

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By His Excellency

EDWARD J. KING

Governor

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

1982

WHEREAS: Sri Chinmoy, in keeping with his teachings of self-transcendence, has encouraged thousands of peoples throughout the world to participate in physical fitness activities through the programs sponsored by his international Marathon Team, Running Clubs, Cycling Club and Tennis Classic, and in 1976 was commended by the President's Council on Physical Fitness for his work; and

WHEREAS: Sri Chinmoy has composed well over 4000 songs for choir and instrumental ensemble, and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Centre, and at concert halls throughout the world; and

WHEREAS: He has lectured and meditated for inner and world peace at Universities throughout the world, as well as in all 50 American States, and on a twice-daily basis at the United Nations; and

WHEREAS: He has written over 500 books of essays, plays and short stories and his works have been published by Simon Shuster, Harper and Row and by other international publishers; and

WHEREAS: He has received recognition for his artistic accomplishments, which include the creation of over 140,000 paintings, from such esteemed institutions as the Museum Alexander Koenig in Bonn, the U.S. National Fine Arts Committee, the University of Washington, and the New York School of Visual Arts; and

WHEREAS: Sri Chinmoy will give a concert and lecture at Harvard University on July 10, 1982 as part of his Fifty Oneness-State-Songs; and

WHEREAS: Sri Chinmoy will be saluting the dynamic capacity of Massachusetts in Cambridge, Massachusetts on the morning of July 10, 1982;

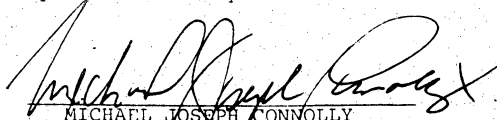
NOW, THEREFORE, I, EDWARD J. KING, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, do hereby proclaim July 10, 1982 as

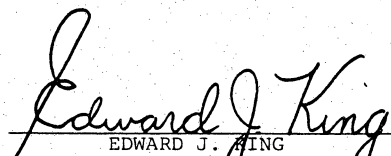
SRI CHINMOY DAY

and urge all citizens of the Commonwealth to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance.

Given at the Executive Chamber in Boston, this twenty-fourth day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and eighty-two, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and sixth.

By His Excellency the Governor


MICHAEL JOSEPH CONNOLLY
Secretary of the Commonwealth


EDWARD J. KING

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SPIRITUAL LEADER

Director, Sri Chinmoy Centre, Inc., founded in 1966. Purposes:

- to promote world peace through meetings with world leaders such as Popes Paul VI and John Paul II and Secretaries-General U Thant and Kurt Waldheim
- to teach by example the goals of constant progress and self-transcendence
- to inspire others to transcend their limitations in creative and athletic endeavors
- to serve the community through the activities of some 60 local Centres in North America, Europe, Australia and Japan. Activities include:
 - instruction in meditation
 - concerts, lectures, art exhibitions and poetry contests
 - races, tennis tournaments and other athletic events
 - promoting public awareness of the United Nations

Director, Sri Chinmoy Meditation at the United Nations, founded in 1970.

Purpose: to provide a forum for delegates and staff members to develop the spiritual dimensions of working for world peace. Activities include:

- Bi-weekly meditations for delegates and staff
- Over a hundred conferences and seminars on subjects related to world peace
- Publication of lectures on world peace and related issued by U.N. officials, and of a monthly bulletin
- The Dag Hammarskjold monthly lecture series
- Numerous commemorative programs for world leaders, including Pope Paul VI, U Thant, John F. Kennedy, Albert Einstein, and Martin Luther King, Jr.
- Fundraising events for UNICEF and other world service organizations

AUTHOR

Over 500 books, including collections of original poetry (over 8000 poems), plays, essays, short stories, aphorisms, and lectures delivered at the United Nations and at major universities.

LECTURER

Lectures at major universities in North America and Europe, including Harvard, Yale, Oxford, Cambridge, Columbia and Stanford.

MUSICIAN AND COMPOSER

Over 3300 songs composed to date. Performances at major concert halls, including Lincoln Center and Carnegie Hall, and at universities, including Harvard and Yale.

ARTIST

Over 140,000 works, including acrylics, watercolors and pen-and-ink drawings averaging 9" x 12", ranging in size from 1" x 2" to 12' x 72'. Originated a Jharna-Kala (Bengali, "fountain-art") technique of painting. Exhibitions in museums and galleries in North America and Europe.

MEETINGS WITH WORLD LEADERS

Purpose: to meet with world leaders to promote world peace, and with outstanding athletes and creative artists, to encourage the expression of the highest human ideals through sports and the creative arts.

Pope Paul VI: "This meeting of ours has been most essential. The Hindu life and the Christian life shall go together. Your message and my message are the same."

Pope John Paul II: "Special blessings to you. Special greetings to your members. We shall continue together."

U Thant: "I personally feel that you have been doing a most significant task for the United Nations."

Kurt Waldheim: "You are praying for peace. I know what you are doing for us. I know it, I can feel it."

Pablo Casals: "I am most grateful to you for granting me the most wonderful moment of my life."

Leonard Bernstein: "You are a miraculous model of the abundance in the creative life. . . . I can only hope that I may some day participate in that cosmic fountain of stillness and profound energy which you inhabit."

Jose Lopez Portillo, President of Mexico: "I hope the example that you offer expands throughout the world."

Narasimha Rao, Foreign Minister of India: "I wish you greater and greatest triumph in this sacred task which you are doing here."

L. L. Mehrotra, India's Consul-General in San Francisco: "Sri Chinmoy belongs to that stream of thought and sentiment which has shown us the Light for ages."

Jorge Illueca, Foreign Minister of Panama: "Sri Chinmoy is a guiding light that leads us to the way of oneness and to the supreme Oneness itself."

Jesse Owens, Olympic gold medalist: "I believe very much in what you do. I am an admirer of yours. I will preach my belief in your philosophy, because this is what people need."

Meetings with other world leaders include:

Aristides Royo, President of Panama
Eamon de Valera, former President of Ireland
Erskine Childers, former President of Ireland
Kristjan Eldjarn, former President of Iceland
Morarji Desai, Prime Minister of India
Abraham Beame and Edward Koch, Mayors of New York
Ali Akbar Khan, virtuoso sarod player
Ravi Shankar, virtuoso sitar player
Henry Moore, sculptor
Muhammad Ali, world heavyweight boxing champion
Emil Zatopek, Olympic gold medalist
Jack Kramer, tennis champion

Written tributes from world leaders:

Daniel P. Moynihan, U.S. Senator: "I have followed your important work in America with growing admiration. You have brought joy and spiritual enlightenment to countless thousands of Americans, and indeed, to the people of many nations, and for this, we are all very much in your debt."

Elliot Richardson, President of the United Nations Association of America: "To Sri Chinmoy--Artist--Musician--Thinker--Articulator of ideas--Communicator of insights, with the sincere admiration, respect, and gratitude of a fellow laborer in the vineyard of peace."

Edward I. Koch, Mayor of New York: "Poet, writer, artist, musician, and most importantly, spiritual force for the fulfilment of goodness in mankind, you have made many contributions to New York City."

James B. Irwin, astronaut: "You have accomplished so much in this short time . . . to make life on earth richer. May you continue to be a blessing to the earth."

Tributes Read Into the Congressional Record

Eleven Senators and Members of Congress read tributes into the Congressional Record on the occasion of Sri Chinmoy's fiftieth birthday on August 27, 1981. Among others:

Rep. Addabo, New York: "He is a truly remarkable and creative human being, an utterly selfless individual who has devoted his life toward the betterment of world peace and understanding."

Rep. Corrada, Puerto Rico: "An extraordinary man who has made many contributions to America during the last 17 years."

MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Performances on esraj, flute, cello, harmonium and voice (selected list)

- 1982 Yale University
- 1982 Columbia University
- 1982 Carnegie Hall (also 1980, 1977)
- 1980 Harvard University (also 1979, 1978)
- 1980 International Sculpture Conference, American Institute of Architects, Washington, D.C.
- 1978 Concert series at 15 universities in California and 36 universities in New York State
- 1977 Town Hall, New York
- 1976 Lincoln Center, Damrosch Amphitheatre
- 1966 Indian Cultural Center
- 1965 Guggenheim Museum (Composition and performance of three songs commissioned by the Asia Society)

Recordings (Selected list)

- 1976 My Flute, CMS Records, Inc.: New York
- 1972 Music for Meditation, Folkways Records: New York

PUBLICATIONS

Articles

"The Vedanta Philosophy", Journal of the Philosophical Society of England, Spring, 1971

"The Upanishads: India's Soul-Offering", The Princeton Seminary Bulletin, July, 1972.

Books in Print (Selected from over 500 titles):

Commentary on the Bhagavad Gita: The Song of the Transcendental Soul, Rudolph Steiner: New York, 1973.

Earth-Bound Journey, Heaven-Bound Journey, Aum Publications: New York, 1975. Lectures at Harvard Divinity School.

Eastern Light for the Western Mind, Aum Publications: New York, 1972. Lectures at universities in North America.

Meditations: Food for the Soul, Harper and Row: New York, 1970.

Songs of the Soul, Herder and Herder: New York, 1971.

Ten Thousand Flower-Flames: Volumes 1-36. Aum Publications: New York, 1982.

The Inner Promise, Simon & Schuster: New York, 1974. Lectures at universities in North America.

The Upanishads: The Crown of India's Soul, Aum Publications: New York, 1972. Lectures at the Ivy League universities.

The Vedas: Immortality's First Call, Aum Publications: New York, 1972. Lectures at the Seven Sisters colleges.

Yoga and the Spiritual Life: The Journey of India's Soul, Tower Publications: New York, 1970.

ART EXHIBITS

- 1980 Winter Olympics, Lake Placid, New York
- 1979 Brown University, Providence, Rhode Island
- 1979 Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, D.C.
- 1979 Will Stone Collection, San Francisco
- 1979 United Nations, New York, on the occasion of the dedication of his painting to the International Year of the Child, presented by the Permanent Representative of India to the Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations
- 1978 Harvard University, Hilles Library
- 1978 Lake Placid School of Art, Lake Placid, New York
- 1977 Eyes and Ears Foundation, San Francisco
- 1977 Museo del Arte, Puerto Rico
- 1975 School of Visual Arts, New York
- 1975-82 Jharna-Kala Galleries, New York, N.Y. (7 locations)
- 1976-77 Jharna-Kala Galleries, Europe (Zurich, London, Geneva, Munich, Hamburg, Freiburg, and Frankfurt)
- 1980-81 Jharna-Kala Galleries, Canada (Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa)

LECTURES

Honorary Visiting Scholar, Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, CA, 1978

Visiting Lecturer, Department of Art, University of Washington at Seattle (special one-day appointment by the Board of Regents and the President of the University), 1978

Guest Lectures (selected list):

- 1981 "Truth", Harvard University
- 1981 "Contemplation in the Hindu Tradition", Vassar College
- 1981 "The Vision-Dawn", Yale University
- 1981 "Equality", Wellesley College
- 1981 Additional lectures delivered at Dartmouth, Brown, Mt. Holyoke, Columbia, Princeton, Radcliffe, Cornell and the University of Pennsylvania
- 1980 "The Inner Role of the United Nations", Department of State, Washington, D.C.
- 1980 "Art: Vision and Reality", Department of Art, University of Washington at Seattle.
- 1979 "Song of the Soul", World Symposium on Humanity, Toronto
- 1979 "God, Prophets, and Religion", Keynote Address, World Parliament of Religion and Culture, Toronto
- 1978 "Philosophy, Religion and Spirituality", International Fair of Philosophers and Religion, Montreal
- 1978 "The Whole Man", Center for Music, Drama, and Art, Lake Placid School of Art (Lake Placid, N.Y.)
- 1975 Seven lectures at the Harvard Divinity School
- 1975 "Ego and Freedom", New School for Social Research, New York, N.Y.
- 1974 University lecture in each of the 50 American states
- 1973 "Humanity's Teachers", Keynote Address, Human Sovereignty Symposium, Georgetown College, Lexington, KY
- 1972 Lectures at the Ivy League and Seven Sisters colleges
- 1970 "The Garland of Nation-Souls", United Nations World Youth Congress, United Nations

Accredited Courses (Selected list)

Philosophy and writings have been included in the curriculum at:

- 1978 University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
- 1977/8 New School for Social Research, New York
- 1977 Florida International University, Miami
- 1976 New York University
- 1975/6 University of Miami, Florida
- 1974 Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut
- 1973 University of Connecticut, Storrs
- 1973 College of New Rochelle, New York

PATRIOTIC

- The Sacred Fire, drama based on scenes from the lives of the Founding Fathers. Performances throughout the Eastern United States, including Concord, Mass.; Christ Church, Philadelphia; and the steps of the Capitol, Washington, D.C., 1976.
- Led inter-religious observance of the National Day of Prayer (United Nations, May 14, 1975)
- Inspired the Liberty Torch nonstop relay run by 33 runners carrying a lighted torch on an 8,800-mile relay through all 50 states to symbolize the rekindling of the spiritual values on which America was founded, 1976.
- "O My America", song dedicated to America, 1976.
- 13-hour meditation in Central Park, New York, on July 4, 1976.
- Inspired Salutations to America, a 1300-mile nonstop relay run through the 13 original colonies, 1979.

ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

Motive force behind athletic events sponsored by the worldwide Sri Chinmoy Centres.

Athletic events for the general public, held every year:

- Over 200 races from 400 meter sprints to 24-hour endurance events in which numerous world, national and age-group records have been set
- 12 marathons, one each month, in Sri Chinmoy Centres from Australia to Switzerland
- 4 triathlons, in Connecticut, Puerto Rico, Canada and Australia
- 2 24-hour races, in Connecticut and Ottawa
- 70-mile race in New York
- 50 2-mile races held on the same day in 50 cities around the world on July 27, 1981

Endurance events inspired by Sri Chinmoy's teachings of self-transcendence

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| 1982 | Solo run through all 50 states, nearly 9000 miles, by Tarak Kauff |
| 1980 | U.S.A. Bicycle Relay, from New York to San Francisco |
| 1979 | Salutations to America, 1300-mile relay run through the 13 original colonies |
| 1976 | Liberty Torch 8,800-mile nonstop relay run through all 50 states |
| 1977-82 | United Nations Day Relay Run by Sri Chinmoy Centres around the world, celebrating United Nations Day, October 24 |
| 1976-82 | Numerous other long-distance running, cycling, swimming and walking endurance events |

HONORS AND AWARDS

Political

Grand Cross of the Order of Balboa, by order of the President of Panama, in recognition of contributions to world peace, 1981
Silver Medallion presented by Kurt Waldheim in recognition of contributions to world peace, 1976
Distinguished Service Award, United Nations Association of America, 1977
Certificate of Recognition, American Revolution Bicentennial Administration, 1976
Honorary Resident and Distinguished Guest of Puerto Rico, 1976
Honorary Citizen of Maryland, 1982
West Virginia Ambassador of Good Will Among All People, 1980
Certificate of Recognition, State of California, 1978
Resolution of the New York State Assembly, 1979
Bronze Medallion, City of New York, 1975
Certificate of Appreciation, City of New York, 1978

Literary

Nominated for the Nobel Prize in Literature by Sir Ralph Lazzaro, Professor Emeritus of Modern Languages, Harvard Divinity School, and by Dr. Weslene Troy, Professor of English, Rhode Island School of Design, 1979-81
Annual Mentor Poetry Award, North American Mentor poetry magazine, 1974-76

Artistic

Citation of Outstanding Artistic Achievement, by the National Fine Arts Committee of the U.S. Olympic Committee, 1980
Award of Recognition, Lake Placid School of Art, 1978
Award of Appreciation, School of Visual Arts, New York, for contributions to the arts, 1976

Athletic

Commendation of Merit, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports
Certificate of Appreciation, President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, 1976
Distinguished Service to Athletics, Department of Sports Medicine, University of Washington at Seattle, 1980
Pan American Masters' Games, Puerto Rico, invited to conduct opening meditation, 1980
New York Marathon Medal, New York Road Runners' Club, 1977

Sri Chinmoy Day declared in the following states and cities:

1982 Massachusetts	1982 Elizabeth, NJ	1978, continued
1980 Delaware	Hartford, CT	Kansas City, MO
Illinois	Trenton, NJ	Pittsburgh, PA
Indiana	1980 Washington, DC	St. Louis, MO
Kansas	Pittsburgh, PA	Sacramento, CA
Montana	Philadelphia, PA	Salt Lake City
Nevada	Stamford, CT	Wilmington, DE
Utah	1978 Berkeley, CA	1976 Queens, NY
Washington	Chicago, IL	1975- San Francisco, CA
West Virginia	Indianapolis, IN	1978

Sri Chinmoy's Contributions to Massachusetts

LECTURES

- 1981 "Truth", Harvard University
- 1981 "Sound and Silence", Radcliffe College
- 1981 "Contemplation in Action", Wellesley College
- 1981 "Music and Religion", Mt. Holyoke College
- 1975 "Earth-Bound Journey and Heaven-Bound Journey",
series of seven lectures at the Harvard Divinity School
- 1974 "Realisation, Revelation and Perfection", Harvard University
- 1972 "The Glowing Consciousness of Vedic Truth", Radcliffe College
- 1972 "The Vedic Bird of Illumination", Wellesley College
- 1972 "The Vedas: The Song of the Infinite", Mt. Holyoke College
- 1972 "The Philosophy, the Religion, the Spirituality and the Yoga
of the Upanishads", University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 1969 "Duty Supreme", Boston University
- 1969 "God and Myself", Brandeis University
- 1969 "Immortality", University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- 1969 "The Vedanta Philosophy", Harvard University

CONCERTS

- 1980 Paine Hall, Harvard University
- 1979 Science Center, Harvard University
- 1978 Hilles Library, Radcliffe College

PUBLIC MEDITATIONS

- 1976 Cape Cod Community College
- 1975 Church of the Covenant, Boston
- 1975 Trinity Church, Boston
- 1975 University of Massachusetts, Amherst

ART EXHIBITS

- 1981 Lamont Library, Harvard University (also 1979, 1980)
- 1981 Hilles Library, Harvard University (also 1978, 1980)
- 1981 Home Savings Bank, Boston (also 1980)
- 1980 Boston City Hall, Jubilee 350 Reception Center
- 1980 Shawmut Bank, Beacon-Charles Branch (also 1979)
- 1980 Cambridge Trust, Harvard Square
- 1980 Elliot Bank, Boston Branch
- 1980 Charlestown Savings Bank, Boston Branch

BOOK DONATIONS

- 1980 Selected Poetry to Hilles and Lamont Libraries, Harvard University
- 1980 Music for Meditation to Music Dept. Library, Harvard University
- 1978 300 of his published works given to Harvard University,
accepted by Mr. Peter Oliver, Librarian of the Andover-Harvard
Library of the Harvard Divinity School

Contributions of the Boston Sri Chinmoy Centre

All free of charge except for a nominal fee for athletic events

ATHLETIC EVENTS

1982 5 Mile Race, Arlington
1982 Four 2 Mile Races, Boston Esplanade
1981 5 Mile Race, Medford
1981 Five 2-Mile Races, Boston Esplanade
1981 2 Mile Race, Christian Herter Park
1980 7 Mile Race, Cambridge
1980 7 Mile Race, Medford

UNITED NATIONS DAY, October 24, in cooperation with the United Nations Association of Greater Boston

1981 36-mile relay in Boston Common carrying a United Nations flag
1980 35-mile relay, Newton to Boston. Distribution to consulates of Sri Chinmoy's talk, "The Inner Role of the United Nations", delivered at the State Department, Washington, D.C.
1979 34-mile relay run beginning on the State House steps with Mr. Robert J. Wood, Superintendent of Schools and Governor-appointed coordinator of United Nations Day Activities
1978 33-mile relay run carrying a lighted torch, begun by Mrs. Virginia Saunders, Governor-appointed coordinator of United Nations Day Activities

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF THE CHILD, 1979

Ceremony at Boston City Hall, singing "This Is My Year", the official theme song of the International Year of the Child, composed by Sri Chinmoy

Participation in the City of Boston's IYC parade and festival at Waterfront Park, including a musical performance of "This Is My Year"

CONCERTS

Numerous free concerts by musicians of the Sri Chinmoy Centre, at schools and public institutions including Harvard University, Massachusetts General Hospital and the Williams School in Chelsea

POETRY CONTEST

Prizes awarded to Boston-area poets for "poetry expressing the highest spiritual aspirations of mankind". Awards ceremony at Phillips Brooks House, Harvard University.

MEDITATION CLASSES

Free instruction in meditation, 1976 to present, at universities including Harvard, Boston University, Tufts, Suffolk and Emerson College, and at libraries including Cambridge, Arlington, Medford, Newton and Brookline.

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Arlington, MA 02174

June 23, 1982

Paul Healy
City Clerk's Office
1st Floor
Cambridge City Hall
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. Healy:

On this coming July 10th, our city will be visited by a most distinguished and extraordinary individual, Sri Chinmoy Kumar Ghose. We are requesting that the City of Cambridge, where our local Sri Chinmoy Center is located, help us welcome our esteemed visitor by the means most appropriate for the occasion: a proclamation by the mayor and/or keys to the city.

Sri Chinmoy, author, composer, artist and Director of Meditation at the United Nations will be in Massachusetts this July 10 to dedicate a 7 mile run followed by a concert of his original compositions at Paine Hall, Harvard University, to the people of the state of Massachusetts. This run and concert is part of a 50 state concert-lecture tour being undertaken this year by Sri Chinmoy entitled, "Fifty State Oneness Songs." The purpose of this tour is to offer gratitude to America for its dedication to furthering human understanding and for its continuing efforts to promote World Peace.

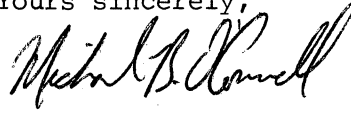
Governor Edward King has already marked the occasion of Sri Chinmoy's visit with a proclamation in his honor naming July 10th as "Sri Chinmoy Day."

I am enclosing some literature about Sri Chinmoy to illustrate his multifarious activities. These include Sri Chinmoy's resume, a listing of activities by both Sri Chinmoy and his Centre in Massachusetts, and a book of selected tributes

I sincerely hope that this request meets with your approval and that the City of Cambridge will give a warm welcome to this selfless humanitarian.

If you need further information or if I can be of further assistance in this matter, I can be reached at my home address above and the phone numbers I have included below. Thanking you for your kind attention to this matter, I remain

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosures

Comm. from Michael B. O'Connell, relative to the visit of Sri Chinmoy Kumar Ghose to Cambridge on July 10, 1982 at which time there will be a 7 mile run followed by a concert of his compositions at Harvard University.

In City Council,

June 28, 1982

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Voice Vote*