

to young children and the youth as a selfless service. I visited also one or two such classes.

India's lovely and loving ladies observe their rituals, fairs and festivals regularly with full faith and firm belief. They are all maintaining their family traditions quite well.

Dr. Shivendra Shukla, a reputed scientist at the University of Missouri-Columbia told me that they frequently hold sessions of continuous recital of the holy Rāmacaritamānasa of Gosvāmī Shri Tulasīdāsajī Mahārāja. Dr. Murārīlāl Nāgar has been regularly offering Gītāpravacana and the readings of many Vedanta granthas for the past so many years. These facts not only provide profound pleasure to us, but also demonstrate their determination to transmit their own cultural traditions to their succeeding generations exactly the way they have inherited them from their forefathers. The holy flow of Jñānagaṅgā must continue from generation to generation without any break at all. These views enabled me to view India herself in America.

I offer my heartfelt greetings to all the Indians residing abroad from the Indians here. I wish all of them the best of health, wealth and happiness. May God bless them all the supreme Bliss.

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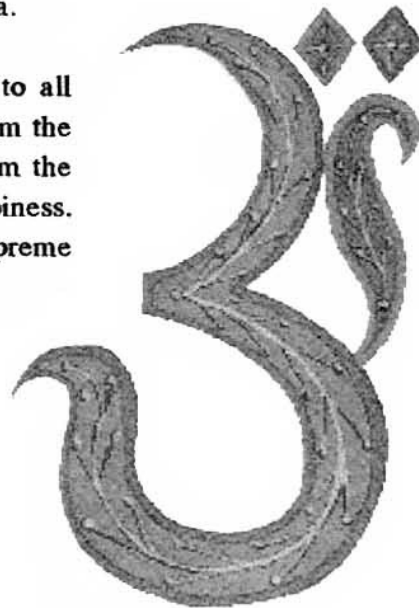
This scholar from Varanasi visited us here in Columbia. At my request, he wrote something for Om Shanti. It was in Hindi. While translating it, tears of joy rolled down from my eyes - as many drops as the letters!

Shri Ramachandra Pandeya probably overlooked the fundamental fact that Bhagavān Shri Rāmacandra was just playing the role of a man with a purpose. He was Māyāmānuṣadehavān, only showing his mohamayī līlā. He knew, but did not say:

Udāracaritānām tu vasudhaiva  
kutumbakam  
and/or  
Kṛṇvanto viśvam Āryam.

Many Indians living abroad contribute well to the welfare and well-being of India.

-Dr. Murarilal Nagar



## The Scheduled Cast

The previous scheduled caste got its name from having a set schedule, from always having some chore to do. We have done this to ourselves, made ourselves the slaves of Time.

Today we all belong to the "scheduled cast."

We have succumbed to a schedule; reduced ourselves to a routine. In Nature's hierarchy, we are now last.

Other creatures live spontaneously, seizing all opportunity, while we remain locked to a clock, our schedules immovable as rock.

Never a spare moment, always on the run, as if there's something important to be done.

But All has already been done  
The battle is already won.

We hurry ourselves over nothing at all,  
preparing ourselves for the possible fall.

But how can we fall; where would we land?

All we can do here is make a stand

against the routine  
against the scheduled  
cast.

