A mystic and some sceptics

Refer to ‘You, Me and the 4.2 litre Engine Guru’ by Gaurav Jain, 6 August.

Good to hear from a fellow sceptic. Love your style of ‘high eloquence with high scepticism’. I attended Inner Engineering (IE) a few years ago, and came away very impressed with Sadhguru. The sceptic’s path is unpaved and filled with brush, but I for one, wouldn’t have it any other way.

RAJ RAO, ON EMAIL

I know you guys are famous for your ‘hidden cameras’. To know something about spirituality, you went as a detective — but watching somebody’s face, hands, legs don’t matter in the spiritual process. The experience is what matters.

GOPAL KRICH, ON EMAIL

During my IE programme, the instructor who preached about not being perturbed when things go wrong, lost it when the lights in the auditorium went off. Also, it was irritating to receive messages and follow-up phone calls, telling me to assemble outside the airport to catch a glimpse of the guru when he was passing by my city.

SAMIRMAL, ON EMAIL

In Salem, Jaggi shared the dais with the dreaded Veerapandi Arunugam — killer, rapist, miner, cm benefactor, and Vedanta and Monsanto agent. He sells saplings from his nurseries and gets signatures to pass it off as the one million-tree project.

PIYUSH MANUSH, ON EMAIL

I’m surprised there is not much mention of social projects like Isha Vidhya and Action for Rural Rejuvenation. Green Hands won a wonderful award yes, but the work in more than 3,500 villages in Tamil Nadu is worth mentioning.

TINA JABR, ON FACEBOOK

A guru confuses you, challenges your faith and shakes your identities. Job well done on Sadhguru’s part. This article represents one such injection (not) of momentum, but of possible transcendence over what we know is the truth.

GARRIMAA SINGH, ON EMAIL

IE has the ability to bring a change in the way we see and experience life but it seems far too fast forward to me. It promises, delivers and leaves in such a hurry that you doubt its existence. But like you pointed out, Sadhguru’s performances are top-notch, the experiences grappling and the after-effects jaw-dropping. But when you come back home and think about it, there’s not much really.

ADITYA SIRISH, ON EMAIL

Mr Vasudev may claim he is a realised soul, a Sadhguru or a mystic, or that he knows all events of his previous births. We are a democratic country. Anyone can claim anything. Also, criticising traditional religions on one hand, but copying every symbol of traditional religion, including temple, satsang, guru etc is clear duplicity. You should have seen through this.

JAYANT R PETHE, ON EMAIL

The profile on Jaggi is awesome. Please do a similar piece on Vipassana teacher SN Goenka. It would be really wonderful reading about this private person.

TEJAS SHINDE, ON EMAIL