

I belong to no religion: Jaggi

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June 22: Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev is the only spiritual leader to have made a mark in the 2008-09 budget of the Tamil Nadu government for the Isha Yoga's massive tree planting movement. After two-hour long spiritual deliberations with the devotees here on Sunday, the guru spoke to this newspaper on his "efforts to alleviate human suffering." He said, "All the religions had lost the sense of their beginnings and I don't belong to any of them. We are not trying to demolish religion. But we want to go back to the core of religion that is humanity."

"While belief presumes that you know certain things for sure, spiritualism makes you a seeker. We don't know many things about existence. It requires a spirit of seeking to see things as they are," said the new age guru.

Calling tree plantings an absolute necessity for human survival, the sad-

hguru talked about the importance of yoga 'technique' for self-realisation. He said, "It is not just a physical exercise. Yoga helps take human potential to its highest possible level."

"Thinking of some humans as sinners is the worst sin. God created all humans as equals. A small mistake might see any one of us land in a prison. Some are locked up in their own prisons. Some are locked up in others' prisons," said the guru.

Elaborating on his spiritual journey, he said, "I traverse palaces and prisons, places of poverty and prosperity in order to alleviate human suffering."

"I have only perceptions and there are many things that I do not know." Speaking about the other world he said, "If you cannot practice some bliss on earth, you may not be able to do that in the hereafter."

The guru met his ardent devotees including actors Prakash Raj, 'Jithan' Ramesh, carnatic vocalists Sudha Raghunathan and Sanjay Subramanian.



GREETINGS: Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev interacts with the devotees after the discourse in Chennai on Sunday. Exnora M.B.Nirmal is also seen.

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