

Introduction

This introduction is very difficult to write. It involves very shocking and serious matters which would have been unthinkable for most of my 45 years in Sahaja Yoga and have been frightening and painful to face. Numerous yogis have been aware or partly aware of the events witnessed in the statements that follow and have kept quiet about them for various reasons. Some believe it is necessary to preserve the public face of Sahaja Yoga at all costs. Some have kept quiet out of confusion, some out of fear and some have been mesmerised by people they deemed powerful and important. Many indeed shy away from such things which may seem to threaten their confidence in Sahaja Yoga, or undermine their concept of the Omnipotence, Omniscience and Omnipresence of God. But God is exactly that, infinitely beyond the limitations of our puny egos. Shri Mataji was vulnerable only to the actions of yogis and her family, and we were granted liberty to commit any folly we chose. Shri Mataji loved, nurtured and advised us, but she did not interfere with our freedom.

Most yogis have had little experience of the Maya that could take place around Shri Mataji's physical being. We were used to approaching her in humility and reverence, filled with awe at the manifest presence of God Almighty. But not everyone is aware of such depths. In my case the shocking sight of one of Shri Mataji's relations casually sweeping away the sacred items on Shri Mataji's altar to use as a seat taught me that some saw her as just an eccentric old lady. With familiarity, this delusion could sometimes play upon yogis too, and we also projected illusory ideas onto Shri Mataji's family, imagining that they must be at least semi divine. The Maya that Shri Mataji allowed to play out around her has been a huge test of our discrimination. Shri Mataji told us that each Incarnation has to create an evolutionary drama out of their lives to generate a big impact on human consciousness. In the case of the Sahasrara the lesson seems to be that we need to separate ourselves from all of the spiritual mistakes and diversions of the past, which we are currently repeating in Sahaja Yoga in many ways.

The chaotic, inauspicious and adharmic muddle that developed within the inner circle around Shri Mataji during her illness was quite extraordinary. A great effort was made by leaders everywhere to make it appear that it was business as usual, which is understandable. But there is a limit to discretion where the mistreatment of our Mother and the future of Sahaja Yoga are concerned. The statements below are difficult to read but they are the truth, and I am sure that all genuine yogis will be able to feel that. It is also significant that the events they describe led to claims of authority and entitlement within the financial and political institutions of Sahaja Yoga by some of Shri

Mataji's family members, and by yogis who aligned themselves with them. Last but not least, the truth about events in the life of the Incarnation needs to be accurately preserved for posterity. After all, had Christ's disciples withheld this kind of information the Crucifixion might have been erased from history.

For some time now a number of yogis have been diligently conducting enquiries in various countries regarding the medical care of Shri Mataji and the convoluted financial and political Maya that played out around her. First hand witness statements were taken from those involved in Shri Mataji's care in various capacities. They are recorded and have been translated and transcribed below, and I can absolutely vouch for the yogis involved and the veracity of their sources. I can also bear witness to the fact that I have heard many similar things first hand from other people present at other times and places who are not prepared to say so publicly. Some 'leaders' think that yogis will lose faith if they know the truth. But what kind of yogis are we if we can lose our faith so easily? It means our faith is not based on reality, as our Mother was not her body but an ocean of compassion enveloping everything in existence. Some will say this was all in the past and we should 'move on.' Of course - but this past is still with us, entrenched in the splits it created in the world collective, and if we don't face it these problems will never be solved. For myself I am more afraid of keeping quiet and hiding the truth. The Param Chaitanya flows strongly, reassuring us that our Almighty Sacred Mother is always with us and the truth must be exposed.

This is not meant to be a vendetta. Yogis were faced with an impossible situation and blinded by false assumptions and naive expectations. Mistakes were made for what many believed were the right reasons and there were very few outright villains and cynical manipulators. But it is not something that can be just swept under the carpet. This is a time to introspect in humility and mutual forgiveness.

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Source of testimonies

The yogis conducting research into the background of developments around Shri Mataji's health learned that the Indian nurses who took close personal care of Shri Mataji during Her last years and who were sent back to India in 2010 had recorded interviews in India regarding their experiences at that time. The nurses had agreed to be filmed and reported that they witnessed inappropriate behaviour taking place during the time they cared for Shri Mataji. These testimonies have been obtained and translated into English from different Marathi dialects and Hindi by a native Marathi speaker.

In December of 2019 it was possible to interview one of the nurses and several other Sahaja yogis who worked in different places where Shri Mataji stayed during those years, undertaking different roles while Shri Mataji was in residence (from 2003- 2011), and who witnessed many of the episodes reported by the nurses in 2011.

The stories that follow, are the product of these interviews, documented with the only intention to shed light and bring the truth to the awareness of the established yogis and for posterity.

The authors of this document will not comment on the treatment options that were utilised, although the drugs involved in treating the Incarnation seem naturally appalling to any Sahaja yogi. However, this document simply reports the testimony of some of those who cared for Shri Mataji during the final years of Her life, providing first hand information on some of the behavior of those looking after Shri Mataji and some medications that were given repeatedly and without Her consent during Her last years of physical existence. The views and feelings expressed during the interviews and stated in the videos are solely those of the individuals who gave their testimonies.

India, 26th of December 2019

Interview with one of the Marathi speaking nurses of Shri Mataji

Interviewer: When did you become a nurse for Shri Mataji and for how long?

Nurse: I became a nurse for Shri Mataji in January 2008. I was asked to leave in 2010. I mainly served Shri Mataji in India and only during three times She was in Cabella and last time I was there it was for a month. (*The nurse doesn't remember the dates she was in Italy*).

Interviewer: Were you recruited to be Shri Mataji's nurse through an agency?

Nurse: No. A Sahaja yogi has asked one of her friends (*another nurse*) to join in Pratisthan. The friend couldn't go (*because she was busy with work*) and asked me if I could go. As I wanted to go, so I walked for about three and a half kilometers to reach Pratisthan to look after Shri Mataji.

Interviewer: How was Shri Mataji's everyday schedule when you were a nurse for Her?

Nurse: There were two teams. The Indian nurses were looking after Shri Mataji's daily hygiene (*bathing, brushing her teeth, etc*). But we were not involved in administering medication to Shri Mataji. Only the Australian nurses were looking after the medications. I noticed in Pratisthan there were not many medications given and also Shri Mataji was fed properly while being in Pune. But in Cabella I noticed several drugs were given to Shri Mataji and with more frequency.

Interviewer: Did you report medical issues or other symptoms that you noticed in Shri Mataji? If you did it to whom did you speak about it?

Nurse: No, because we were told to look only after Shri Mataji's personal hygiene. We didn't interact with the western nurses or doctors.

Only once, I spoke to Sir CP about the medications. I found the names of the different drugs that were given to Mother. During a trip to India, I consulted with a psychiatrist regarding these drugs. He said that those medications should not be given to Shri Mataji, they were not good for Her health.

I reported the information given by the doctor in India to Sir CP and he only said that he will look after it.

I noticed that Shri Mataji had problems with the sodium, but She didn't need the medication for this. Only a bit of extra salt in Her food.

Interviewer: When Mother was more talkative, did She report about Her own health to you or other Indian nurses?

Nurse: No. But She used to speak often with us while being in Pratisthan, about how happy She was to be there. She spoke to us often while being in the bathroom while we were taking care of Her. When Mother was in Cabella, She used to tell the nurses several times that She wanted to go back to Pune.

In Pune Shri Mataji several times protested by spitting out the medications that were given to Her. Kim and Wendy held Shri Mataji harshly from the back and forced the medication inside Her mouth. But I noticed when She was in Cabella, Shri Mataji just swallowed what was administered to Her, as She didn't have any other option.

The Australian nurses used to be quite harsh in their treatment to Shri Mataji, when they were carrying Her. They dropped Her once, early in the morning. Also She was given very little food and water.

Interviewer: Did you notice if Mother got bruised or injured?

Nurse: No. The carpets at Pratisthan were very thick (the nurse confirmed that the Australian nurses dropped Shri Mataji while being at Pratisthan).

Interviewer: Why do you think She was given little food and water?

Nurse: I think it's because the psychotropics could have a longer effect inside an empty stomach. Most likely She was given these medications to keep Her sedated and sleepy. Under the effect of these medicines Shri Mataji used to sleep a lot and spoke very little. Almost nothing. *(See below the list of the medications reported by the nurse during the interview).*

Interviewer: Did you notice any other harsh behaviour apart from the situations you have described by any nurse or doctor or member of the family?

Nurse: No.

Interviewer: Where was the medication stored and who had access to it?

Nurse: The medication was stored in a closet. Inside a box. Only Kim had the key to that. I just noticed the empty packages and I recognized the names. I know it was not good for Shri Mataji's brain.

Interviewer: You mentioned that those medications were psychotropics, was Shri Mataji hallucinating, being schizophrenic or being a danger to Herself or others?

Nurse: No. She wasn't. I think the medications were given to keep Her sleepy, without talking. These medications can sedate the person taking them.

Note: The medications reported by the nurse during the interview are Risperdal, Trinicalm Plus and Phenergan. Risperdal and Trinicalm Plus are two antipsychotic drugs whose prime-indication is schizophrenia. Risperdal (risperidone) is a second generation antipsychotic drug indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia. Trinicalm Plus is a combination of two molecules, trifluoperazine is a first generation antipsychotic drug indicated for the treatment of schizophrenia and trihexyphenidyl is an anti-parkinsonian drug used as adjuvant therapy to trifluoperazine to control its extrapyramidal (Parkinson like) side effects. Phenergan is an anti-allergic drug with strong sedative action. Risperdal, Trinicalm Plus, Phenergan as well as Valium all have as most common side effect drowsiness. For more details about these drugs, see annexes. A professional pharmacist was consulted for this statement.

Interviewer: Why do you think they wanted Shri Mataji to be sleepy or sedated?

Nurse: In Cabella there were several pujas. Shri Mataji sometimes didn't want to go. When She spoke, She insisted She wanted to be in India.

Interviewer: Did different people visit Shri Mataji on a regular basis? Who do you remember were coming often to see Her?

Nurse: Only people that visited Sadhana. We didn't speak with the visitors and were told to stay in our room or sometimes in the kitchen.

Note: Apparently, from a total of five nurses only two remained till the last days of Shri Mataji. The nurses kept an active communication among them while two of the group were in Italy before Mother passed away.

India, 28th - 29th of December 2019

Interview with two Sahaja yogis who served as drivers to Shri Mataji (They are going to be called witness 1 and witness 2).

Same questions that were asked to the nurse were adapted for the witnesses. These yogis had the fortune to serve Shri Mataji and were available for different tasks in Pratisthan while Mother was staying there.

Witness 1: While being in Pratisthan I witnessed how Mother was spitting the medication and how the Australian nurses forced the pills back in Her mouth. One of them would hold Shri Mataji from the back and the other one would hold Her face and put the pills back into Her mouth.

Interviewer: Which Australian nurses did it and who were delivering instructions to them?

Witness 1: Kim and Wendy were the ones forcing the medication to Shri Mataji. I also witnessed Shri Mataji being displeased with them and She said several times She does not want the Australian nurses to look after Her. She used to call them Bhootnis or witches.

The Australian nurses used to have closed door meetings with Hari Gaikwad. Hari used to be the one looking after every detail and he also had direct communication with Sadhana Didi and Sir CP.

Interviewer: Did someone protest or come to aid Shri Mataji?

Witness 1: No. I was so shocked when I witnessed this, that I couldn't think properly or act at that moment. Only later on I started to reflect about it. I also thought that perhaps they were doing it for Her health and that surely Sir CP was taking care of Shri Mataji's health. But in the last few years and after remembering different episodes I realized that something wasn't right.

Interviewer: Which other episodes do you recall?

Witness 1: Sadhana and Sanjay used to live in one room in Pratisthan in front of many people. She used to have lots of parties and the Indian nurses were requested to stay inside their bedrooms. For instance, for Anand's engagement party in Pratisthan there was a disco-party with all kinds of music. Hari's father, a person we know Shri Mataji didn't want to have in Sahaja Yoga due to his negative practices with different vidyas that have nothing to do with Sahaj knowledge, was brought in during that party.

Interviewer: Which other episodes do you recall from that time?

Witness 1: I remember another episode where I was put in a very difficult position. Sir CP was being honoured with an important award (*most likely the Padma Vibhushan award*) and there was a ceremony where different personalities were present. I drove Shri Mataji and Sir CP there. During the ceremony Shri Mataji looked very upset and She wanted to leave immediately and this created a confrontation with Sir CP.

When I was driving Shri Mataji and Sir back to their home, I noticed Shri Mataji's legs and feet were very swollen. Shri Mataji told me She was feeling a lot of heat and asked to open the window of the car. Sir CP immediately asked to close the window. Shri Mataji then asked again to keep it down. I was in the middle of this situation where I was opening and closing the window several times. Then Shri Mataji told me: "Are you really a Sahaja yogi?" I told Her: "Yes, Mother I'm." She replied "so, keep the window opened".

I drove to Pratisthan in a record time because I was under so much stress. When Mother was taken away from the car, I noticed there was blood in the area of Her seat inside the vehicle. I realized how sensitive was Her body to the negative atmospheres, as She absorbed all the heat inside Her body.

I also witnessed when Shri Mataji was being angry with Sadhana Didi and told her "one day, you will kill me".

Two nurses out of five, stayed with Shri Mataji during Her last days in Italy. The other ones were returned to India and were told that their professional services were not needed anymore. I spoke to the ones who returned to India and also kept in touch with the ones who stayed in Italy.

I also heard from the nurses being witnesses when medication was given against Shri

Mataji's wishes. I also understood from the Indian nurses who stayed with Mother in Italy, that She was kept in Her room with very thin linens and few blankets, they noticed Mother being cold sometimes. I heard from the nurses that they were giving water to Shri Mataji in the bathroom because the instructions were to reduce water and food intake. Also, She was taken out to restaurants during very cold days. After one of those episodes Shri Mataji got sick with pneumonia.

The nurses told that Mother in Her last days had problems with Her breathing. Most likely, around January 2011, She was operated with a tracheostomy and She had a ventilator support.

Witness 2: I witnessed also the episode where the two Australian nurses (*Kim and Wendy*) forced medication to Shri Mataji (*the yogi tells the story with the details exposed before*).

Sir CP and Sadhana Didi, aided by people such as Hari Gaikwad and Sanjay Mane, interfered in many of the Sahaj matters and claimed through letters that many of these decisions were made by Shri Mataji personally, when in reality She was asleep or sedated and forged signatures and fingerprints were taken without Her authorization. For instance, the creation of Sahaja Yoga National Trust, the appointment of several people chosen by Sir CP as trustees or within committees and the production of documents allegedly signed by Mother.

On a different level of governance, leaders like Pugalia took advantage of his position to deviate Puja money and Puja gifts for his own benefit. There was an orchestrated plan, put in place starting by Sir CP and Sadhana Didi and followed by those who supported them, most likely because they all benefited financially from this partnership. Silence and loyalty were bought with money.

The only good element in Pugalia was that despite his system of corruption, he provided Shri Mataji during the times She resided in India, the best care and everything that was needed for Her comfort.

I also witnessed the inappropriate disco-party at Pratishtan or how people like Hari's father was taken inside the house. Also, many of the people working there were more loyal to Sir CP than to Shri Mataji. Some of the people chosen to serve them had adharmic behaviour inside the house, for example I caught a yogi living there watching pornography inside Pratishtan while Shri Mataji was staying there and I managed to put him out of the house.

Note 1: *The witness 2, some days after the interview, remembered being present when Shri Mataji was very angry with Hari and told him that he will go to Naraka (hell). The witness communicated about this episode via email.*

Note 2: *Apart from the Australian nurses who were present with Shri Mataji, the nurse and the witnesses who were interviewed didn't know anyone from the western medical team of Shri Mataji.*

India, 30th of December 2019

Interview with a yogi who used to work in the maintenance of Pratishtan from 2002-2009

Yogi: Sir CP once told me that everything that happens within the house should remain secret. He also offered to me a very high salary for my services. *(Allegedly, this yogi refused Sir CP's deal.)*

Nothing in the house moved without Sir CP's permission, but even more without Sadhana Didi's supervision. Hari Gaikwad would make sure that many of Sadhana's orders would be followed.

When there was a health issue with Shri Mataji or something related to Her health, Hari and Sadhana and the Australian nurses had Skype meetings with the sahaj doctors located in other countries *(The yogi said that he never took part in those meetings as it happened behind closed doors. Neither, the Indian nurses were part of those meetings).*

Interviewer: Could you detect any doctor's interference or can you remember any of them by name?

Yogi: I can only remember seeing Dr Ramesh and Dr Gabby Mane visiting Shri Mataji. I wasn't inside Shri Mataji's rooms during those visits. But I do remember Dr Ramesh using Sir CP's hypochondriac tendencies to manipulate him.

Anyhow, Dr. Bohdan Shevhovych and Dr. Christina Harabor were very kind and respectful towards Shri Mataji. I hope they could speak one day of the things they witnessed because surely they saw many things that were not right.

Interviewer: As you were allowed to be inside the house, did you ever notice Shri Mataji hallucinating, behaving in a way that could be considered schizophrenic, being a danger to Herself or others?

Yogi: No. Never! When She said that thieves were in the house (*one of the arguments to accuse Her not being fine*) actually few times the chandeliers fell down by themselves and it was surely due to negativities (*as yogis we know She could see the entities and negativities*). Also, about Shri Mataji mentioning that there were many snakes, I have to say that I captured myself about 20 snakes inside the house. Shri Mataji in India was talking often and everything She spoke made sense.

Interviewer: Why to make up She was hallucinating?

Yogi: I think the people who benefited monetarily the most from these arrangements were Sadhana Didi, Hari Gaikwad and Sanjay Mane.

Interviewer: How was the treatment from the Australian nurses to Shri Mataji?

Yogi: They treated Shri Mataji very harshly. Especially Wendy. Kim and Wendy used to place their arms under Shri Mataji's armpits in order to have a grip to Her and carry Mother around. I saw the pain in Shri Mataji's face many times during these situations. Also, they would place Shri Mataji quite strongly in the chairs.

Interviewer: What about the Indian nurses?

Yogi: They were very kind to Shri Mataji. Mother used to like them and requested to have them many times. She only wanted Marathi speaking nurses, but Her wishes were not heard.

Interviewer: Did you ever witness or hear that Mother was not given sufficient food or water?

Yogi: No, I didn't witness that. But I heard that after 2009 She was not given enough aliments and water to drink. That the Indian nurses were providing these to Mother in secret.

India, 31st of December 2019

Via phone call a yogini who served Shri Mataji as a nurse in 2007 for a month, was witness of Shri Mataji saying in Marathi: “ Wendy la Dur theva. Hiche Hatun Mala Tab nako.” Which means: “Keep Wendy away from me. I don’t want tablets from her hand.”

Another yogini who was cleaning Shri Mataji’s room in Cabella found a valium from under Mother’s bed.

Translations from the videoclips in Marathi language

Interview with nurses 1 and 2 after they came back to India, 2011

Nurse 1: I'm (*says her name*) nurse of Shri Mataji. I worked and served Shri Mataji for the last six years. There were a few foreign nurses too, to look after Shri Mataji, Kim, Susanne and Wendy and there were doctors too. Altogether there were six nurses.

The foreign nurses were chosen by Hari Gaikwad and Sanjay Mane.

Shri Mataji used to say, "I don't want those foreign nurses."

But those foreign nurses stayed. They gave so much trouble to Shri Mataji.

For example if She used to say, no, to something, and it was against Her wishes, they would still do exactly what they wanted. If one of the Indian nurses said please don't do this, Shri Mataji won't like this, they didn't listen to us.

Nurse 2: Jai Shri Mataji, I'm (*says her name*) I was working with Mother for three years and serving Her.

Those foreign nurses didn't give Mother any water for the whole day.

Then in the evening or late while Shri Mataji was getting ready for bed, they used to offer Her water even when Mother said, "no I don't want..." they still used to make Her drink the water.

Even when once, Mother spat the water on them, they forced Shri Mataji to drink the water. They used to give Her so much trouble even when both of us would tell them, "don't do that." They wouldn't listen to us. They used to torture Her.

Nurse 1: Shri Mataji wanted to come back to Pune. She was waiting for so long for them to take Her to Pune, but they used to make many excuses. God knows what they were saying to Shri Mataji, but they didn't take Her back to Pune for three years.

When Shri Mataji got sick, Sadhana Didi told us not to tell anyone about it in Pune.

I think nurse (*says a name*) was there, they told her, "now you are going back, make sure no one knows about Shri Mataji being ill. Don't ring anyone or see anyone.

Whatever has happened here, no one has to know about it in Pune."

Ever since we started to work for Mother they treated us well, but last year I went there and they made us work in the kitchen. We spent little time with Shri Mataji. Most of the time the foreign nurses were there. They used to tell us to go outside to do chores. They would have us do minor work.

We tried to talk to Shri Mataji in the bathroom. We used to ask Her, “do you want to come to Pune?” She used to say, “yes, I want to go to Pune. I like Pune.” Whenever we used to talk to Her, those foreign nurses used to get angry with us and would say, “don’t speak with Her.”

They would give Her all those medications without Her permission. Shri Mataji used to spit those medicines on them, but the same medicine they used to shove in Her mouth and give Her a mouthful of water only once. For whole days they used to give Her only once from a whole bottle of water. Sometimes they used to tell us, “don’t give any water to Her.”

Even when Mother was sleepless for a time and used to just lie there. They would say that Mother had slept well. The whole night Shri Mataji was awake and She was in pain, but they used to overlook this and would write in a diary that She slept well. When Shri Mataji was about to fall asleep in the morning, those nurses used to force Her to wake up. Even when Mother was tired and didn’t want to get up, those nurses used to wake Her up.

When Shri Mataji would ask for water because Her mouth used to go dry, these nurses refused to give Her water. They would say that She has already drunk too much water and used to leave Her like that and go away. Then after they had gone, we used to give Her some water and we could see Mother would feel better.

When Shri Mataji wanted to go to Pune, She would be waiting for someone from Maharashtra or any committee from Maharashtra and was expecting they would take Her back to Pune. But no one came from Maharashtra nor anyone from Pune. Three years She is in a foreign country but no one thought they should take Her back to Pune.

Before, She used to stay six months in India and the other six months in foreign countries. Now this time it has been three years, but no one uttered a word about Her going back to Pune.

Even Papaji used to say, “I want to go back to Pune.” Both of them wanted to go back. But no one came to get them or asked them about it. No one came from any committees.

Shri Mataji designed and built Pratisthan Herself, Her soul, Her Atma was in Pratisthan and when She got to know that the trustees had transferred Pratisthan to their name, She was totally broken and got admitted to hospital and Her health deteriorated more.

Nurse 2: When Shri Mataji was in Pratisthan, all the Indian nurses would change Her clothes three to four times a day.

But in Cabella, the foreign nurses would only change Her clothes once a day. Even at night they didn't change Her clothes.

She used to feel cold quite often at night, but only a very thin sweater would be put on Her or sometimes they never used to put any warm clothes on Her. She used to get cold a lot but they didn't look after Her or try to keep Her warm, just never paid any attention to Her. Even at night She used to ask for water they wouldn't give it to Her. She got neglected in every aspect, especially with Her clothes.

Nurse 1: For the last six months on earth, Mother was so sad, unhappy, She wasn't speaking or laughing, never used to utter a word.

Just used to keep quiet.

The only time She would speak to us was when we asked Her if She would like to go back to Pune, we could see, She used to look really happy from within. She used to get all emotional about the thought of Pune and Her face would just light up, She used to look fresh and then She would speak to us a little bit.

Nurse 2: Whenever we would talk about Pune and talk of going shopping there, She would feel all excited.

We would say, Mother, You used to go shopping on Laxmi Road, You used to go here and there.

Her face would brighten whenever we remembered Pune, our heart used to fill with happiness and sadness.

But what's the point now, these people didn't fulfil Her last desires.

But now we want to tell you what happened there, that's why we are telling you all this.

(And the nurse starts to weep.)

Nurse 1: Mother's desire to give Sahaja Yoga to everyone, all the knowledge and all the teachings, She gave it to us all.

It should spread all over the world in Her way.

She did not desire that people would teach Sahaja Yoga with any different methods to the methods She taught everyone.

She used to say, "whatever I had taught and given you, this knowledge, only take that and use that."

Teach others only the methods Shri Mataji taught you and spread Sahaja Yoga worldwide.

And all Sahaja Yogis should live with love and in one collective.

This was Her last wish that Her Sahaja Yoga only, should spread in the way She taught it to us.

But She got to know Her work had started to scatter.

Whatever personal thing they had with Her we don't really want to talk about that (*the Australian nurses*). But they had the privilege to look after Her and they treated Her so badly.

Last three years everything was hither and thither. She used to tell us to tell Pugalia to do this or that, and he wasn't listening to Her, but still Mother used to tell him. There was no one there who would listen to Shri Mataji.

They changed carpets and curtains in Pratisthan.

Too much chaos in Cabella, She only had Her room.

Interviewer 1: So they used to keep Her in Her room all day?

Nurses 1 and 2: Yes, all day in Her room.

Interviewer 1: So they never took Her out?

Nurse 1: I think once they took Her out during the snowy season. (*She names another nurse*) knows about this in detail and Mother got really sick, so the doctor told them not to take Her out in this snowy weather.

Interviewer 2: Why did they take Her out?

Nurse 1: Sanjay had some program organised or some one was getting married who was related to Sanjay.

Nurse 2: Even when Mother was so sick, they would regularly party.

Nurse 1: Just recently when Mother got sick in January, the doctor told them to take Her to hospital, but still they didn't listen, that woman (*Sadhana*) didn't pay attention to Her at all.

But on the last day of Shri Mataji on Earth. She was fresh and said to us, "I'm not going to come back again, I'm going now, I'm going now."

Interviewer 1: Didn't Sadhana know this?

Nurse 1: That's what I'm saying, she was there when Mother was saying these things to us. Sadhana bai told us not to tell anyone anything about what happened. Note this point, and please call me when the other nurses are here.

But I must say that each time Sadhana used to see us, she would warn us that we are not allowed to speak about what had happened in Cabella

And (*names a nurse*) rang us once to tell us, not to tell anyone anything about anything.

Interviewer 1: Was (*names the nurse that rang them*) good ?

Nurse 1: No, she is not, she has double standards, she plays a double game. She sends lots of emails and tells others what's going on. If you tell her what's going on, everyone will know about it. If you invite her to do an interview she will tell everyone.

Let's not tell anyone now, When it comes out, let's just shock them, once it comes out, it will be an explosion, they will get the shock of their life.

They (*the other Marathi nurses*) thought these people will never speak out. They could have come out and said something but they didn't.

Nurse 2: They (*the family, Sahaja Yogis, trustees, leaders*) could have said something but they didn't, they didn't question why Shri Mataji didn't come back to India, they kept quiet. (*Both nurses sounded angry and disappointed about the whole thing*). They could have brought Shri Mataji to India, but they didn't. Whatever personal issues they had, they should have left them to one side, that's what we both wanted and what the other nurses wanted.

Interviewer 2: (*this interviewer doesn't have a microphone and it's hard to hear what he says, this part of the question can be heard*)

I was ready to go to a lawyer and report all this. Why didn't you say something about what happened, when you knew She wanted to come to India?

Nurse 1: (*The nurse names someone*) could have told us they were wanting to speak to people to find out what had happened (*in Cabella*). We both came back here six months ago and no one came and wanted to talk with us. One of the nurses called someone here and said Mother is really ill. For the last three months, both of us were wondering whom to talk to, that there must be at least one person that we could speak to and tell them what had happened.

I even thought of going on a fast to get their attention. But who would listen to me and to whom I can go to? The last three months we were searching for people that would listen to us.

Interviewer 2: I wish I could have contacted you much earlier and I would have listened to all that you had to say.

Nurse 1: If they had known about me trying to contact you, they wouldn't have let us reach you. Whoever I tried to talk to about this, it wasn't successful.

Interviewer 2: Who did you talk to?

Nurse 1: I told Uncle everything. In front of us, they rang up Cabella to try to arrange to bring Shri Mataji back to India . He rang a few people.

He said, let's put aside whatever differences we have amongst us, (*he's referring to the different collectives in Pune*) we really should bring our Mother back. But nothing happened, no two links connected with each other.

Interviewer 2: Did he call people in higher authority in Sahaja Yoga?

Nurse 1: We don't know about that. For the last three months we were wondering about it.

Nurse 2: If Mother was here, nothing would have happened to Her.

Nurse 1: She would have stayed alive for another ten years.

Interviewer 2: What do you remember about Shri Mataji?

Nurse 1: We both remember lots of topics about Mother, just don't remember everything at this moment.

Nurse 2: When we were there for the last six months, Mother looked really well and Her face glowed. We have lots of pictures with Her looking absolutely beautiful and fresh, especially when Mother was getting ready for puja. We couldn't imagine, we couldn't believe that She has passed away.

Interviewer 2: (*talking, can't hear what's being said*)

Nurse 1: They didn't call (*she names three nurses*), none of the older nurses were called back, only the young ones were invited back. We tried to ring Kabar (*Sir CP's nurse at Cabella*) in the afternoon thinking they might be awake there, and finally got hold of him and asked him to speak to Sadhana. We wanted to ask why they didn't call us back to look after Papaji. They used to say to us, you are ongoing nurses.

They made us give up our old jobs for this position and they did not call us back in the last six months. We wanted to ask them everything and we didn't get a chance to talk to Sadhana.

They (*Sir CP, Sadhana, Sanjay and Hari*) knew that in Her last days something would happen, so they didn't let us be in contact with other (*Marathi speaking*) nurses who were there before for six or seven years and they (*these nurses*) didn't call us.

For new nurses they were preparing their visas.

Three of us literally got terminated. We would go there and tell them our point of view. Either way they didn't let us go in front of Shri Mataji.

I think (*names another nurse*) was there.

Interviewer 2: Yes, that program they took Shri Mataji to and She got sick.

Nurse 1: Yes, they took Mother to some program of Sanjay Mane. Mother got sick, please write this down and remember (*says a nurse's name*) about how it was cold and snowy and they took Mother out and then straight after that She got sick.

Nurse 2: Shri Mataji only had one desire that come back to India but they didn't fulfill that desire.

Nurse 1: Don't know what to say anymore, just that if Shri Mataji was here in India, She would have lived at least ten years more.

Whenever we speak about what happened, it's like a picture goes through our mind and we replay what happened.

Nurse 2: Because we let Shri Mataji suffer and be tortured by those people. We just feel that if any one of them came in front us we would just hold them tight and ask them, why did you do this to our Mother? We would even ask Sadhana too.

She (*Sadhana*) is the one who started all this, after the program at Chhindwara she saw all Shri Mataji's wealth and must have got greedy.

Interviewer 2: You say if Shri Mataji was in Pune, She would have lived much longer.

Nurse 1: If Shri Mataji was in Pune nothing would have happened to Her for ten years, because Her health was good we saw this six months ago (*Second half of 2010*) before we came back to India and also She wouldn't have suffered at all. There wouldn't have been any need to take Her to hospital; She had no problem of any kind. Again I say She would have lived for ten years or more, and that's what we want everyone to know. They didn't fulfil Shri Mataji's desires.

Her strongest desire was everyone in Sahaja Yoga to be together, doing Her work effectively.

Jai Shri Mataji

The following two interviews were given by Nurse 3 and Nurse 4 on two consecutive days. Part 1 was conducted by one person, Part 2 by two persons. Both nurses were present for the two interviews, but only one nurse (called Nurse 3) was speaking.

Interview with nurses 3 and 4 after they came back to India, 2011. Part 1

Interviewer: How did they look after Shri Mataji?

Nurse 3: It's ok they have put Her on a diet.

While She was here all was good, even while She was in Italy it was good too.

But after dieting it wasn't good, the more they used to put Her on a diet more Her weight would increase.

Interviewer: How were things between Mother and Papaji?

Nurse 3: She didn't usually talk to him.

Interviewer: Did She sign anything?

Nurse 3: No, She stopped signing.

When they used to force Her to write Her name She used to say, "Why? Why should I write my name?"

She would never sign anything.

She used to write the name of the leader or name of Papaji.

Also when they asked Her to sign something She used to say "Why? Why should I sign anything?"

Interviewer: All those papers coming out with Her signature, where are they coming from?

Nurse 3: Who knows who used to sign. Maybe they got Her to sign Her signature once. Just copy Her signature later on.

Interviewer: We still have the question of all these documents coming out with Her signatures. Just thinking how could Shri Mataji sign so neatly?

Nurse 3: All we know is that She used to say loudly, "why should I sign, for what purpose." As far as we know She never signed.

Interviewer: I feel you know everything, but you are keeping silent on purpose?

Nurse 3: Maybe She did but She was so quiet most of the time.

But whenever I used to ask Her that we want to go to Pune, she used to say, "Why?" She used to say, "Why?!"

Then we used to say, "our visa expired so we have to go."

Then She would say, "Why do you want to go? No!"

Then we used to say, "now our time is over, new people will come and look after you."

She never used to talk to anyone except us.

She even didn't talk to Didi (Sadhana) either.

Interviewer: Was Shri Mataji talking or looking at Sadhana Didi?

Nurse 3: At the start of the year, Shri Mataji was so angry with Didi. It was the New Year. Don't know what happened, Mataji wasn't happy with her.

Then Didi brought Her food.

Mother said, "don't want your food, you give me poison!"

Interviewer: Who was there at that time?

Nurse 3: Sanjay, Didi, Papaji, Adi.

They used to ask Her in Hindi, "do you want to eat food?" She used to say, "no."

But when we asked Her in Marathi She used to say, "yes."

She would never let Papaji feed Her.

One day what happened, Papaji came down from his room and told them,

"Don't follow me."

"I'm going to commit suicide."

Everyone was there, Sanjay, Papaji, Adi and quite a few of them were there, I don't know their names.

Interviewer: What was the matter, why did Papaji get this upset ?

Nurse 3: Papaji didn't want to eat without Sadhana serving dinner that night. Didi went out and was not there to serve Papaji, he rang her as the food was ready. He rang Didi, but she didn't respond after she got home. He was extremely angry with her. It was 1 o'clock he told her, you are not worried about your mother and told her lots of things and went upstairs angry. Over that he was ready to commit suicide.

Then Didi said, "I'll go upstairs and talk to Papaji."
It was 7 o'clock, and still Papaji didn't have any food.
She tried her best to convince Papaji but it was a waste of time.
At the same time Shri Mataji too didn't eat any food and the doctor did not come.
And she (Sadhana) would go everyday for a picnic. She used to say, "the doctor will look after Her, they will sort it out." She just wasn't that caring.

Interviewer: But after all this, Sir CP would always take her side, why is that?

Nurse 3: Don't know why that went on. We don't know. He was suffering a lot. Can't believe it, how she used to get angry at him, throw things at him or everywhere used to scream his name, everyday drama, drama. She didn't care for Mother either.

Then Sonu Didi too didn't talk to her much. One day Sonu Didi was going somewhere and Sadhana Didi came to hug her, Sonu Didi wouldn't hug her.

Interviewer: Doesn't Sadhana Didi feel sorry about what she was doing?

Nurse 3: No, from the beginning she was like this.
She didn't care about looking after anyone's food or care for anyone.
One day Sonu Didi came to feed Shri Mataji.
But Sadhana was busy partying.
Papaji was quite disturbed seeing this.
He also stopped eating, and would barely eat one chapati.
But here was Sadhana partying every night, going to Genoa every night.
We used to think what is she doing? When she entered the house wearing her shoes to pick up all the cooked food and take it with her.
And actually we got used to seeing all this.
Her going out picnicking just got worse and she saw the whole of Italy and Europe. She was the same in Pune.

But in Pune we have witnessed what a low person Pugalia is. Nor would you ever see at any time, anyone work as hard, as he used to make us work. We used to go to Delhi at our own expense. They never asked us about our needs or the expenses we had in Pune. We won't get expenses paid anywhere.

Interviewer: How was Mother's health?

Nurse 3: All the time puja, puja, and She used to get really tired.

Upstairs ladies used to work upstairs.

Hari, Sanjay sent them downstairs and told them, "I've come here to work for Mother. How long do you want to stay here?"

Hari and Sanjay used to eat in Mother's kitchen. Gabby used to make a drama because Hari and Sanjay never left any food for her. She used to say, "whether I'm here or not, please keep some for me."

Interview with nurses 3 and 4 after they came back to India, 2011. Part 2

Interviewer 1: What do you feel on the whole about Sadhana Didi's behaviour?

Nurse 3: Didn't really understand what was happening, but one thing was for sure people were nice there, they didn't talk wasteful. But even now I'm surprised about her friendship with Hari. Not many people used to come and go, maybe they weren't allowed.

Interviewer 1: What about Robert?

Nurse 3: He was all right. He was going out here and there every four or five days. He used to go to the bank to get money. Sometimes he would bring four or five thousand euros. One day when he took out 10,000 euros. Papaji was surprised and said to Sadhana Didi, "why did you take out so much money?" She said, "everything was spent on a party." Papaji wasn't too amused about it, but never said anything to Sadhana. But one thing for sure was that Papaji never gave respect to Kalpana Didi at all, that was evident. Sadhana bought a house in Italy.

Interviewer 1: They bought house there?

Nurse 3: Yes, they did. Don't know whose name the house was bought in. Maybe it was in Mother's name or maybe not, who knows. But it was purchased by money,

Papaji's money (*nurse gives an unclear amount of money*) I believe they paid for it. (*It is unclear where all of this money came from as it was unlikely to be covered by Sir CP's pension*). But when sister (*Kalpana*) came, Sadhana didn't even invite her to see it. Papaji asked her, "who will live in this house." She (*Sadhana*) said, "Sanjay will, he'll look after it." Then he agreed to it and that's how they bought a house there. When Kalpana Didi came, not even once did she eat food with them, only three of them were at the table. Kalpana used to just go upstairs into her room and eat there.

Interviewer 2: You should have got a video of that.

Nurse 3: How do we know that's what was going on? You know sometimes it's best to keep quiet. You know what happened in Delhi with (*she says a name*). I think He tried to do something there, but he got blamed for doing it. It just wasn't necessary. I didn't want to put myself in danger and get fired. First of all, we were not allowed to speak about anything and it's not polite to talk about someone. Even if we supposedly were to tell Kalpana Didi about her sister, I don't know if she would have believed me. I just used to do the work I had to do.

Interviewer 2: Did Papaji give anything to Sadhana in front of everyone?

Nurse 3: There is one room which had a cupboard full with gold, diamonds and expensive jewellery and one day from 2 pm to 6 pm, they got everyone to leave the house and while everyone was outside, they cleaned out the cupboard of all those ornaments.

Meanwhile Shri Mataji used to be in lots of pain. Her leg used to hurt.

There was a cupboard near Shri Mataji's bed, full of diamonds, gold, pearls and all kinds of precious jewellery. One day Sanjay, Hari and Sadhana Didi, they emptied out the whole thing. Put the gold into boxes and kept it in their room.

The next day Kalpana Didi was going to come and force Papaji to be admitted to hospital. He said, "I'm fine." Sadhana Didi said, "No, no you are not well, you have to be admitted" and Papaji was almost crying, "no, no don't want to go."

He said, "I'll die, but won't go to hospital. Why are you forcing me to do this? I'm not suffering anyway, just a bit of pain here and there, nothing serious." They just lifted him up and forcibly took him to hospital. He said to her, "it means you want to kill me, all of you. This is your plan all along to get rid of me." Still Didi said, "you have to do what I say. You need to go." Then she called a car and put him in the car. While he was

leaving, he said, "I'm going against my wishes, but look after your Mataji really well while I'm gone." Then that night Sanjay and Sadhana came back at 2 am, ate and had their party. After that they emptied that cupboard full of jewellery.

Interviewer 2: So after they admitted Papaji (*to hospital*), they came home and partied?

Nurse 3: That was normal for her, everyday biryani, Dahi wada puris, and you couldn't see any bare spot on the table, the table was full of food. We couldn't believe our eyes. We just used to watch. Only Didi should understand what she was doing. Who would dare to say anything to her? We used to think they are like godly people, but her attitude wasn't good at all, she used to say, "just because someone is sick, why shouldn't we enjoy life? So they used to party on, dance and watch TV so loudly.

Interviewer 2: And what, Sanjay and Sadhana they used to love each other in the room watching movies?

Nurse 3: Yes, watching movies with stereo system. We didn't know what went on in the room, because they used to lock us in Shri Mataji's room, so we couldn't get out.

Interviewer 2: Sanjay was living a life of luxury then?

Nurse 3: Yes, very much so, having shahi food everyday. One of the other nurses was telling me, Sadhana and Sanjay used to look into each other's eyes for hours when room wasn't locked.

Interviewer 2: Didn't Anand say anything?

Nurse 3: What's he going to say? He used to get everything he wanted.

Interviewer 2: So he used to agree with what was going on?

Nurse 3: Yes, I believe so, they were all going out to the movies together, dinner, blowing her father's money. He is the one who used to give them money, whatever they required.

Nurse 3: One day Papaji told Mother that Anand and Sadhana will stay in Italy. She (*Shri Mataji*) didn't say anything, just closed Her eyes. He never used to correct her (*Sadhana*) even from the beginning always beti (*my daughter*) this, beti that.

Interviewer 2: Don't understand what they were thinking. Did she (*Sadhana*) talk to Shri Mataji?

Nurse 3: Yes, *Sadhana* used to talk to Her lovingly, but I don't think Shri Mataji ever talked to her. She just used to fold Her hands and used to watch all who were coming down and who were going up.

Sadhana never used to sit with Mataji or Papaji. She would go and sit outside, put on loud music and enjoy herself even in front of them. She never talked to Papaji either. He would say, "What are you doing now?" She never replied to him. She would say, "I'm not doing anything". Papaji didn't really like what went on. Even Anand was scared of his mother. *Sadhana* never even talked to her son. I think both Papaji and Anand knew everything. Sometimes Papaji used to come down in the wheelchair and it made a noise. They (*Sanjay* and *Sadhana*) would just run from the house, so they didn't have to face him or *Sadhana* used to pretend she was asleep.

Interview with nurse 5 after she came back to India, 2011

Interviewer: How was their behaviour with Mother?

Nurse 5: It's okay, they let everyone come in the house. Papaji didn't want that but still *Sadhana Didi* used to let these people come into the house. Even if Shri Mataji said, "I don't want to have puja."

They said, "you have to have puja."

What's the point of doing puja when the Goddess doesn't want to have a puja?

But they would tell Her, puja is tomorrow or if there is another one they would say it's in a few days time and make sure She had heard. That was what Papaji used to say.

Interviewer: Didn't Shri Mataji say anything?

Nurse 5: Yes, She used to say "who are these people you have brought here?"

She didn't say much. She used to say on the stage, "where are they from?" Papaji used to write down all questions at Guru puja for Her. There were too many questions.

Interviewer: Did anyone go from here to puja at Cabella?

Nurse 5: Two or three people went from here and a few from Delhi.

Interviewer: Did Sadhana Didi talk to anyone?

Nurse 5: Yes, she used to talk to all of us.

She used to eat with the doctors. Then after the doctors ate, Papaji and she would have everyone at the table except Shri Mataji.

We think she used to eat with Adi, the doctors and then with Papaji, but never with Mother. It's not like she wasn't good, but she had a big ego. She would say, "you do everything just as I tell you to."

She would say to Papaji "You go cycling, that will be good rehabilitation."

But he used to say, "the doctors from India said not to, so I will not"

Then Sadhana would say, "at least go for a walk." But he would say, "no."

Then she used to ask who did this or that. Always questions, one after another.

One day Papaji had hernia pain and the doctors wanted to give him medication, but he didn't want to take anything. Then he just got up and left and went to his room and closed the door. Then no one dared to go to his room.

Then some nurses came, but Papaji said, "I don't want to take anything, everyone is bossing me. I won't drink."

He used to say, "I don't want to live, I have no desire to live. They separated my wife and me so much."

Over a year they were separated. Then when Hari bhaiya came and said, "I'll check the vibrations." As he usually does to see if Papaji should take the medicine.

But she (*Sadhana*) used to get too involved with doctors, everyone who was good with Papaji.

Then one day Kalpana Didi came to talk with them about Hari (*Sir CP, Kalpana and Sadhana*). Kalpana commented about (*name of a person*) and that Hari referred about Pugalia using swear words. But then she (*Sadhana*) said, "those people are good.

They told me they weren't good people but after talking to them I realise they're good people. Hari says he is uncle, so he is nice with everyone."

Hearing this Kalpana Didi got very angry, "This Hari is Naradham (*dangerous person*) he can do anything with anyone, he can use anyone!"

She (*Kalpana*) also had a disagreement about Papaji, but after the operation it was a bit better.

(*she says a name*) who is a singer, they called his wife, she was a doctor and she stayed for 15 days. Then they called Christina to come. They didn't like her, that's what they used to say. After that Gabby was going to come in September, and then another Eva too.

Interviewer: It means they checked?

Nurse 5: Yes, yes, to see if they are not too old. They used to call people for two or three days only.

Eva, I think is from Dharamsala. Hari used to like her a lot.

Interviewer: Who did she come through, Eva, Hari Gaikwad?

Nurse 5: Yes, they interviewed her, then Papaji interviewed her. They always would think of something or they would have some plan.

Then Gabby said, "I'll stay a few more days."

Then Papaji said, "don't call her again and don't make her think she is that important."

Then Hari used to keep doctors in turns of 15 days for each doctor.

Interviewer: Didn't they call a doctor from Australia, the old one, Dr Bogdan?

Nurse 5: They wanted to call him, but Hari said, "no."

Interviewer: Wasn't he a big doctor though?

Nurse 5: No, they didn't want to call him and Hari did not suggest his name.

They didn't call Avinash, they didn't want to call anyone from Australia.

Only wanted to call the locals as the sister of Sanjay bhaiya and the caretaker and Anita, Sujata, but no one from Australia. They needed someone to look after Papaji.

Some background information

For further reading you can find other documents and some background information in the following link:

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