

**(I) HINDU (SANATHAN DHARAM) SPIRITUAL LEADERS (GURUS) & PRACTICES
IN FRANCE LABELLED AS 'DANGEROUS CATEGORY'**

List of sects established by a parliamentary commission of inquiry in 1996

<http://www.assemblee-nationale.fr/rap-enq/r2468.asp>

- 1) **Association Sri Chinmoy de Paris:** ([Sri Chinmoy \(27 August 1931 – 11 October 2007\)](#)), was an Indian spiritual leader who taught meditation in the West after moving to New York City in 1964. Chinmoy established his first meditation center in New York, and eventually had thousands of students in 60 countries. A prolific author, artist, poet, and musician, he also held public events such as concerts and meditations on the theme of inner peace. ([Les 172 sectes qui ont envahi la France](#))

In 1974 he gave lectures in 50 states at 50 universities, published as a six-part book series entitled 50 Freedom-Boats to One Golden Shore (1974). In the 1970s and 1980s he traveled around Europe, Asia, and Australia lecturing at universities, resulting in the publication of The Oneness of the Eastern Heart and the Western Mind.

In the spring of 1970, at the invitation of then Secretary-General U Thant, Sri Chinmoy began conducting twice-weekly meditations at the United Nations. These non-denominational meditations are open to all staff, delegates and members of Non-governmental organizations.



Sri Chinmoy and John Paul II in Vatican, 1980 / With Mikhail Gorbachev

Chinmoy travelled widely, and dedicated his many activities and the events he founded to peace. He met with world figures, and was often described as an ambassador of peace. His path was a contemporary spiritual system of yoga, practiced under the guidance of a guru, or spiritual teacher.

Chinmoy with Mikhail Gorbachev

In 2007, Chinmoy was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Over the years Chinmoy had ongoing friendships with Mikhail Gorbachev, Nelson Mandela, Mother Teresa, and Desmond Tutu.

On the death of Sri Chinmoy, Mikhail Gorbachev wrote that his death was "a loss for the whole world" and that "in our hearts, he will forever remain a man who dedicated his whole life to peace.



2) **Brahma Kumaris – Raja Yoga** (*Université spirituelle internationale des Brahma Kumaris or Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya*)

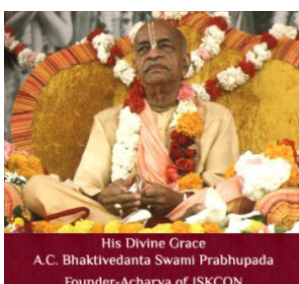
Prajapita Brahma Kumaris Ishwariya Vishwa Vidyalaya (also called Brahma Kumaris) is an international non-governmental spiritual organisation with its headquarters located at Mount Abu, Rajasthan.

They are a spiritual institution focused on self-transformation through spiritual education and reflective practices. The focus is on self-transformation by re-discovering and strengthening human potential. This is done by providing a deep and clear understanding of self, God and human existence.

The university teaches to transcend labels associated with the body, such as race, nationality, religion, and gender, and aspires to establish a global culture based on what they call "soul-consciousness".

In 2008, they were estimated to have more than 825,000 regular students, with over 8,500 centers in 100 countries. In 1980, the Brahma Kumaris became affiliated to the United Nations Department of Public Relations as a Non-Governmental Organisation.

In 1983 when the Brahma Kumaris achieved consultative status with the Economic and Social Council at the United Nations. The Brahma Kumaris now has a permanent office space in New York for their work with the United Nations.



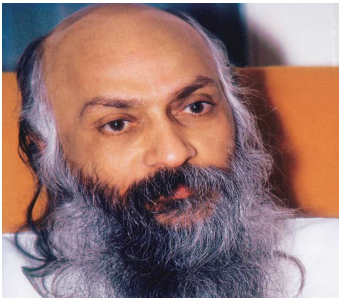
3) **International Society for Krishna Consciousness ISKCON** is a current of Hinduism, part of the movement of the bhakti yoga, dedicated to Lord Krishna - based on the Bhagavad Gita and Srimad Bhagavatam.

Today, ISKCON is a worldwide confederation of more than 400 centers, located in India, South East Asia, Australia, UK, USA, Canada, and South America. In Europe ISKCON centers can be found in Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, and some countries of East Europe. Paris, France also has an ISKCON temple

These centers include 60 agricultural communities, aspiring to self-sufficiency to some extent, 50 schools, including a "Free School" in London. In the UK.

On 10th June 2016, Prime Minister David Cameron Celebrated ISKCON's 50th Anniversary by performing the ground breaking ceremony for Bhakti Vedanta Manor's new Shri Krishna Haveli.

4) OSHO Rajneesh



Osho Rajneesh was an Indian mystic, guru and spiritual teacher. A controversial leader, with millions of followers and admirers worldwide, and also thousands of detractors. Confident and outspoken, he was a gifted speaker who never shied away from expressing his views on a variety of topics, even those considered to be taboo by the conservative society.

Osho is regarded as one of the most influential mystics and spiritual teachers of the modern time. In fact, Osho, was hailed among the top ten people who had most changed the country's, where they were born, destiny along with Gautama Buddha and Mahatma Gandhi.

Osho left behind him a colossal legacy in the form of intellectual properties, including his audio-video speeches and arts. He has left an archive of 9000 hours of discourses, 1870 hours of speeches and around 850 paintings made by him. 650 books based on his sermons have been translated to 65 languages and published. OSHO books are currently available from 200 publishing houses worldwide..

In 26 years since Osho died in Pune, India, in January 1990, his fame and teachings have spread far and wide all across the globe in over 100 + countries. After Osho's departure his books, videos, and audios are in higher demand and more popular and more available than ever during his lifetime

Hundreds of independent OSHO meditation centers dot the globe. Thousands practice his active meditation techniques and methods across the planet. His talks are heard on You Tube, Vimeo, Osho Radio channel and other internet networks. His Books are sold on Amazon, Kindle and Paper editions in hundreds of thousands. His Audio Books are available on Audible.

Osho's entire works have been placed in the Library of India's National Parliament in New Delhi. There are over three hundred Osho Information Centers and Osho Meditation Centers in forty-five countries around the world.

Osho meditation/celebration festivals are held annually in India, Denmark, Germany, Spain, Italy, USA, Israel, Greece, Latin America, Nepal and other European countries.

5) MAHARISHI UNIVERSITY: Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, Transcendental Meditation™ CPM (Institut de science vedique maharishi Paris - C.P.M. - Club pour méditants - "Méditation transcendente")



Maharishi Mahesh Yogi (1918–2008) , introduced the TM technique and TM movement in India, in the mid-1950s, learned from his master Brahmananda Saraswati that he called Transcendental Deep Meditation.

The Maharishi taught thousands of people during a series of world tours from 1958 to 1965, expressing his teachings in spiritual and religious terms. TM became more popular in the 1960s and 1970s, as the Maharishi shifted to a more technical presentation, and his meditation technique was practiced by celebrities.

At this time, he began training TM teachers and created specialized organizations to present TM to specific segments of the population such as business people and students.

By the late 2000s, TM had been taught to millions of people, and the worldwide TM organization had grown to include educational programs, health products, and related services.

The TM technique involves the use of a sound or mantra, and is practiced for 15–20 minutes twice per day. It is taught by certified teachers through standard course of instruction; TM is one of the most widely practiced and researched meditation techniques.

Among the first organizations to promote TM were the Spiritual Regeneration Movement and the International Meditation Society. In modern times, the movement has grown to encompass schools and universities that teach the practice,] and includes many associated programs based on the Maharishi's interpretation of the Vedic traditions.

In the U.S., non-profit organizations included the Students International Meditation Society,] AFSCI, World Plan Executive Council, Maharishi Vedic Education Development Corporation, Global Country of World Peace and Maharishi Foundation. The successor to Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, and leader of the Global Country of World Peace, is Tony Nader.

- 6) **Sahaja Yoga** is a spiritual technique founded by Mataji Nirmala Devi or as "Mother" by her followers, who are called Sahaja yogis. Sahaja Yoga is the state of self-realization produced by kundalini awakening and is accompanied by the experience of thoughtless awareness or mental silence. This results in a more integrated and balanced personality.

Sahaja Yoga International (also known as Vishwa Nirmala Dharma) is a worldwide non-profit Sahaja Yoga started in India and England (where Nirmala Devi moved in 1974) and there are now Sahaja Yoga centers in almost 100 countries world-wide.



Sahaja Yoga is not only the name of the movement, but also the technique the movement teaches and the state of awareness achieved by the technique. There are many seminars, workshops and programs conducted on a weekly basis around the world. **In Europe**, Sahaj Yoga

centers are established in 30 countries, plus UK. In France their website is <http://sahajayoga.fr>

Sahaja Yoga International Activities:

- Free weekly meditation programs that help people achieve balance in their lives and get over their habits
- Inner city programs to help the needy and free programs in rehabilitation centers to alleviate drug and alcohol problems through the practice of Sahaja Yoga
- Free meditation meetings held in work environments and hospitals - for example: the National Institute of Health (Washington DC), the Fox Studio (Los Angeles, California), Motorola (Chicago, Illinois), Nortel (Dallas, Texas), the Thunderbird Samaritean Medical Center and John C. Lincoln Hospital in Phoenix, Arizona, etc.
- Films - Immaculata Studios, owned and operated by Sahaja Yogis, is dedicated to the creation of inspiring movies that lift one's awareness instead of debasing it as it is common nowadays in many film industries
- Arts - Sahaja Yoga helped many artists enhance their creativity; as an example we mention the international Theater of Eternal Values created by VND in Europe, and also many renowned musicians have achieved great heights after starting to practice Sahaja Yoga.

Projects in India include:

- An international hospital in Bombay, India to help patients all over the world to get a chance to cure themselves through Sahaja Yoga methods.
- The International Sahaja Public School (ISPS) in Dharamsala, India (view article: *Graduates Remember Shri Mataji's School In The Lap Of The Himalayas*)
- An international cancer research center in Bombay which studies the effects of Sahaja Yoga on cancer
- An international music school in Nagpur to promote classical music
- A center for destitute and homeless people in Delhi, to provide shelter and also to help them become better individuals through the process of Sahaja Yoga (view article)

All Sahaja Yoga public programs around the world are entirely free of charge and always open to the public. As Shri Mataji Nirmala Devi says, "Truth is just to be experienced and enjoyed".

7) **Swami Atmananda Giri of the lineage of Swami Paramhansa Yogananda: Mission Swami Atmananda Atma Bodha Satsanga (Kriya Yoga)**



Swami Atmananda Giri, was the spiritual director of the ashram of Paramahansa Yogananda in Dakshineswar (India). He was a member and delegate of the Monastery Vedantic Bholananda Sannyasi Sangha, located in Haridwar (India), where he was ordained "swami" by Mandaleswar, Swami Giri Gobindananda.

Giri Swami Shraddhananda was initiated into Kriya Yoga by Swami Atmananda Giri.

Swami Shraddhananda studied Sanskrit and the main texts of Indian metaphysics (Vedanta, Sankhya, Yoga, etc.) in different traditional schools of Pandits of India, but particularly the Sanskrit College in Calcutta. He was professor of Sanskrit at the school of Paramahansa Yogananda in Ranchi (Bihar), India.

Giri Swami Shraddhananda lived in France since 1961. He has taught at the School of Advanced Studies (Sorbonne). In addition, he founded a cultural association in France, Bholananda Vedanta Sangha, and a quarterly magazine, message of Vedanta, to spread the metaphysical tradition of India, the teachings of the great spiritual masters of the country, the technical Kriya Yoga, taught previously in the West by Paramahansa Yogananda.

8) **'ORGANISATION SRI SATHYA SAI France CENTRE SRI SATHYA SAI PARIS-5 (Union des associations centres et groupes Sri Sathya Sai)**



Sathya Sai Baba an Indian guru, and philanthropist. He claimed to be the reincarnation of Sai Baba of Shirdi.

Sai Baba's materialisations of vibhuti (holy ash) and other small objects such as rings, necklaces, and watches, along with reports of miraculous healings, resurrections, clairvoyance, bilocation, and alleged omnipotence and omniscience, were a source of both fame and controversy. His devotees considered them signs of his divinity, while sceptics

viewed them as simple conjuring tricks..

The Sathya Sai Organisation, founded by Sathya Sai Baba "to enable its members to undertake service activities as a means to spiritual advancement", has over 1,200 Sathya Sai Centres (branches) in 130

countries. Through *this organisation*, Sathya Sai Baba established a network of free hospitals, clinics, drinking water projects, auditoriums, ashrams and schools. Its current chairperson is Dr Narendranath Reddy.

The principal objectives of Sri Sathya Sai Seva Organisation are:

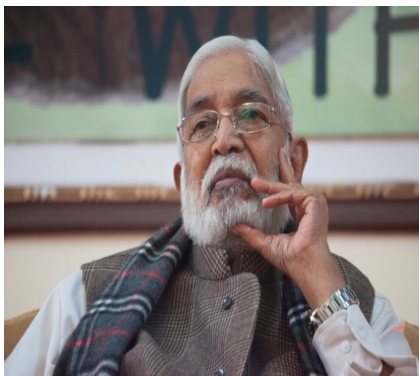
1. To help the individual

- To be aware of the Divinity that is inherent in him and to conduct himself accordingly;
- To translate into practice in daily life, divine love and perfection; and therefore
- To fill one's life with joy, harmony, beauty, grace, human excellence and lasting happiness;

2. To ensure that all human relations are governed by the principles of Sathya (Truth), Dharma (Right Conduct), Shanthi (Peace), Prema (Love) and Ahimsa (Non-violence).

3. To make devotees more sincere and dedicated in the practice of their respective religions by understanding properly the true spirit of their religion.

9) **Shri Ram Chandra Mission** (also named SRCM or "Sahaj Marg") is a non-profit organization and a spiritual movement. It was registered in 1945 in India by Shri Ram Chandraji. It has its current headquarters at Manapakkam, Chennai, Tamil Nadu



The current president of Shri Ram Chandra Mission and spiritual Master of the Sahaj Marg system is Shri Kamlesh D. Patel (b. 1956). This includes SRCM USA, which was registered in California in 1997 (SRCM California-1997) and SRCM India, which was registered in Lucknow, India in 1945 (SRCM-Shahjahanpur-1945).

SRCM was founded by Shri Ram Chandra of Shahjahanpur, affectionately known as Babuji (1899 - 1983). He was succeeded as president and spiritual Master of SRCM by Shri Parthasarathi Rajagopalachari, affectionately known as Chariji (1927 - 2014).

Following the mahasamadhi of Chariji on 20 December 2014,[6] Shri Kamlesh D. Patel has become the fourth president of SRCM and spiritual Master of the Sahaj Marg system.

Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM) provides spiritual training to interested seekers from around the world. Through heartfulness meditation, which has its

roots in the Sahaj Marg system, it offers a way for balanced living in a heart based way.

Babuji was taught by Ram Chandra of Fatehgarh (aka 'Lalaji'), the Adi Guru of the Sahaj Marg system. Lalaji rediscovered the ancient yogic method of spiritual training based on yogic transmission of divine energy called Pranahuti.

Sahaj Marg means the Natural Path, and it is a spiritual practice based on inner experience through meditation. The ancient practice of raja yoga is refined and simplified for modern everyday life, so that it can be practiced everyday by people from all backgrounds and all cultures. Thus it is easily integrated into a busy lifestyle, bringing balance, joy and spiritual growth.

SRCM is formally associated with the United Nations Department of Public Information (UN DPI) as an international non-governmental organization. SRCM and the UN share a common goal of peace, human integration and harmony, and thus SRCM's objectives fulfil the principles outlined in the UN Charter.

With a presence in over 120 countries worldwide [SRCM Centers] and on every continent of the globe, it has its world headquarters in Chennai, India.

Books published by SRCM have been translated to over twenty languages and read widely across the world.

10) Siddha Yoga is a spiritual path founded by Muktananda (1908–1982). The present spiritual head of the Siddha Yoga path is Gurumayi Chidvilasananda.



A fundamental characteristic of the Siddha Yoga path is shaktipat-diksha, literally translated as "initiation by descent of divine power," through which a seeker's Kundalini Shakti is awakened by the Guru. Once active, this inner power is said to support the seeker's steady efforts to attain self-realization.

The Siddha Yoga tradition draws its teachings from the yogic philosophy of Vedanta, Kashmir Shaivism, and the poet-saints, Kabir, etc. Principal texts from the Vedantic tradition include the Vedas, the Upanishads, the Bhagavad Gita, the Viveka Chudamani of Shankaracharya, and the Yoga Vasistha.

In 1974, Muktananda founded the SYDA Foundation, an organization designated to protect, preserve and facilitate the dissemination of the Siddha Yoga teachings. In 1975, Muktananda founded Centers in USA.

In 1992 Chidvilasananda founded the PRASAD Project, an independent, not-for-profit, charitable organization dedicated to providing impoverished communities in India with medical care, dental care, eye care, nutrition, education and community development.

In 1997 she established the Muktabodha Institute, an independent non-profit foundation with its own publishing, Agama Press, to foster and encourage the preservation and study of the ancient spiritual texts of India.

Ashrams and meditation centers provide places to learn and practice Siddha Yoga. The two main ashrams are: Gurudev Siddha Peeth in Ganeshpuri, India, and Shree Muktananda Ashram in upstate New York. There are meditation centers in over 35 countries, including India, the United States, Japan, Australia, United Kingdom, Belgium, Germany, Italy, Canada, Mexico, Brazil and France

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- 11) **Sri Tathâta** Sri Tathâta was born in 1942 in Kerala and showed very young attracted to the spiritual life. It was in great ascetic and devotional practices that his mission was revealed to him again give dharma (doctrine) to humanity and raise his level of consciousness

Dharma Peetha is a Divine centre established by Śrī Tathāta at the instance of the Divine Will. It is located at Kollur in the Karnataka state of India and Tapovarishtashram is a center which started developing spontaneously around Sri Tathata towards the end of his tapas. It is situated very close to Sri Tathata's birth place, in the Palakkad district of the Kerala State in India. In his ashram in southern India are held daily Vedic rituals to pacify the universe. A large sacred fire ritual was held in February 2014 at Temple Dharma Peetha,

He is followed by nearly 2 million people, in India, USA, UK, Brazil, Canada, Germany, Italy & France, where he has a considerable following. The French center is Located in Toulouse and is called Tathata Vrindham.



In 2012, during his European tour, he met Pope Benedict XVI and the Dalai Lama.

Sri Tathata's Mission is to establish:

A HOLISTIC SYSTEM OF EDUCATION The only way to change the world is to concentrate on the new generations. In parallel with acquiring general school knowledge, a successful education policy should include nourishment for the soul, leading to a meaningful vision about life and a positive behavior. In the Vedic times, such a combination of general and spiritual education generated a beautiful and harmonious civilization led by wise governments. Let us hope we can transform our educational systems so as to foster wisdom in the future generations of leaders for all fields of society.

Note: IN FRANCE, A SMEAR CAMPAIGN HAS BEEN STARTED BY MIVILUDES AND ALLIED ASSOCIATIONS AGAINST SRI TATHATA. (see below)

'Sri Tathata - Dérives sectaires. Une conférence qui interroge ce week-end'
(Translated from French)

At the Hall of Trocardière, in Rezé, held, from Saturday 11 to Monday 13 October 2014, by Sri Tathata, a yogi master. A meeting that was monitored closely.

Hall of Trocardière, receives for three days, from Saturday 11 to Monday 13 October 2014, Sri Tathata. This yogi master has toured France and Europe. His followers are dedicated to him with a real reverence. This phenomenon is questioned.

*The Interministerial Mission of Vigilance and Anti against sectarian aberrations (**MIVILUDES**) has received a number of reports, indicating a strong desire by him to proselytize. For them "this movement and its many ramifications remain under observation, the type of speech delivered, conveyed the impression that may have a hold on people. Rallies in number and involving minors, conferences pseudo-therapeutic and brutal behavior changes on the part of some followers were observed. "*

Source: Ouest-France, 9 October 2014

<http://www.ouest-france.fr/derives-sectaires-une-conference-qui-interroge-ce-week-end-2888688>

<http://www.cippad.com/2014/10/sri-tathata-derives-sectaires-une.html>

<http://www.ladepeche.fr/article/2012/09/07/1434432-initiation-a-varaire-le-recit-du-concubin-met-en-cause-l-association-namaskaram.html>

"One person, Xavier Levitre says without laying charges with the French police, "I am angry because after passing through Varaire and initiation by Sri Tathata who claims to be the reincarnation of God, my companion was hospitalized ".

The Namaskaram association, is based in Varaire, France and whose master Sri Tathata, currently in the United States, advocates "raising consciousness" , is the subject of serious concerns and questions about the effects of his sessions of initiations can generate a certain behavior in "Trainees". Skeptics, without going to assert an attempt mental manipulation during gatherings (the coming together of 700 people on the 21 to 22 August in Varaire), yet restless, over some unexplained facts, unhealthy specter of a sect."

12) Sri Sri Ravi Shanker – Art of Living (AOL) Foundation *After graduation, Shankar travelled with his second teacher, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, giving talks and arranging conferences on Vedic science, and setting up Transcendental Meditation and Ayurveda centres. In the 1980s, Shankar initiated a series of practical and experiential courses in spirituality around the globe. He says that his rhythmic breathing practice, Sudarshan Kriya, came to him in 1982, "like a poem, an inspiration," after a ten-day period of silence.*

In 1983, Shankar held the first Art of Living course in Switzerland. In 1986, he travelled to Apple Valley, California in the US to conduct the first course to be held in North America. Sudarshan Kriya is a breathing-based technique that is a core component of the Art of Living courses and "the cornerstone of Art of Living

He is also frequently referred to simply as "Sri Sri" or as Guruji or Gurudev. He is a spiritual leader and founder of the Art of Living Foundation created in 1981, which aims to relieve individual stress, societal problems, and violence. In 1997, he established a Geneva-based charity, the International Association for Human Values, an NGO that engages in relief work and rural development and aims to foster shared global values.

For his service, he has received some of the highest awards of several countries including India, Peru, Colombia, and Paraguay. In January 2016, he was awarded the "Padma Vibhushan" by the Government of India.

AOL is a truly global company. It has "offices" in 140 countries, 141 finally, since the opening of the last in Kazakhstan. Sri Sri Ravi Shanker, via his Art of Living Foundation (Art de Vivre), has a following of over 25 million worldwide and an extensive presence in France; With 23 centers across the country.

[Le gourou qui apprend la méditation aux narcotrafiquants mexicains](#)

13) Others in the category of suspicious sects include:

- Theosophical Society – J. Krishnamurti, Annie Besant, M. Blavatsky
- Sivananda Yoga Center
- Maha Shakti Mandir
- Mother Meera
- Ramakrishna Mission
- Hindu Reform Movements