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Subject: Fwd: Recent Developments

Hari Om Ratnashakti

Regarding the request below from Munger and our response to points 1 and 2, Rishi Hridayananda and Rishi Vivekananda are unfortunately away from Mangrove at the moment, due to return this Saturday, 18th. We therefore respectfully request an extension on the deadline for one week to allow time to go through this matter with them and allow them to review our response fully before we submit it. We understand the gravity of the situation and apologise for asking for this delay. As Rishi is the acharya of Mangrove and they are both directors of SYAA we feel that their input and guidance is both important and needed, especially in regard to rectifying the systems for the future.

We are committed to rectifying our mistakes and humbly apologise that our actions have led to this.

Hari Om Tat Sat
 Swami Suryamitra
 Mangrove Yoga Ashram

[PS I am sending this from my personal account as I am overseas and cannot access my suryamitra@satyananda.net email account.]

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Blessed Self
 Hari Om

To all concerned with the activities of SRI and the SYAA and the Yoga Association of Mangrove Mountain. We bring to your attention recent developments in Australia:

1. Letters of Suspension were sent to an accredited teacher of SYAA, citing information received from Munger as the reason for the suspension. This approach was incorrect and an illegal statement.

Accreditation is an agreement between the individual teacher and the Academy based upon the terms and conditions agreed to by both parties. Munger has never issued any instruction to Satyananda Yoga Academy regarding the accreditation of Muktidharma, or any other teacher.

Furthermore, there was no information from SYAA in regard to this decision, either before it was taken, or for two months afterwards. The email sent by SYAA to Munger was dated 9/7/14, informing of the Letter of Suspension dated 3 months earlier on 29/4/14.

Although the Munger name and reputation was used as the basis for the action, SYAA did not feel any obligation to inform in advance or afterwards. Only when wanting the authority to forward the information to European teachers did SYAA inform Munger of the Suspension and follow the courtesy of forwarding the documentation.

In response, several emails were sent to SYAA, asking for an explanation. These emails were ignored, and no response received to date. Let alone an apology.

Instead of being accountable and taking responsibility for decisions made on behalf of the institution, administrators excuse their own mismanagement by saying the system for sharing of information between Academies and India is not formalized.

To date, no responsibility has been taken for this action, and no explanation given. This shows complete disrespect and disregard for all ethical procedures between institutions. If this is the situation, what is the point of Bihar School of Yoga continuing to inspire and assist the yoga work in Australia?

2. The name of Swami Niranjana, the spiritual successor of Sri Swami Satyananda has been needlessly and thoughtlessly maligned by the institutions of Australia.

In the matter of the Royal Commission inquiry into the Mangrove Mountain history, without any prior information, Swami Niranjana's name has been included in the response to the summons of the Royal Commission.

The statement "the matrix management structure has run effectively since this time with Swami Niranjana" has been submitted in writing to the Royal Commission.

Swami Niranjana has never had any involvement with this matrix structure whatsoever. He does not even know what it is. Yet the implication is happily made to the Royal Commission that this has been running under his knowledge and guidance.

Not even a draft of this submission was emailed to Bihar School of Yoga before submitting it to the Royal Commission. Without even the basic courtesy of informing, let alone asking permission, the name of Swami Niranjana is used to support Mangrove Mountain in legal proceedings. This is how the name of the Guru is treated?

No other individual has come forward and put their names in the submission to support this 'matrix management'. Not one of you has the guts to say that. Yet all are happy to hide behind the name of their Guru, and throw his name and reputation to the Royal Commission. This is a disgrace. It is beyond imagination that so-called disciples and administrators of a reputed Australian institution could behave in such irresponsible manner.

3. Regarding the activities of SRI, a conversation took place, which is recorded and kept on file in Munger, in which Swami Niranjana suggested to Rishi Vivekananda that if there was no viable output from the organization it could be wound up according to the rules and regulations governing the institution.

Instead of taking the responsibility upon themselves to evaluate their performance and output and take a decision, a fiasco was created, which turned the benevolent advice into a statement that "Swamiji says to shut down".

Instead of reflecting on ones own shortcomings, the directors of SRI have made a villain of their Guru. By the so-called Ethics Committee representatives, aspersions are made in written reports that Swami Niranjana has subverted the legal process, and to follow his instruction is likely to "add to the compromised legal history that Satyananda Yoga Australia sadly already has." This implies Swami Niranjana has legally, morally and ethically compromised Satyananda Yoga in Australia and deliberately intended to breach and contravene the laws and regulations of Australia.

How can a mere verbal discussion giving suggestions regarding different problems, become an attempt to subvert the legal and regulatory process? Adherence to due procedure and process is the responsibility of the directors and administrators of every institution. Failure to do so is the mismanagement of the administrators and responsibility lies with them alone.

All his life, Swami Niranjana has worked for the betterment of Satyananda Yoga and his Guru's mission.

In all its difficulties, problems and strife, he has supported Mangrove Mountain and the Satyananda Yoga movement in Australia.

But these recent actions of Australia have shown that the institutions and the people involved have no respect for the support and encouragement given.

What has been shown is that Australia is willing and happy to hide behind Guru's dhoti, and suffer the "Swamiji says syndrome." Administrators of the institution are willing to involve him in the investigation of 20 year old sex scandals and tarnish his reputation, where they will not even dare to put their own names on behalf of the institution.

From our perspective there is no accountability or concern for yoga in Australia. No one is prepared to take responsibility for the situation and events which are occurring.

After a lifetime in support of Australia, Swami Niranjana and Bihar School of Yoga in disgust withdraw their association and support completely from SYAA, SRI and YAMM. Unless a full account, apology, and rectified system to ensure that such events will not happen again is received at Munger by 20th of October 2014 from those concerned, you are being informed that the following will become effective immediately from 21st October and this information will be sent out to all parties in Australia and other countries:

1. Bihar School of Yoga will formally renounce all ties and association with the institutions of Australia.
2. All links to the Australian institutions will be removed from the official websites of Bihar School of Yoga
3. Dispatch of magazines to Australia will be discontinued.
4. Permission to use, promote, distribute or sell any Bihar School of Yoga material, including video footage, audio recordings, and photos of Sri Swamiji or Swami Niranjana is now revoked and all copyright material of Bihar School of Yoga is to be returned to Munger immediately.
5. No Australian institution will be permitted to use the name of Swami Satyananda, Swami Niranjana or Bihar School of Yoga in any documents, publicity material, websites, email etc. All pictures of the Guru Parampara are to be removed.
6. A lawyer is being engaged in Australia to monitor the use of the names of Swami Satyananda, Swami Niranjana or Bihar School of Yoga and take immediate legal action with cease and desist letters in case of any unauthorised usage.

Hari Om Tat Sat

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