OSHO Meditation & Monsoon Festival 2013

O' what a SHO!

In addition to the international visitors, participants gathered from 152 cities and 17 states of India, pouring into OSHO International Meditation Resort in sync with the intensity of the heavy rains teeming down from the skies.

And a rich bonanza awaited them for this five-day festival: Each day started at the crack of dawn with the famous OSHO Dynamic Meditation in the vast OSHO Auditorium – and seemed not to end. People were so enthusiastic they left only reluctantly at midnight. No less than 71 programs were offered in the lush acres of the Meditation Resort. OSHO Meditations throughout the day, Tai Chi and Yoga morning classes, and meditations in Chuang Tzu Auditorium where Hindraj Divekar on veena, Usman Khan on sitar, and Rajendra Teredesai on flute took meditators to the depths of silence. At the same time the swimming pool and Jacuzzi came alive with the delighted laughter from the participants in Basho Spa.

There were special concerts with live music after lunch each day, to enliven the noontime: Bikram Singh and Uday Deshpande brought their troupes and people danced for more than an hour.

Our beloved friend Jeevan, who had worked for so many years for the *OSHO Times*, chose this time to leave her body, giving everyone a "chance to celebrate death" as Osho would say. And what a celebration that was! From the Meditation Resort to the burning ghats the streets were filled with singing and dancing maroon-clad meditators.

After the Evening Meeting Meditation the nights blossomed with more music. Bikram Singh and his band played high-energy music with Mahesh Vinayakram, who flew in especially from Chennai to sing for us.

Rekha Bhardwaj, the celebrated Bollywood Sufi singer, transported the audience to another plane, revisiting her album, *Ishqa Ishqa*, and singing her hit film numbers. Even those who did not understand the language were glued to their seats.

Celebrating Sannyas, a Bollywood Dance Party, and a Variety Show allowed people to experience new highs.

Situation: FULL! Whether a meditation, a demo for one of the OSHO Meditative Therapies, a lunchtime concert, or Club Meditation, all events were packed. The Evening Meeting Meditation overflowed with people. The walls of OSHO Auditorium reverberated to the sound of "Osho!" uttered with total energy. While leaving, the smiles on people's faces and the dance in their steps that said, "O' what a SHO!"

You Tube	Day 1: http://youtu.be/pdN9mPRkTq0
You Tube	Day 2: http://youtu.be/XaKTvjkdkPE
You Tube	Day 3: http://youtu.be/4N8RhOARiSM
You Tube	Day 4: http://youtu.be/Ph4hPFbTXL0
You Tube	Day 5: http://youtu.be/2xDDAJU_fdQ

