

## WOMEN



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## Angela – spreading the fragrance of love and care

Angela Sergio Cleary was born in Italy. Since her childhood Angela has loved natural and artistic beauty. She had a very special and unusual dream- she wanted to see America. This dream of hers took hold of her completely. While at school and while growing up she spent years devoting herself to learning more and more about America, its people and their world. As she reveals to **BE's Abhijit Ganguly-**

*At the age of 20, after finishing high school and after working as a kindergarten teacher in a Catholic private school in Monfalcone, I made the tough decision to leave everything behind, job, friends, family and a world that represented all I knew and loved, and I came to America to take part in an amazing journey, a journey that made my dreams become a reality.*

It was not at all easy. But she realised from the beginning that every hardship, every battle, every struggle was a way to learn, to grow and to appreciate things more and understand their value in a better way.

In October 2006, her life took an unexpected turn.

*After a month of very mild and unpredictable symptoms (problems with my right leg that lasted a few days, tingling sensations in arms and hands, blurred vision and much, much more), I started having a very severe headache, something that I never had experienced before. The pain was almost unbearable and it forced me to go to see a primary doctor near home and made me do an MRI. After*

*finding out that the MRI showed the presence of many lesions, I found out that there was a chance that I had Multiple Sclerosis, an autoimmune disease that kills the myelin, the fatty substance that covers the nerves in our brains. I was shocked and scared. I didn't even have the time to acknowledge that I had this disease and here it is, making me face the reality of it.*

As soon as she was able to stand up, to walk straight and to keep her food down, she made learning and researching on this disease the new job of her life. She made it part of her daily routine and her desire to learn and be a part of everything that went on in the field of research, allowed her to feel empowered.

She has already had two major attacks. Angela has started a new project called 'Flowers 4 MS' ([www.Flowers4MS.com](http://www.Flowers4MS.com)). Through the sale of these greetings cards, she hopes to raise awareness and funds to aid research currently underway at The Multiple Sclerosis Center at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, MD and the Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, TX.

*I view flowers as a symbol of hope, beauty and life and I feel they are the perfect representation of my dream, which is finding a cure for Multiple Sclerosis and for all the rare neurological diseases that are so similar to it. Flowers bring joy and beauty in very simple, but wonderful ways and they speak to everyone's hearts through their beauty. ■*



### Enlightenment

*a Journey within - through service ...*

#### WORLD CONFLUENCE OF HUMANITY, POWER & SPIRITUALITY

A milestone Confluence is being organized from January 6 to 10, 2010 from 10.30 AM to 7.00 PM at the Eastern Zonal Cultural Centre, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

A Cultural Fair along with performances will also be organised for a week from January 6 to 12, 2010, at adjoining IB Park, Salt Lake, Kolkata.

#### MISSION

- ☛ To live and let live in peace, harmony, love following the path of righteousness protecting mother earth.
- ☛ Faith in own religion while respecting other religions
- ☛ Awakening the inner power & Ignite human power

#### VISION

- ☛ A world with happiness, peace, harmony, austerity, simplicity, prosperity & good health for all
- ☛ Trinity of Power (money, authority, muscles) to be imbibed with humanity & spirituality
- ☛ Economic growth to be with human facet
- ☛ Awakening women power - reflecting God's love

#### A congregation of leaders to grace the Confluence :

His Holiness The Dalai Lama (expected),

Prof. Samdhong Rinpoche - Chairman of the Kashag, Central Tibetan Administration of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Prof. Geshe Ngawang Samten - VC - Central University of Higher Tibetan Studies,

Dr. Subramaniam Swamy - Phd Harvard University,

Dr. Mani Bhaumik - Author of "Code Name - God" & Co-founder of Lasik Lazer, Jaya Row - Strong Foundation Successful Future.

Sister Shivani - Brahma Kumari, Wilja Witcombe - Member IISIS,

Maulana Salman Hussain - Principal - Nadwa College, Lucknow, Bikram Choudhury - "HOT YOGA" Guru, H.H. Bhakti Purusottama Swami - Chief of Iskon Mayapur,

Swami Shantatmanada - RKM Delhi, Swami Girishanand - RKM Belur,

Swami Sarvipriyananda - RKM, Swami Suparnananda - Principal RKM, Narendrapur College,

Swami Tatyarajnanada - Principal RKM Shilpa Mandir,

Swami Yatishananda Maharaj - RKM Sarda Peeth, Swami Tyajarupananada - RKM Vidya Mandir,

Dr. Jaspal Singh - VC - Punjab University, Dr. Shugan C. Jain - Director ISJS,

Muzzaffar Ali - Film Maker, Amar Kumar - Grand Master of Reiki, Padmini Ramesh - Pranic Healing, Inspiring plays each day at IB Park.

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