

## *India's Vice President Honors Paramahansa Yogananda's Work at Book Release Function*

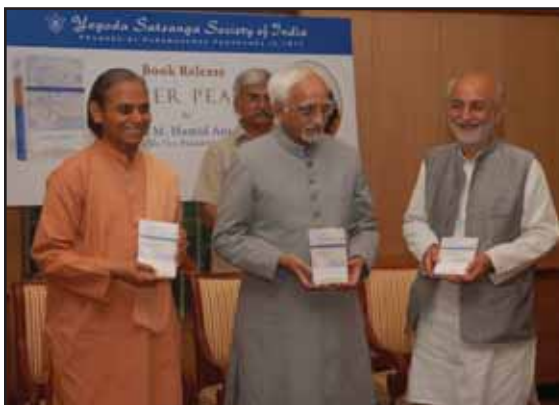
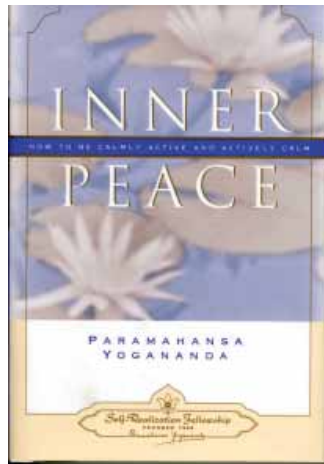
The distinguished vice president of India, Sri M. Hamid Ansari, honored Paramahansa Yogananda and his worldwide work by presiding over the release of the Indian edition of Paramahansaji's book *Inner Peace*, in New Delhi on September 12.

In his address, the vice president expressed his belief that this useful and inspirational book would be of immense help to many people desiring peace of mind. He praised the groundbreaking role played by Paramahansa Yogananda, saying that the great teacher had addressed the yearning for spirituality felt in all sectors of society by disseminating the teachings and techniques for

peace and God-realization from ancient India. He pointed out Paramahansaji's eminent contribution in taking the science of meditation beyond India to

the whole world, awakening in the West an appreciation of the value of yoga for modern times. The vice president commented that, more than any other, Paramahansaji had insured the long-term impact of India's spiritual science worldwide through his lengthy stay in America and the permanent institutional structures he set up in the West.

Swami Smaranananda, General Secretary of Yogoda Satsanga Society of India, also spoke; as did Sri Kamal N. Bakshi, former Ambassador of India to Italy, Iraq, and other countries, who is a devoted member of YSS. The function was covered by journalists from major newspapers in the nation's capital.



*Vice President Ansari (center) receives a copy of Inner Peace from Swami Smaranananda, General Secretary of YSS, while Sri K. N. Bakshi (right) looks on. Many other dignitaries also attended the release event, held in the vice president's official residence in New Delhi.*