- ~ General Instructions for the occasion of Bhagavan's Birth Anniversary Celebration ~ Varanasi' 26
- 1. Those who wish to participate in the program from each branch of the International Vedanta Society will submit their names to the Swamiji in charge of the concerned branch.
- 2. Two groups will be formed within each branch –
- *** a women's group
- *** a male group

There will be one responsible person in charge for each group.

The name, address and phone number of every delegates included in the group will be with the responsible person. If the group is small, an overall team manager will have to be appointed.

- 3. Every devotee will have to have his/her own separate luggage. Separate luggage is mandatory even if he is a member of the same family.
- 4. Name, branch name and contact number must be clearly written on everyone's luggage.
- 5. Children below 10 years will be able to live with their mother.

Girls above 10 years will be in female group and boys above 10 will be in male group.

6. After reaching Varanasi on January 2, all the devotees will have to stay and move as per the instructions of the Celebration Committee.

7. Every delegate must be present at the venue at least 15 minutes before the start of the program. 8. No one will roam here and there unnecessarily during the event. 9. Those who take any medicine regularly should definitely keep their necessary medicines with them. 10. Everyone should bring warm winter clothing and their own blanket. 11. The delegates are requested to exchange heartfelt feelings among all the devotees coming from different places. Any kind of incoherent speech, communalism, casteism, criticism or political discussion is completely prohibited. 12. If any disagreement arises, it should be resolved peacefully and through mutual understanding. 13. If someone wants to stay in a separate hotel on his own initiative, he will have to pay 50% contribution in that regard. 14. Everyone should carry some basic first aid medicines—for headaches, nausea, stomach problems, etc. 15. The celebration committee will try its best to provide opportunities and facilities to everyone.

However, if for some reason a system does not suit anyone, everyone is requested to maintain the approach of tolerance and acceptance.

- 16. A special request is being made to the devotees do not separate yourselves in tiny groups and suddenly go out of the venue while the program is going on.
- 17. Every delegate will have to keep the identity card given by the Celebration Committee around his neck at all times.
- 18. You will have to maintain restrain while using mobile phones. During program the mobile phones should be either switched off or put in silent mode. Kindly put a pause to unwanted calls during the program.
- 19. It is the moral responsibility of every devotee to maintain the prescribed schedule and order.
- 20. It is necessary to maintain cleanliness. Kindly throw used items at designated places.
- 21. In case of any emergency, you will have to contact the celebration committee members directly.

It is mandatory for every delegate present at the event to follow the above mentioned rules.

Everyone's cooperation and discipline will make this sacred event successful and glorious.

Thankfully,

85th Birth Anniversary of Sri Bhagavan Celebration Committee, Varanasi' 26