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Unique cultural event on Mt. Tron - on the spot of the planned University of Peace!



The unforgettable setting on the 'Peace Plateau' in 4265 feet high with Alvodal and Rondane in the background, during the performance of the Indian classical dance of the group Shikha Chandra, on friday evening on the 4th of august, together with classical Indian music and song. Here performed by three of the most experienced dancers in the 12 member large group. Photo: BP.

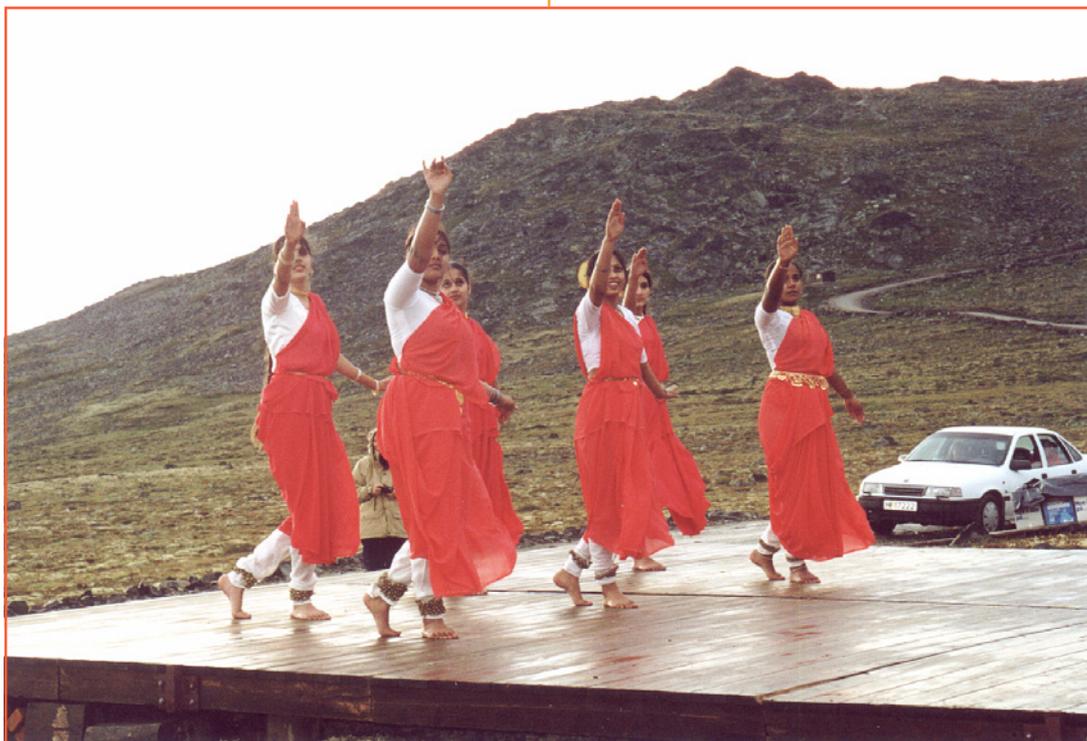
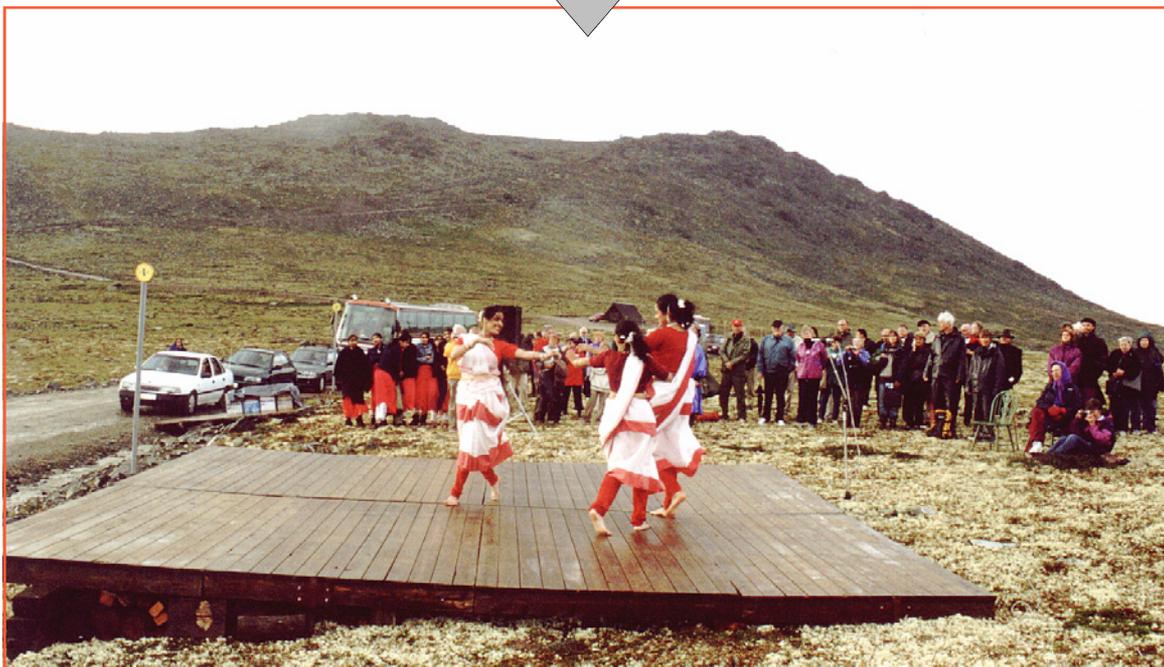
Event

Never before have Indian dancers danced on Mt. Tron! And certainly not on any other mountain in Norway - probably not in any other similar place in the whole Western hemisphere! All those of the public who on friday evening on the 4th of august defied rain and low temperatures on the 'Peace Plateau' in 4265 feet high, witnessed a unique cultural event. A charming and high spirited meeting between East and West on the very spot of the planned University of Peace, and in line with the best intentions for this! The event was arranged and organized by the local organization **Garborgdagane**, as one of the elements in the marking of the collaboration between Arne Garborg and Sri Ananda Acharya, or 'Baral', as he is called locally.

Defective journalism

That the local newspapers didn't manage to cover this exceptional event, was not only surprising, but almost scandalous. 'Østlendingen' apparently didn't care at all to send a journalist to the arrangement on Mt. Tron, while the journalist from 'Arbeidets Rett' managed to leave the arena just before the Indian dancers - who performed the absolute peak performance of the evening - entered the platform. The consequences were that 'Østlendingen' didn't write anything at all about the arrangement on Mt. Tron, while 'Arbeidets Rett' didn't cover the most spectacular element. The Mt. Tron Mail wishes to make right this wryness and therefore devotes the whole of this issue to the event, and bring the unique pictures out to the public.

Shikha Chandra on Mt.Tron 4th august 2000



Peace-thoughts in mountain air - a bow-span from Gaurisankar (23442 feet) to Mt.Tron (5466 feet)

This was the title of this year's version of the cultural arrangement of the organization Garborgdagane, which with this wanted to elucidate Arne Garborg's engagement for peace and his collaboration with Sri Ananda Acharya (Baral). Garborg and Baral met frequently during the years from 1919 to 1922, and Garborg translated several of Baral's poems to New Norwegian. On the 'Peace Plateau' on the 4th of August, the well-known actor Svein Erik Brodal read several of Garborg's translated poems from the collection "Snow-Birds". There were also song by Knut Stiklestad, and a causerie by the chief of culture of the

municipality of Tynset, Jon Ole Hokstad. After the before mentioned Indian dance performance, some listened to Agnes Cecilie Selboe, while at the same time a larger number of persons were informed about the plans for the University of Peace, by Bjørn Pettersen, at the monument which is a memorial over Sri Ananda and the first stone to the University of Peace. Some also went for a walk to the grave of Baral. The former Foreign Minister of Norway, Knut Vollebæk, was also present together with his wife. He met several of the representatives of the Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation, and got informed about the plans for the University of Peace. Vollebæk gave an address at the seminar in the House of Culture, in Tynset, the next day. Here also Stein Versto gave a talk about Baral and Garborg. (Photos: BP).

Shikha Chandra at Shantibu 5th august 2000



Dinner at Shantibu

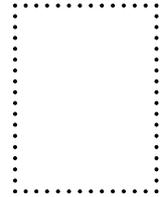
In accordance with the best tradition after Baral, all the Indian dancers together with their leader, were invited for dinner at Shantibu saturday evening. Immediately after the dance performance at the House of Culture at Tynset on the 5th of august, the troop were brought to Shantibu from Tynset by three private cars. The group consisted of altogether 11 young dancers of Indian origin, pluss a Norwegian dancer who did not participate in the performances, and also the leader Shikha Chandra. All of them women and from Oslo. The Indian dancers were all born and brought up in Norway, except from one who was on a visit from England. At the arrival at Shantibu they joyously gave expression to the feeling that this was just like coming to India! And the serving of Tripti Ma's delicious

Indian dishes, which had been prepared during the whole day, became the absolute climax of the evening. Then all were presented a photographic composition from the performance from the day before at Mt.Tron, as a memento of the event and as an expression of gratitude for the contribution, from the Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation. It was a very popular gift.

In the upper photo the meal is eaten in the living room, while in the bottom photo all are arranged in front of the bust of Sri Ananda (Baral), together with Swami Parameswarananda (to the right), or Trishan, as he is also called, who for the time being is visiting Norway from Paramananda Mission in India. (Photographs: BP).

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News from Mt.Tron

Baral-exhibition

During the whole of July and August this summer, the libraries of both Alvdal and Tynset had exhibitions of Sri Ananda under the title 'Baral - the sage on Mt.Tron'. The exhibitions had, beside showing the breadth of his manifold authorship, old photographs and many personal items and gifts he had given to friends and neighbours in the district. The exhibitions were very well visited.



The Indian dance group Shikha Chandra performing a selfmade dance which unites the traditional Indian with the modern Western, at Kolbotn, Savalen, Tynset, on Sunday the 6th of August 2000. Here the arrangement of the organization Garborgdagane ended. Photo: BP.

Donation to TFU

Arne Sverre Tronsmoen, Tønsberg, celebrated his 70. birthday at the same time as the arrangement on Mt.Tron. In this connection he announced that instead of gifts, he wanted that the money should be donated to the Mt.Tron University of Peace Foundation (TFU). His guests donated NOK 3550,-, and Tronsmoen then rounded the amount upwardly to NOK 5000,- before sending it to the TFU. The Foundation is most heartily thanking Tronsmoen, who here is showing an excellent example to be followed.