine forms of Shakti are considered as female form, which people worship for nine days of Navratri. INADS and Kuruom school with TCN Media organised a nine-day program from 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021. It was telecast Live on INADS Facebook page.

In a two-hour program every day, the first hour was utilized for the narration of life story of Ram, and the following hour was used for discussion over the Ram Katha and then speeches by two invited teachers of Kuruom school. Ram Janmotsav (birthday of Ram) was celebrated on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of the Navratri program. Many scholars from different parts of the world attended the program. Some of them also shared their thoughts. Classical music performance by a well-known classical singer Dr. Rashmi Chaudhury, Director of All India Radio, Lucknow, added to the splendor of the program.

Prof. Bal Ram Singh, President, INADS and Mrs. Shagufa Afzal, Principal, Kuruom school were also present in the program. The program was hosted by Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal and Anuja Sinha.



Men and women complement each other. So, after the Navratri program an online program Ekadash Rudra-Manthan was organized by INADS in collaboration with Kuruom Jankalyan Sansthan, India from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021. It was also made Live on INADS Facebook page. Aim of the program

was to guide men to realize their full potential like the different forms of Rudra and do “Purusharth” for their improvement and welfare of the world.

The eleven-day program was of two hours daily, in which Ram-Katha was narrated for the first hour and in the next one hour there was a speech on Rudra by an invited eminent scholar from all over the world. INADS faculty renowned scholar Nilesh Oak and Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh were among the invited speakers. Prof. Bal Ram Singh also spoke on Rudra in the program. The program was hosted by Alok Kumar Dwivedi and Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal.



Both programs got worldwide appreciation for their uniqueness and format, as they were made more interactive and inclusive, so people felt as part of the program, not just spectators.

Prof. Shashi Tiwari, Former Professor, University of Delhi, who had attended both programs, and also had delivered a short speech in Navratra program, said that the concept of Navratra and Rudra programs was new and very different and she really liked both programs. “The online program series on Navratra and Rudra-Manthan, for 20 days, was an eye-opener, where intellectuals shared their qualitative views on contemporary lifestyle. Their value-based remarkable observations and suggestions represent the importance of ethical, Vedic and cultural life, where men and women, both, play the vital role for sustainable society. I was fortunate to be a part of this august gathering and as a speaker, where the platform offered a lot of new learning on Shaivism and *Shakti-mahima*. I congratulate the whole team for a successful program”, as quoted by Dr. Dhananjaya Bhanja, Sub-Editor, Vishvasya Vrutanta Daily Sanskrit Newspaper. This can be considered a success of the programs.

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