

Brahma Kumaris Environment Initiative

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PRESS STATEMENT



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Wisdom, Resilience and Compassionate Action

Through spiritual Insight, rebuilding Trust and Cooperation

At this COP 28, we are all aware that humanity has reached a critical transition point where the very survival of our species is at stake. Our current technology and economic model are driving the whole life system - the one we rely upon for our present and future prosperity - to extremes. Despite this dramatic outlook, the world community has yet to join hands and take effective climate action to reverse the trend and stay within the 1.5 C of the Paris Agreement.

It is the understanding of the **Brahma Kumaris**, a spiritual organisation founded 70 years ago in India, that consciousness and awareness are at the root of our actions and, therefore, the current crisis. To bring stability, resilience and compassionate action on a global scale, a widespread capacity for new, deep reflection and meditation is essential. Such an inside-out approach, applied by large communities, can be the key to the paradigm shift that would allow all stakeholders to make choices benefiting the planet and the future of humanity.

We call upon the world to join us in **meditation and reflection to bring a profound shift** in our hearts and minds, to be empowered by a new mindset based on universal values and ethics.

With the help of more than 7,000 centres worldwide, the Brahma Kumaris offers a wide range of free courses, workshops, and conferences to inspire people to raise their consciousness and change their **lifestyles**. At the climate conferences, we actively engage the **Interfaith community** and organise live panel discussions with experts and policymakers. In addition, the Brahma Kumaris promotes a vegetarian diet and carries out Kalp Taruh, a global tree plantation campaign. Since the mid-90s, the Brahma Kumaris and its sister organisation "World Renewal Spiritual Trust", are among the leaders in India in the research and use of **renewable energies**. Brahma Kumaris is also actively engaged in Yogic farming, an innovative and promising approach that brings a new mindset to the farming community.

Brahma Kumaris seeks to support and promote this much-needed paradigm shift with the help of meditation, innovative ideas, and clean technologies. We heartily invite you to join us at www.yogisforfuture.org for a unique mediation.

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Programs during COP 28

At COP28, the BKs will participate in numerous activities focusing on individual change, from hosting meditation sessions for the world to leading discussions about practical ways to adopt a sustainable lifestyle. We showcase projects undertaken at the institutional level, notably installing a major solar thermal energy plant at our headquarters at Mt. Abu, Rajasthan, India. We feature community outreach initiatives, including introducing sustainable yogic agriculture in India. Our three press conferences are:

2 Dec.	10.00-10.30	Amplifying Voces of hope and resilience, Press conference Room 2, Zone B6, Building 77, Blue Zone
5 Dec.	9.30-10.00	Ethics at the Heart of the Energy Transition Press conference Room 2, Zone B6, Building 77, Blue Zone
8 Dec.	9.30-10.00	Young Heroes of Climate Justice Stories Press conference Room 2, Zone B6, Building 77, Blue Zone





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