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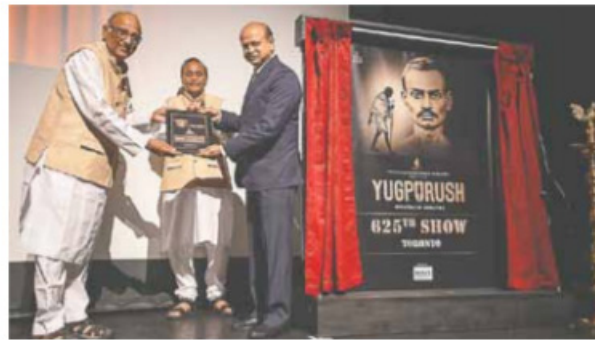
Yugpurush - Mahatma Ke Mahatma - A Big Hit

Toronto hosted the North American theatrical premiere of 'YUGPURUSH – MAHATMA KE MAHATMA', on Saturday June 24th.

The play is an untold story of the profound relationship between Mahatma Gandhi and his spiritual mentor, Shrimad Rajchandraji. The play was presented by Shrimad Rajchandra Mission Dharampur under the guidance of its founder, Gurudevshri Rakeshbhai. Over 2,000 viewers watched two live performances at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre; the evening performance marked the 625th show since the play's November 2016 launch.

The presentation was a philanthropic endeavor whereby 90% of net proceeds support construction of Shrimad Rajchandra Hospital that will serve the tribal population of Gujarat, India, and 10% support our own SickKids Foundation.

Both shows began with Canadian and Indian national anthems in recognition of 2017 being the 150th anniversary year of the Canadian Confederation and the birth of Shrimad Rajchandraji. The evening ceremonies included unveiling of the 625th milestone show banner, lighting of the lamp, a speech by Consul Saifullah Khan from Toronto's Consulate General of India, and felicitation of multi-faith spiritual and admin-



istrative dignitaries in attendance.

The souvenir featured messages from David Johnston, Governor General of Canada, John Tory, Mayor of Toronto, and Dinesh Bhatia, Consul General of India. Also included were chronological accounts of the lives of both icons, summary of the play's evolution, and mission's activities.

Books, audio, and video tools were available for anyone interested in the life and works of Shrimad Rajchandraji, and the Mission's programs.

One scene at a time, the audience travelled through time – circumstances under which the two great souls met; the intrigue

and questioning that ignited their spiritual bond; how despite Shrimadji's absence, Gandhiji made choices based on values cultivated through their interactions; the application of non-violence that led India to independence;

and ultimately how today's world can benefit from the footprints of these remarkable icons.

The play overflowed with simple, yet rich and emotionally-stirring messages; business extends beyond the mathematics of profit and loss; every religion has answers for a seeker willing to venture deeper; questioning is the ladder to knowledge; virtues define eminence, not material accomplishments; true freedom is an attribute of the soul; non-violence alone can triumph over violence; the mark of a mentor can change the world if accompanied by the conviction of a seeker - all of these were so aptly conveyed through the powerful dramatization.

Both shows were tremendously effective and successful because of the thought-provoking impact left in the hearts of those who attended.