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Global PEACE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2023 Held in New Delhi

Delegates from Around the Globe Gather to Discuss Innovative Ways to Foster Peace. The Global Peace Leadership Conference Indo-Pacific 2023 (GPLC 2023) brought more than 1000 students, ambassadors, and peacebuilders both virtually and in-person to the Le Meridien and Royal Plaza Hotels, New Delhi, India on April 11-13, 2023. The theme for the conference was Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Vision for Advancing Human Consciousness and Peace.

This Conference was organized under the joint auspicious of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (Indian Council for International Cooperation) and Global Peace Foundation.

“Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam is a goal but our process has four ingredients, (1) Youth involvement, build youth, build the nation. (2) Value education. Education is the key to solving most global problems, knowledge can be the connection. (3) Values-Based Peacebuilding. Peace is within us. How to become peaceful, build yourself, love, and provide service to others, (4) Environmental conservation. Be friendly to the earth do not be the enemy because nature has tremendous power, we will not be sustained without the earth, said Dr. Markanday Rai, Chairman, Global Peace Foundation India. These four ingredients will go towards advancing human consciousness and peace,” Dr. Rai added.

These ingredients were presented through four tracks of workshops held during the GPLC 2023. The goal of the Youth Empowerment track was to improve youths' approach to solving problems, how to think from a global perspective, and become moral and innovative leaders – rethink, redefine, and transform. The second track, Transforming Education for the Future, analyzed new trends, ideas, and policies to prepare students to be successful in all aspects of their lives and contribute to overall peace. The Values-Based Peacebuilding Track examined effective models, best practices, practical tools, and how to apply peacebuilding to educational programs, youth leadership development, and community-based peacebuilding. The final track, Environmental Conservation promoted environmental conservation through caring for the environment, improving the quality of life by not compromising future generations, and protecting greenery by combatting waste.

International speakers and Delhi based foreign ambassadors also spoke during High Plenary Session programme included local dance performances, a meditation to promote peace and tranquility, and remarks from distinguished speakers.

A highlight was a special video message from the Honorable Chair of the Civil20 (C20) Mata Armitanandamayi, affectionately



Dr. Markendey Rai,
Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee ARSP
Chairman of Global Peace Foundation India.

known as “Amma” the Hugging Saint. The Global Peace Leadership Conference Indo-Pacific 2023 was convened in cooperation with the C20. Amma inspired all the global delegates to be selfless and compassionate in a world full of greed and injustice. In her message she urged everyone to oppose evil ideologies and extend a helping hand to those in need and hope that each one of you will become Peacebuilders in your respective spheres of influence and join with us in the great movement for global peace,” said Dr. Hyun Jin Preston Moon, Chairman, Global Peace



Honorable Chair of the Civil20 (C20)
Mata Armitanandamayi



From left to right: Dr. Binny Sareen, Padma Shri Agus Indra, Dr. Marsudi Syuhud, Swami Chidanand Saraswati and Dr. Vivkrant Tomar

Foundation. Dr. Moon also emphasized the importance of peace and how it can be achieved even in the face of conflicts and through freedom, as great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr. and Nelson Mandela demonstrated. As he closed the High Plenary Session.

A dazzling performance, a medley of

sight, sound, and spectacle, took over the stage to start the program. Dancers perform Kathak with grace and elegance. As an act of storytelling, Kathak's dance form spreads the values of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.'

Dr. Binny Sareen's expertise lies in utilising meditation to eliminate negative thoughts and emotions from the mind. Through a transformative meditation session, she guides individuals to discover inner peace amidst the chaos of everyday life. Her teachings empower the audience to derive happiness from the ordinary, build resilience during challenging times, and find illumination in the darkest moments.

Padma Shri Agus Indra shares the profound wisdom of Bali, Indonesia, with the world, providing a fresh and unique perspective. He has dedicated himself to studying the teachings of Shri Mahatma Gandhi and incorporating them into his well-known Ashram amidst the Indonesian mountains. He enlightened the audience at GPLC 2023 with his inspiring story of creating positive transformations in the lives of young people in Indonesia, with his message of "no deed is small." His words left a lasting impression on those present, encouraging them to make a difference, no matter how small their actions may seem.

Dr. Marsudi Syuhud seeks to uphold the noble values of tradition in the modern world with the support of the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) and the passion of the youth. During his discourse, he reflects on the futility of conflict and emphasises the need to move beyond religious differences. He shares his relationship with

religion, expressing his aspiration for a truly secular world where diverse populations unite. Dr. Syuhud underscores the importance of effective communication and peaceful conflict resolution to pave the way for a better future for Indonesia and the world.

Swami Chidanand Saraswati captured the audience's hearts with a mesmerizing bhajan and then highlighted the remarkable qualities of India that have made it the focal point of the Eastern world. He focused on the true essence of the phrase 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', stressing the need for inclusivity in the face of adversity in the 21st century, and encouraged everyone to walk together with love, peace, and harmony. The Swami shed light on the issue of pollution and the importance of preserving nature for a better future.

Dr. Vivkrant Tomar masterfully transported us through time with the power of storytelling. From the mythical lands of gods to the captivating tales of our most significant leaders, he painted a vivid and powerful picture of our history. His presentation on peace and the nature of our world was bone-chilling and thought-provoking, culminating in a call to action to promote the concept of an integration commission. Dr. Tomar emphasized the importance of cherishing our similarities rather than fixating on our differences, leaving a lasting impact on all fortunate enough to attend.

Dr. Moon delivered a captivating tour



Dr. Hyun Jin P. Moon, Chairman of Global Peace Foundation

de force on the critical aspects that the GPF focuses on. In light of ongoing global turmoil,

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he highlighted the failures of Western principles and urged us to fill the resulting moral vacuum with positive aspirations rooted in universal principles. Dr. Moon emphasized the importance of peace and how it can be achieved even in the face of conflicts and through freedom, as great leaders like Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., and Nelson Mandela demonstrated.

His “Korean Dream” initiative aims to reunite Korea, anchored in historical foundations and interwoven with progressive ideals. This initiative seeks to showcase that peaceful yet drastic actions can significantly impact and set an example for the world.

Dr. Moon also used the GLPC to launch the Indo-Pacific Forum, which aims to promote peacebuilding efforts and foster development in the Eastern world. He hopes to inspire the world to dream big and work towards peacefully achieving them by doing so.

Be ready to serve everyone without the boundaries of caste, creed, or religion.

Ambassador Virendra Gupta says the traditional methods of preventing wars have proven ineffective, and we must seek a robust and peaceful alternative.

Ambassador Vijay Nambiar, C20 Sherpa provides a profound insight into the nature of conflict, highlighting how it is often used to conceal the truth. Swami Chidanand Saraswati focused on the true essence of the phrase 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam', stressing the need for inclusivity in the face of adversity in the 21st century, and encouraged everyone to walk together with love, peace, and harmony. Padma Shri Agus Indra shares the profound wisdom of Bali, Indonesia, with the world, providing a fresh and unique perspective. Rev. Father Joseph Muti emphasised spreading love through faith and religion.

President of the Global Peace



*From top to bottom:
Ambassador Virendra Gupta,
Ambassador Vijay Nambiar,
and Mr. James P. Flynn.*

Foundation, Mr. James P. Flynn, directs our attention toward the future and the necessary steps to be ready for it. He emphasized the need for bold and collaborative efforts that transcend artificial boundaries as we strive toward a future that lies beyond them. Dr. Vikarant Tomar emphasized the importance of cherishing our similarities rather than fixating on our differences, leaving a lasting impact on all fortunate enough to attend.

The GPLC 2023 kicked off with a Youth Sustainathon: Leap Hub Challenge 2023 Inauguration where students at Manav Rachna University presented Innovative solutions to preserve the environment. Mentors assisted the students as they identified problems and came up with solutions to present during the challenge.

On the final day, New Delhi Declaration was presented and signed by attendees in person and virtually. The declaration includes at

least nine specific action items to address, developing youth through peace mentoring, encouraging service-led practices for all, assisting with poverty, environmental conservation, youth development, and other key principles; and transforming education practices. The signed declaration will be presented to the Civil 20 India 2023 and the G20 which will be hosted in India in September.

After the signing of the New Delhi Declaration, The GPLC Indo-Pacific 2023 was closed with a video message from Sri M, founder of Satsang Foundation. “As a member of the G20 Student Council, we welcome your findings and actions contributing to the G20 theme of One Earth. One Family and One Future Vasudhaiva Kutumbakum. We look forward to receiving a report on the actions set forth in the New Delhi Declaration and serving together in this noble cause of peace and environmental conservation across Indo-Pacific.”



Sri M, founder of Satsang Foundation

The GPLC 2023 was presented by the Global Peace Foundation (GPF) and Co-Organizers Indian Council for International Co-Operation, Manav Rachna University, and Yuvsatta Youth for Peace in cooperation with Civil 20 India 2023. Also present during the April high-level plenary on April 13th were Sayantin and Manoj Kumar Yadav, Public Relations Officers of President House, as representatives sent by the President's Office. The last GPLC in India was held in 2014. GPF has held GPLCs in Malaysia, Philippines, Nepal, Indonesia, India, South Korea, Nigeria, Mongolia, Tanzania, Uganda, Northern Ireland, Brazil, and the United States.

INDIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER LAUDS STRONG RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INDIA AND GUYANA



By *Stabroek News* : May 6, 2023 :

Berbicians who turned out yesterday at Highbury, East Bank Berbice to celebrate Arrival Day were assured by India's High Commissioner to Guyana, Dr K J Srinivasa that the relationship between the two countries remains strong as the governments are continuously working to strengthen the partnership.

Highbury is where the SS Whitby arrived with the first set of indentured labourers from India, and the High Commissioner said he was happy to be part of a programme to commemorate the 185th anniversary.



President of the BICC, Chandra Sohan, his wife, and the High Commissioner (centre)

He said that paying homage to those who came first recognised their journey and perseverance. He stressed that their determination and

recent years, the High Commissioner said, "We are very happy to work closely with the Government of Guyana" to the benefit of the people of the country.

He stressed that Guyana is a strategic partner to his country and that they will continue to work to strengthen the relationship between the two.

Additionally, he announced that they are awaiting the arrival of drums and books from India which will be distributed to groups to ensure that the Indian culture is taught to future generations.

Meanwhile, Regional Chairman David Armogan also pointed out the cooperation between India and Guyana, which he said has intensified over the last few years "to economic cooperation, culture cooperation, technological cooperation and all other forms of cooperation that we will begin to enjoy the kind of relationship that we are now building with India. You will see more and more cooperation between our two countries."

Armogan told those gathered that their foreparents came from poor families in India but were hard

hard work must always be remembered.

Pointing to the many projects that India and Guyana have partnered to complete in

workers. "They made lots of sacrifices, they laboured from morning to night... We work very hard, we build on what we have, and above all, we are resistant to people who try to exploit us," he said.

"We were taught courage, today they must be proud of us."

The programme at Highbury is organised every year by the Berbice Indian Cultural Committee. Committee President Chandra Sohan, in brief remarks, spoke of the harmony among Guyanese. He said the racial divide in Guyana only shows its head around elections, and stressed that outside of that the people in the country live in "harmony and in peace."

He urged that people should try to live like their foreparents who nurtured the country's culture and were determined that they were not going to live in bondage. "We have a very long history, we have a very proud heritage and we must continue to inculcate the values of our foreparents," he said.

Sohan also took the opportunity to remind those gathered that while freedom of speech is important people must be respectful of what they are saying to others. "Be conscious of that and the country can continue to live in harmony," he said.

The programme included a number of cultural items which greatly entertained the gathering. ■

ARSP ORGANIZED SEVERAL CONFERENCES/SEMINARS/ WORKSHOPS/CHAUPAL AS A PART OF C20 (CIVIL SOCIETY 20) ON THE SUB THEME "VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM"

Indore Chapter (11 March 2023)



ARSP, Indore Chapter, organized a Symposium on the topic - Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam - on March 11, 2023 at Devputra Auditorium, Samvad Nagar, Indore; The main

speaker and Chief Guest was Dr P N Mishra, eminent academician and Retired Head of Department, School of Economics, Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore - while Shri Krishna Kumar Ashthana, Editor of Devputra Children's Magazine, and ex President, Indore Press Club, presided. Members of ARSP, Indore Chapter, including Dr Subrato Guha, President, ARSP-Indore Chapter, Shri Mohnish Jagwani, Secretary, Shri Arvind Bandi, Treasurer, ARSP Indore Board Members Shri Ramesh Gupta and Dr Mukesh Modh--alongside many people covering varied strands of society - participated,

In his enlightening speech-- Dr P N Mishra focused upon the traditional meaning, significance and relevance of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam at the present juncture, and how this sacred concept can facilitate the end of social and political conflicts at the national and global level, Subsequently, there was an interactive session wherein many scholars expressed their learned opinions, and the main speaker too responded to varied queries from the audience, The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by the Secretary Shri Mohnish Jagwani

Meerut Chapter (19th April, 2023)

During ongoing G-20 programs across the country, India is trying to give a new dimension to the G-20 mission during its Presidentship. The Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has given a clarion call to make it a mass movement and to promote a roadmap for promoting Vasudhaiva



Kutumbakam. As said in our Upanishads:- "Ayam nijah

paro veti ganana laghu chetsam, udaar charitanam tu Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam." This is mine, that is his, say the small minded. The broad minded believe that the entire world is a family. (Maha Upanishad-6.71-75).

In present world full of conflicts of varying nature promoting an idea of universal brotherhood and whole earth being a family may be an alternative world order. It accepts all. It may pave the way for world peace.

To promote this idea Indian Council for International Cooperation (अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद) is organising programs across the country to make it a mass movement.

In line with this, on April 19, 2023 Meerut Chapter of ICIC (ARSP) organised a seminar on the topic "Role of Indian Diaspora in Promoting Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam" at Atal Auditorium of Chaudhry Charan Singh University, Meerut. Shri Shyam Parande, General Secretary of ICIC (ARSP) delivered the keynote address. He told, Indian diaspora is the largest diaspora spread across the globe. There are about 35 million persons of Indian origin who migrated during past one and half century and settled abroad. And additionally there are some 25 million Roma who claim to be of Indian origin. Their migration began some one millennium ago. They are spread in 32 countries. They have different nationalities. They speak a common Romani language that has its origin in Indian languages like Sanskrit, Prakrit, Hindi, etc. to interact among themselves. They follow many Indian customs. They too have strong family system. They are spreading love and peace in all countries where they live. They declare openly that they are from India. All other Indians spread across globe have a little Bharat in their hearts. They are heading a large number of companies and organizations. But they are spreading the concept of family values. SEWA INTERNATIONAL is helping other countries during times of natural calamities like cyclone and earthquake. He mention about the recent earthquake of Turkey where SEWA INTERNATIONAL did a lot of services and helped the disaster stricken people of Turkey.

Prof. Sangeeta Shukla, Vice Chancellor of CCSU, presided the program. She suggested close cooperation between Indian and foreign universities. Anil Gupta, convener of ARSP Meerut Chapter, said that in Indian thought family is the smallest unit of society and not the individual. In Indian thought unity from Pind (individual) to Brahmaand (whole universe) are linked together. Prof Y Vimla of CCSU mentioned several instances when she was given special respectful treatment in foreign countries for being an Indian. Prof. Roopnarayan said that scientifically whole earth is like a family because they have common DNA structures. Prof. Bindu Sharma of Women's Study Center, CCSU proposed vote of thanks. Dr. Payal Agrawal sang Vande Mataram and Dr. Sonam Sharma

for being an Indian. Prof. Roopnarayan said that scientifically whole earth is like a family because they have common DNA structures. Prof. Bindu Sharma of Women's Study Center, CCSU proposed vote of thanks. Dr. Payal Agrawal sang Vande Mataram and Dr. Sonam Sharma conducted the program. Shri Shyam Parande presented a special flag of ARSP and C20 (a program of G 20) to the vice chancellor of Meerut Universities.

Ghaziabad Chapter (22nd April, 2023)



Antar-Rashtiya Sahayog Parishad - Ghaziabad Chapter in collaboration with Rotary International, Sahibabad organized a seminar on the theme of C20 "Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam" in the series of G20 events at Ghaziabad on 22 April, 2023. Amb. Virendra Gupta, President-ARSP, in his keynote address, emphasized the global interests and national interests are to be aligned in a harmonious way. He also stated how at times short-term vision damages the long term common good, in global political issues. He enlightened that "Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam is not only the core theme in Indian philosophy but world over this theme is inherent in all philosophical thinking and thus it is globally accepted principle. Prof Deepti Agarwal deliberated on this subject with reference to Indian scriptures. We pay special thanks to Amb Virender Gupta, Prof. Deepti Agarwal, Rtn Arul Agarwal, president- Rotary International Sahibabad, Shri R.K. Jain, Shri Nirmal Singh and all the participants and where presenting the conference.

Varanasi Chapter (22nd April, 2023)

भारतीय संस्कृति विश्व के लिए अनुकरणीय



जी-20 के अस्तित्व से हजारों साल पहले 'वसुधैव कुटुंबकम' भारत का आदर्श रहा है। आज भारत को इस अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय संगठन के अध्यक्ष के रूप में जो सम्मान मिला है, वह एक अवसर होने के साथ भारत और भारतीयता को वैश्विक मान्यता है। भारतीय संस्कृति विश्व के लिए आदर्श और अनुकरणीय बन गई है।

ये बातें षनिवार को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद, जय श्रीकृष्णा फाउंडेशन, सीनियर सिटीजन ट्रस्ट ऑफ इंडिया, शिल्पायन, काशी-वाराणसी विरासत फाउंडेशन, रोटरी वाराणसी एवं नागरी नाटक मंडली ट्रस्ट की तरफ से आयोजित संगोष्ठी में वक्ताओं ने कहीं। मुख्य अतिथि पूर्वांचल विश्वविद्यालय की कुलपति प्रो. निर्मला एस. मौर्य ने जी-20 के महत्व पर प्रकाश डाला। अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद दिल्ली के प्रतिनिधि गोपाल अरोड़ा ने जी-20 के उद्भव, विकास और भारत के वर्तमान अमृत काल में उसके महत्व की चर्चा की।

दक्षिण भारत हिन्दी प्रचार सभा के पूर्व कुलपति प्रो. राममोहन पाठक ने कहा कि जी-20, 1999 में बना जबकि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद इस क्षेत्र में 1968 से काम कर रही है। संचालक डॉ. अजीत सैगल ने कहा कि भारत ने विकास के जो मानदंड स्थापित किए हैं, वे विकसित देशों के लिए भी मानक बन गए हैं। भारत कुमार त्रिपाठी एडवोकेट ने सभी विद्वतजन को काशी-वाराणसी विरासत फाउंडेशन के साहित्य महोत्सव के प्रतीक चिन्ह भेंट किए। कार्यक्रम में डॉ. संजय मेहता, संजीव श्रीवास्तव, चंद्रशेखर कपूर, संजीव अग्रवाल, देवाशीषा डे, आशीषा बसाक, रश्मिकांत बी. गाभावाला आदि मौजूद रहे।

Gurugram Chapter (22nd April, 2023)



The Gurugram Chapter of Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) hosted an interactive session for over 80 people of the local region for a Chauppal for brainstorming

session under the C20 (Civil Society Engagement Group) to discuss India's vision for promoting peace and cordiality throughout the world in the spirit of Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam on 22nd April 2023 at Guru Kamal – Gurgaon.

The program started with lighting of the Lamp with Ganesh Vandana, followed by Cultural program - First Sarasvati Vandana performed by the students of Pravah Skill Development Center, and a welcome Song by Students of Government School Ullahawas, subsequently, students from Anand Public School presented a beautiful Patriotic Dance Performance on "Desh Rangila Rangila" and ended with a Folk Dance, presented by a student of Pravah Skill Development Center.

The program continued with felicitation of guests in attendance followed by the Opening Address by Mr. Avinash Chander Mannan (President, Gurgaon Chapter – ARSP) who presented his thoughts on Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam to the august gathering and traced back the origins of Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam to our Vedas. It is an integral part of Sanatan Life Style for ages and it is a gift of India to the whole world. Vedas refer to Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam as 'Every Life Being' is part of One Family, referring to all beings beyond Humans. We in India are practicing this lifestyle from Vedic Times.

Miss. Sanjana Bharadwaj (Student Class 10, Government School Ullahawas) gave Presentation on Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam.

Mr. T.N Malhotra Ji – National Convener – ARSP Chapters – Spoke about the Vision and Mission of ARSP and its role in C20. He showed to the Audience on how India is in the Center of attention in the G20 Summit for past few years.

Former Ambassador Vinod Kumar presented his thoughts on Global Corporation for Development – In the Spirit of Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas. He touched upon Govt. of India's policies of supporting Start ups in developing and underdeveloped countries by way of Funding and Technical Help. He elaborated a role of an NGO working in Rajasthan – SOLAR MAMAS – Uneducated Women learn the skills of manufacturing Solar Panels, Lights, and Photovoltaic Circuits. The program of the six-month training is attracting foreign students from Africa at Solar Barefoot College International. He also defined the role of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti, helping people from all over India, Afghanistan, Somalia, Sudan and other African Countries in producing Artificial Limbs, Wheel Chairs, Clutches, Jaipur Foot.

Praful Patnaik (IAS), Retired as Adviser Bihar Planning Board touched upon the world order post 1945 – Second World War and the formation of the United Nations. Mainly two groups emerged, one lead by US and the other by USSR. Most countries joined either of these groups. India remained Neutral and was part of a Non-Align group, formed by Pt. Nehru, Marshal Tito, a concept which didn't work for long. Multilateral groups were formed keeping the national interests in view. This also didn't work for long.

Plurilateral groups have then emerged, consisting of Group of Countries, joining countries on National Collective Interests. It was understood that "No Country Can Sit Outside" as everyone is independent and interconnected. Things happened anywhere in the world effects everyone in the distant countries as well. He pointed out Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam is the need of the day and is the best way forward for the world to live in Harmony and Peace.

Shri Vijay Singhal (IRS)- Retired as Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, spoke about what Bhagwat Gita tells about this concept.

He spoke about Environmental harmony and refers to Shriti Chakra explained by Lord Krishna in Shloka # 3.10 – 3.16 of Bhagwat Gita. Shloka 3.15 – 3.24 Bhagwan has explained Lok Samghayha where the lord explains about the whole food chain and everyone's dependence on each other and the importance of each and every being in the whole chain. He gave the example of Raja Janak as being detached from the world and serving the common man and thus attaining Moksha. He stressed on Lord Krishna's advice on the importance of Karma.

Shri Sanjay Bhalla Ji – Vice President – Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad, presented his views on Vasudhaiva Kutumbhakam and its perspective towards C20. He explained the role of ARSP as India beyond and India for the people of Indian Origin. He referred to G7, G8, and now G20 grouping of the countries. He also highlighted the roles of civil societies of G20 countries which would be making their recommendation of the upcoming summit in India for G20 Leaders for their consideration. C20 will normally cover topics such as Climate Change, Human Rights, Gender Equality, Economic In-equality, Sustainable Growth.

Dehradun Chapter (29th April, 2023)



Dehradun Chapter of the ARSP organized a seminar on Vasudhaiva

a Kutumbhakam which is motto of C20(Civil Society) at the beginning of the programme presented on welcome song,

Starting the programme, Shri DN Chandola, Vice President, Uttarakhand Chapter, reminding the visit of Late Shri Baleshwar Agarwal ji, the then Secretary General, to have come himself to start ARSP Chapter in Dehradun during March 2003. He mentioned the contribution and significant role of ARSP in bringing back the students and people from war torn areas of Ukraine. He emphasized upon the way parishad is working to strengthen the ties between diaspora and us. He requested, Chief Guest, Shri Ganesh Joshi, Cabinet Minister, to allot a piece of land to, ARSP Dehradun Chapter, the way it was done in Delhi where we have Pravasi Bhawan on that allotted land.

Speaking on the subject, Col Ajay Kothiyal (Retd), emphasizing the unity and family like bonds of the Parishad, explained the concept of 'Universal Brotherhood' through a metaphor of 3 cups of tea - how people become friends over their first cup of tea, brothers over their second and then finally, blood brothers by the third, relations forged so strong, one becomes willing to sacrifice his life for them. He praised the programme organized by the Chapter, relaying his delight at the large group of 52, that travelled to West Bengal with a whole lot of enthusiasm and a purpose in 3 mind to meet people, including soldiers on the Indo-Bangladesh border. Furthermore, he talked about how we belong to the land of Himalaya, which give no importance to one's ideals and belief, only to one's action, teaching us to do the same.

Chief Guest desired to leave, due to Shri Ganesh Joshi, Cabinet Minister, Government of Uttarakhand, addressing the august house, congratulated the members of Parishad on the work being done, having been enlightened on the

same by Shri Daya Nand Chandola. He expressed his gratification towards functioning of the Parishad as a social, cultural, and emotional bridge for the Indian Diaspora. He applauded the chapter for being progressive & active, undertaking frequent goodwill visits to different states and border areas. Regarding allotment of Land for ARSP Dehradun Chapter, demanded by Shri Daya Nand Chandola, he said, he has NO authority to allot land. However, if land is possessed by Parishad, he will extend all possible help in the construction of building on such land.

Speaking on the subject, the second spokes person, Smt Madhu Berry, Vice President of Chapter, in her address, urged everyone to live in harmony. She also added that we all are 'one' hence people of all the nations are one and hence share the same future.

Smt Dolly Dabral, Vice President of the Chapter being third spokes person stated, Indian Culture reiterates the fact that the Earth Nurtures life and living beings, hence being referred as mother. Since all being are a part of Mother Earth i.e. "olq/kSo dqVqEcde~* we are all family. This belief, she said, is the basis of world peace.

Concluding the subject, Dr Sudha Rani Pandey, Ex VC, Sanskrit University, while addressing her proposition on 'Vasudav Kutumbakam' was much applauded and acclaimed. She connected it citing examples from our Vedas and Shrimad Bhagwat Geeta. She elaborated various aspects of the subject, enlightening one and all. She got associated with the Parishad in Nineties and thereafter she was one of the delegates of the programme.

Shri Sanjay Bhalla, Vice President, ARSP Bharat, Guest of Honour, addressing the conference said, that 'Vasudav Kutumbakam' was not only about human being but all being on the Earth. He elaborated the practical side of 'Vasudav Kutumbakam' giving apt data and example of high cattle population in India as against the world. He clarified that we not just think but practiced 'Vasudav Kutumbakam'. Villages are it's biggest example which show cases that it is in our DNA, He reiterated the importance of combined family and Indian Value system which is again all about 'Vasudav Kutumbakam'. India has given the unity in diversity where if you don't live in peace, you will live in pieces. He concluded saying, that any work done with bare best results. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi personify 4 and propagates it in G-20 and is leading the world towards 'Vasudav Kutumbakam'.

Dr S Farooq, Patron of Chapter and Guest of Honour said, "इंसानियत एक खूशबु है, हमेशा साथ रहती है। तनहाई में इंसान को तन्हा नहीं छोड़ती" He addressed the gathering in his iconic/unique style, stressing on the importance of humanity, reiterating the fact that it is not ideally about humans, but applies on all living beings. He said, "पेड़-पौधे, दरिया-मिट्टी और पत्थर दोनों, ये हैं दुनिया का गहना और जेवर दोस्तों, reminding everyone to the mindful of the environment they live in.

Er Rakesh Oberai, Patron of the Chapter chair of the programme, concluded while speaking of the concept of " : UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD" said all discourse on the matter ultimately comes down to the point that we all are one. All things share the element of life, which binds us all together into a single entity a single family.

At the end, Shri DK Bhatt, Vice President, while thanking everyone for their interaction with the speakers attentively said 'Vasudav Kutumbakam' is located in civilizational context. Which is unassailable considering world as a family. Attempts of West in last few hundred years we have seen. Colonisation for couple of hundred years, communist regims for less than hundred years and globalization for twenty five years. Concept of 'Vasudav Kutumbakam' is not prescriptive in nature. It teaches respect for nature, adherence to value system and above all accepting the entire universe as one, Declaring the programme as closed.

Hapur Chapter (08th May, 2023)



अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद-भारत के तावावधान में आज दिनांक 08 मई को सांय 7.00 बजे अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद हापुड़ चैप्टर द्वारा 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' A Programme on Universal Brotherhood के विषय पर एक विचारगोष्ठी का आयोजन दि चैम्बर आफ कामर्स, चन्डी रोड, हापुड़ में किया गया। गोष्ठी के मुख्य अतिथि अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद-भारत के अध्यक्ष एम्बेसडर श्री वीरेन्द्र गुप्ता जी रहे तथा अध्यक्षता हापुड़ चैप्टर के अध्यक्ष श्री पद्म चन्द गर्ग सर्राफ एवं संचालन एडवोकेट श्री बृजमोहन अग्रवाल, सचिव द्वारा किया गया। गोष्ठी में विशिष्ट अतिथि दिल्ली से पधारे ARSP के चेयरमैन, ऑल इन्डिया चैप्टर कमेटी श्री टी एन मल्होत्रा, गाजियाबाद से पधारे ARSP के कोषाध्यक्ष सी. ए. विपिन गर्ग जी एवं श्री संजय कृपा गर्ग एवं श्री ललित कुमार छावनी वाले रहे। अतिथियों द्वारा श्री चण्डीधाम के दर्शन कर आर्शीवाद प्राप्त किया। गोष्ठी का प्रारम्भ भारत माता के समक्ष दीप प्रज्ज्वलित कर वन्देमातरम् गान से हुआ। विशिष्ट अतिथि श्री टी. एन. मल्होत्रा जी द्वारा ARSP के सम्बन्ध में विस्तार से अवगत कराया गया। मुख्य अतिथि जी ने अपने सम्बोधन में वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम् के मोटो को चरितार्थ करते हुये Universal Brotherhood पर विस्तार से प्रकाश डाला।

श्री संजय कृपाल जी एवं श्री ललित कुमार अग्रवाल जी ने आर्शीवाद वचन दिये, अध्यक्षीय सम्बोधन, राष्ट्रीय गान व रात्रिभोज के पश्चात सभा की समाप्ति हुई। इस अवसर पर श्रीमती प्रतिभा भूषण, श्रीमती पूनम अग्रवाल, श्रीमती कुमकुम वशिष्ठ, श्रीमती स्वाति गर्ग, श्री विनोद गुप्ता, श्री विजेन्द्र कुमार गर्ग, श्री सुशील कुमार अग्रवाल, श्री सुधीर कुमार अग्रवाल, श्री सुधीर कुमार गोयल, श्री संजीव विजय गुप्ता, श्री पुनीत गर्ग, श्री अनिल कुमार अग्रवाल, श्री इन्द्र कुमार गुप्ता, श्री अशोक कुमार गुप्ता आदि शहर के गणमान्य व्यक्ति उपस्थित रहे।

LONG STANDING BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN INDIA AND KENYA

India, Kenya and the Afro-Asian Social Economic Achievements

Kenya and India have longstanding ties through Bilateral trade through trade across the India ocean that traded in Gold, silver, Iron, spice, rice etc. in the 18th Century.

The construction of the railway across the Kenyan territory created a more visible cultural presence of South Asians in the country. Linked to this is the fact that the British construction of the railway used South Asian labour, and after they became independent, Kenya and India acquired memberships into the British Commonwealth. Thus, the opportunities for diplomatic leverage and the inheritance of a common bureaucratic ethos provided a solid historical platform for the two nations to work together in the new century.

India and Kenya look back on a long shared history. They are linked by maritime trade across the Indian Ocean, the experience of British colonial rule, mutual migration and political cooperation on issues of global governance. Indian workers, for example, played a central role in the construction of the first Kenya-Uganda railway line and served an important function in the administration of Kenya under British colonial rule. The predominantly non-violent resistance of the Indian independence movement and Mahatma Gandhi's political activism targeting discrimination against Asians in South Africa served as a model for anti-colonial independence movements in many African states.

In Kenya we enjoy some form of a common culture of remembrance of historical events, as evidenced, for example, in cultural events organized by the Kenya-India Friendship Association(KIFA) in cooperation with the Indian High Commission and in memorial sites such as the India-sponsored Mahatma Library at the University of Nairobi.

By virtue of its massive population and growing economy, it is evident that India will be a major geo political player of our times. What must be keenly examined is whether its

economic structure will change substantially to make it a significant competitor against China, a country that has a huge export and infrastructure footprint in Kenya as well as the rest of the African Continents.

India has demonstrated and positioned its place in global trade participation, measured in export value, is impressive, while Kenya is constrained by the size of its economy and incomplete reform. The opportunities for diplomatic leverage and the inheritance of a common bureaucratic ethos provide a solid historical platform for both nations to work together in the new century.

Kenya has ambitions to serve as a bellwether of growth in the East African Region and in the southwest of the India Ocean Region (IOR). There is a clear convergence of interests and opportunity for developing maritime commerce by ensuring the safety of trade routes, the readiness of ports, and a commitment to rules-based international commerce. Through the Lamu Port, Ethiopia, south Sudan Transport Corridor (LAPPSET) project, Kenya leads Ethiopia and South Sudan in building the largest infrastructure project in the eastern African seaboard, linking a port, highways, railway line, pipeline, new cities and airports. These countries estimate correctly that the significance of the Indian Ocean as an avenue for global commerce will rise in the future, and this location will become invaluable.

Finally, these are commercial links for airlines based in East Africa and the Middle Eastern region that link cities in Kenya and India. At the same time, Kenya is enthusiastic about inter-African trade at regional and continental levels with the East African Community and the African Continental Free Trade Area Already, china has shown interest in the African Union, which is leading the quest for continental convergence. Perhaps, it is time for India to show similar interest.



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Social Ties : Kenya's Indian Community

About 80,000 to 100,000 people in Kenya are of Indian origin. This makes Kenya the African Country with the largest Indian Community after South Africa. In many sectors of industry and commerce, entrepreneurs with Indian roots are disproportionately represented, for example in the pharmaceutical industry, in retail and wholesale trade, and in manufacturing. For their contributions to Kenya's social-economic development and their commitment to building the education and health sectors, Asians-predominantly Indians-were even recognized as Kenya's 44th tribe by President Uhuru Kenyatta in 2017.

We will work to promote strong and long term strategic bilateral relations between Kenya and India. Governments must come together and agree on the road map to promote trade, industrialization, and other interventions that will promote socio-economic development between the two countries as well as enhanced relations between India and other progressive African Countries. Where there is a will there is always a way. Lets make it happen.

Public Service Governance has shown the way. I ran for the 5th president of the Republic of Kenya and my Deputy President was an Indian and because I will be the 6th President am looking forward still to have an Indian origin deputy President. Currently my Deputy at PSG is an Indian. This is the best gift we have given India and we look forward to form government and give

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ROMANI CULTURAL SYNCRETISM : INDIAN HERITAGE AND ETHNIC IDENTITY

✍ Zameer Anwar,
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"Romani Cultural Syncretism: Indian Heritage and Ethnic Identity"

Centre for Roma Studies and Cultural Relations (CRSCR)-Antar Rashtriya Sahayog Parishad (ARSP) in collaboration with Vivekananda Kendra and Chinmaya Mission organized an International Roma Conference to Commemorate World Roma Day in hybrid mode at Pravasibhawan, Deendayal Upadhyay Marg, New Delhi on 18th April, 2023. The event was part of the Civil Society 20 (C20) calendar of activities during the G20 Presidency of India under the theme "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (One Earth: One Family: One Future)". The topic of the conference was Romani Cultural Syncretism: Indian Heritage and Ethnic Identity.

In his opening remarks, Amb. Rajesh Sachdeva, chairperson-CRSCR, spoke about important outcomes of the first World Roma Congress in the year 1971 such as adoption of Roma flag embossed with Ashok Chakra showing the linkage with India and acceptance of the word "Roma"

representing community scattered around the world. These elements constitute Romani identity. Zameer Anwar, Research Fellow-CRSCR, stated that World Roma Day -April 8 was an occasion for Romani people to reaffirm their faith in their strong kinship with the glorious culture of their "Baro Than" (holy place – India) and remember about excruciatingly harrowing dislocation of their forefathers from north India. He also introduced the panellists and special guests. In his welcome speech, Amb. Virendra Gupta, President-ARSP remarked that Roma community epitomized the philosophy of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam as the community always promotes the idea of coexistence and tolerance despite they themselves being not accepted by the host societies. He further pointed out that Roma have very sad story due to their continuous discrimination and historical persecution.

Mr. Peter Pollak, Member of the European Parliament (Slovakia) mentioned that he felt being at home when he visited India two years ago. He added that unfortunately Roma still do not have full relations with the country of their origin – India. He pointed out that dream of Roma was to establish close and strong connection with India. Desire of most Roma in Europe was for a formal recognition of them as People of Indian Origin. He requested for support to make this dream come true.

Shri Asim Arun, Hon'ble Minister of State and Social Welfare (Independent Charge), Government of Uttar Pradesh, informed about the governmental approval for funding the construction of Roma Memorial in Kannauj. He gave a detailed explanation about the importance and relevance of the Roma Memorial. He expressed hope that Roma Memorial would play an important role in building strong connections between India and the Romani people. Additionally, the Roma Memorial would ignite interest amongst Indians in learning about Romani culture.

Mr. Normunds Rudevics, President of the International Romani Union (Latvia) informed that the world was going through a very difficult time wherein Roma need to put in efforts to preserve their roots, culture, and civilization. He emphasised that most

Roma in Europe faced brutality, discrimination and injustice because of their nationality and ethnic identity. He acknowledged that sadly the Roma community was not united and scattered across the globe. He spoke about desires of International Romani Union for achieving respect for Roma in the society, increased cultural cooperation between India and Roma as well as strengthening Romani media for international recognition of Roma's issues.

Dr. Marianna Seslavinskaya, Professor, Writer and Researcher (Bulgaria) discussed about ritual defilement as a traditional tool of separation among the Roma people. She explained what was ritual uncleanliness and how it was transmitted, e.g. never place bags, bed linen, combs, or shoes onto a dinner table! She also told that women of childbearing age traditionally faced many taboos and were considered to be highly unclean. She noted that in order to avoid ritual defilement, the Roma must seclude the clean from the unclean as far as possible in space and time. She also pointed out that nowadays, many Romani communities were being modernized hence, most of them were losing their old traditions.

Prof. Santino Spinelli, Professor, Musician, Poet, Composer (Italy) addressed the Indian heritage in Romani music. He stated that Romani people have inherited many elements from India as Roma communities originated from the North West regions of India. They have practiced the art of music and entertainment since their origins. Indian and Romani music

traditions have many similarities. He stated that Indian heritage is traceable on some scales that the Roma use in their executions as well as in their musical conception.

Dr. Delia Grigore, Senior Reader, University of Bucharest (Romania) discussed about shared Indian and Romani culture. She stated that Indian and Romani have some inherited and some shared cultural elements. The Romani concept of pure and impure is quite similar to India and Romani language has many words similar to Indian languages. Marriage in both Roma community and India is like an obligation. The Roma and Indians believe in circles of life and spirituality. There are deep identity links between the Romani and Indian culture. She concluded with an appeal to Indian government to recognise the Roma as their own people.

Amb. Sanjay Rana, Indian Ambassador to the Republic of Bulgaria and North Macedonia referred to statement of former Prime Minister of India Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee regarding cultural links between India and Roma. He stated that recent efforts and initiatives taken by Centre for Roma Studies and Cultural Relations – ARSP, have been playing an effective role in strengthening Indian links with Roma community. He emphasised the need for enhancing engagements, cultural exchange and academic collaborations with Roma community.

Dr. Livia Jaroka, Member of European Parliament (Hungary), expressed her views on identity, culture and discrimination which are

very important issues for Roma community. She urged that Roma organizations should unite irrespective of their differences for taking Romani movement further. She said that she was very eager to see Indian representative to European Union voicing out issues and challenges faced by Roma and making contribution in training Roma leaders. She believed that India was ready to assume leadership role in furthering the cause of Roma. She also pointed out that there was enough money for projects towards integration and emancipation of Roma but only 10 per cent was used due to inadequate involvement and unsatisfactory participation of Roma in the projects.

Shri Subrat Pathak, Hon'ble Member of Indian Parliament from Kannauj, recalled horrible genocide and holocaust of Roma in different times in different part of Europe. He mentioned that forefathers of Roma who were dislocated from Kannauj were skilled in different crafts and arts.

In his concluding remarks, Shri Shyam Parande, Secretary General-ARSP mentioned that there was lack of awareness about Roma community amongst Indians because Roma have not been part of Indian history books. He further said that Roma communities express their solidarity with Indian social, cultural and civilizational values and they were promoting ancient philosophy and extending the voice of Bharat across the world. The conference ended with Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr. Rajni Sarin, convener – CRSCR. ■

His Majesty The King visited India from 3 to 5 April 2023, on the invitation of President of India, Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu

His Majesty The King was accompanied by the Foreign Affairs and External Trade Minister DASHO DR. TANDI DORJI. India's External Affairs Minister, H.E. Dr S Jaishankar, received His Majesty at the airport.

The President, Her Excellency Droupadi Murmu, received His Majesty The King at the Rashtrapati Bhavan in the evening of 4th April.

The Prime Minister of India, His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, received His Majesty at the Prime Minister's official residence. His Majesty held a meeting with the Prime Minister, following which the Prime Minister hosted a lunch for His Majesty and the Bhutanese delegation.



India's External Affairs Minister, H.E. Dr S Jaishankar and National Security Advisor Ajit Doval called on His Majesty The King.

Discussions encompassing a wide range of interests between Bhutan and India were held at the highest levels during the visit, allowing for greater cooperation and partnership in diverse areas.

The exceptional friendship that Bhutan and India share has been strengthened over decades of close connections between the leaders as well as peoples of the two countries. His Majesty's visit to India continues the longstanding tradition of mutual visits, which have greatly contributed to ever stronger relations between Bhutan and India.



His Majesty also visited Rajghat to offer respects at the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi. His Majesty laid a wreath and offered prayers at the memorial.

UN THANKS BHUTAN FOR HER CONTRIBUTION IN PEACEKEEPING

The Under-Secretary General for Peace Operations, Jean-Pierre Lacroix, thanked Bhutan on April 5 for her strong support, service, and sacrifice of military and police personnel deployed around the world for United Nations peacekeeping.

Bhutan initially contributed uniformed personnel in 2014 to the UN Truce Supervision Organisation (UNTSO), the first-ever peacekeeping mission in the Middle East and the UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilisation Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA).

Today, Bhutan provides 211 uniformed personnel, including six women, to eight UN peacekeeping operations making it the 53rd largest contributor.

Bhutan's largest contribution is to MINUSCA where 187 of its peacekeepers currently serve. Bhutan also deploys personnel to the UN peacekeeping missions in Abyei, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mali, the Middle East, South Sudan, and Western Sahara.

Peacekeepers from Bhutan also served in the United Nations Mission in Liberia (UNMIL) at the height of the Ebola crisis and in the United Nations–African Union Mission in Darfur (UNAMID).

In December 2017, Bhutan also



became the first country to pledge rapid deployment of troops as part of the UN Peacekeeping Capability Readiness System.

Jean-Pierre Lacroix said that the Bhutanese peacekeepers serve with professionalism and integrity, meaningfully contributing towards the maintenance of international peace and security in very challenging environments.

He said, "I am grateful for their continued commitment to UN Peacekeeping and their resolve to minimise the environmental footprint of our missions, helping advance the UN Climate Neutral Strategy and Greening the Blue Initiative."

The UN appreciates the service and sacrifice of the men and women from Bhutan and counts on their continued support to create more agile, effective and accountable UN peacekeeping operations which deliver results, he added.

Bhutan also endorsed the Secretary General's 'Action for Peacekeeping (A4P)' initiative, which aims to strengthen peacekeeping through more targeted mandates, stronger and safer operations, better equipped and trained forces by mobilising support for political solutions.

This year marks the 75th anniversary of UN Peacekeeping. ■

DAYS TO REMEMBER

in June, 2023

June 03 : Purnima ■

June 05 : World Environment Day

June 12 : Russia : The day of Russia

June 12 : World Day Against Child Labour

June 14 : World Blood Donor Day

June 18 : Amavasya ●

June 20 : World Refugee Day

June 21 : International Yoga Day

June 26 : Madagascar : National Day

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the Indian fraternity very strategic positions in Government including cabinet and diplomatic positions. We also look forward to coming to India and help strengthen the Public Service Institutions towards better, enhanced service delivery. Let's open doors for this partnership. We must birth Public Service Governance India Chapter. We need a very committed Indian Leader to be in

charge of PSG India Chapter.

Yes it is possible and yes we will do that. We invite you all to become our registered member of Public Service Governance so that we will automate this opportunities soon.

Ambassador Esther Waringa, The Founder and President of Public Service Governance and the recipient of United Nations

Distinguished African Woman Leadership Award for promoting Good Governance in Africa and around the World.

Public Service Governance(PSG) is an institution that is working towards Good, Accountable, Responsible, Peaceful and Divine Governance in the Republic of Kenya. ■

PENNSYLVANIA DECLARES HINDU FESTIVAL OF DIWALI AS OFFICIAL HOLIDAY



The state of Pennsylvania in the United States has declared the Hindu festival of Diwali as a national holiday.

The state

House passed a bill recognising Diwali as an official holiday, senator Nikil Saval tweeted Wednesday.

"The Senate voted unanimously to recognize Diwali as an official holiday!"

The legislation to make Diwali an official state holiday was introduced by two Pennsylvania senators, Greg Rothman and Nikil Saval in February of this year.

Senator Rothman emphasized that recognising Diwali as an official state holiday upholds and celebrates the

Commonwealth's cultural diversity.

"Thousands of Pennsylvanians celebrate Diwali each year, including many residents of the 34th Senatorial District," Rothman said in a statement.

According to India American Impact, Pennsylvania is home to more than 600,000 Asian Americans, out of which Indian Americans make up the largest subgroup. Nearly 200,000 Indian American residents in the state celebrate Diwali every year with glitz and grandeur.

"Every year, Diwali's festival of light and connection is celebrated at temples, houses of worship, and community centres across our Commonwealth," said Senator Saval.

The bill does not require school or government closings. "Our Commonwealth's official recognition of Diwali sends a clear message of

inclusion to the thousands of Pennsylvanians who celebrate this festival of light and connection each year," Saval said. Diwali rituals in the States

In 2002, the Festival of Lights was celebrated in the White House for the first time and in 2007, the US government gave official recognition to the festival. Since then, Diwali has been celebrated on a grand scale in different parts of the US by the Indian community. In 2021, the US government even introduced the Diwali Day Act to declare the festival a federal holiday.

Every year on Diwali, the US Embassy is decorated with lights and diyas. The Hudson River in New York is another location where Indian Americans gather in huge numbers and celebrate the festival with each other. A small Diwali celebration is also organised at the World Trade Center. ■

DIPLOMATIC POSTINGS

Shri Rudrendra Tandon (IFS: 1994) presently Additional Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India to Greece.**

Ms. Neeta Bhushan (IFS: 1994) presently High Commissioner of India to New Zealand, has been concurrently accredited as the **next High Commissioner of India to the Independent State of Samoa, with residence in Wellington.**

Shri Rudra Gaurav Shresth (IFS: 1999) has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India to the Islamic Republic of Iran.**

Dr. Acquino Vimal (IFS: 2000), presently Deputy Chief of Mission in Embassy of India, Beijing has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Norway.**

Shri Vinod K. Jacob (IFS: 2000) presently Deputy High Commissioner, High Commission of India, Colombo has been appointed as the **next Ambassador of India to the Kingdom of Bahrain.**

Shri Bharath Kumar Kuthati (IFS: 2006) has been appointed as the **next High Commissioner of India to the Republic of Botswana.** ■

डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति ने परंपरागत ज्ञान को सहज भाषा में आम जन तक पहुंचाया है



दिनांक 20 अप्रैल, 2023 को अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के प्रधान कार्यालय प्रवासी भवन के सभागार में आयोजित कार्यक्रम के दौरान वरिष्ठ हिंदी सेवियों ने प्रख्यात विदुषी डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति के प्रयासों की सराहना की तथा प्राचीन भारतीय चिंतन को आमजन की भाषा में प्रस्तुत करने के लिए उन्हें ढेर सारी बधाईयाँ दीं।

संकल्प फाउंडेशन के अध्यक्ष संतोष तनेजा की अध्यक्षता में आयोजित भारत की ज्ञान परंपरा परिचर्चा में प्रख्यात विद्वान कांति मोहन विशिष्ट अतिथि के रूप में उपस्थित थे। अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद के मानद निदेशक नारायण कुमार तथा वरिष्ठ लेखक देवेन्द्र देव ने डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति की पुस्तक सांख्य योग दर्शन पर मुख्य वक्तव्य दिया। केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मण्डल के उपाध्यक्ष अनिल शर्मा जोशी के सान्निध्य में लगभग दो घंटे तक चले कार्यक्रम का संचालन हिन्दी की प्रख्यात लेखिका

अलका सिन्हा ने किया। अध्यक्षीय भाषण देते हुए श्री तनेजा ने कहा कि सरकार ज्ञान को अगली पीढ़ी तक पहुँचाने के लिए प्रतिबद्ध है। उन्होंने कहा कि नई शिक्षा नीति से भारतीय भाषाओं के विकास के द्वार खुले हैं। श्री तनेजा ने डॉ. कीर्ति की पुस्तकों को एनसीआरटी के पाठ्यक्रम में शामिल किए जाने का भी प्रस्ताव किया। मुख्य वक्ता नारायण कुमार ने प्राचीन ज्ञान परंपरा को कृत्रिम मेधा से जोड़ते हुए कहा कि जब लिखने पढ़ने के साधन नहीं थे तब भी हमारे मनीषियों ने ज्ञान को पीढ़ी दर पीढ़ी आगे बढ़ाया। अग्नि और वाणी की महत्ता को रेखांकित करते हुए श्री कुमार ने आचार्य हजारी प्रसाद द्विवेदी को उद्धृत करते हुए कहा कि प्रगति के दो पैर होते हैं परंपरा और प्रयोग। परंपरा पर एक पैर टिकाने के बाद ही हम प्रगति की दिशा में अग्रसर हो सकते हैं। श्री कुमार ने डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति की रचनाओं की सराहना की। इस अवसर पर अंतर्राष्ट्रीय सहयोग परिषद और वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान द्वारा प्रकाशित डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति की पुस्तक सांख्य योग दर्शन के काव्यानुवाद का लोकार्पण किया गया।

लेखक देवेन्द्र देव ने मृदुल कीर्ति के सभी रचनाओं का सार प्रस्तुत किया तथा कहा कि सनातन ज्ञान को सहज भाषा में आम लोगों

तक पहुँचाने का यह सराहनीय प्रयास है। तकनीकी विशेषज्ञ बालेन्दु दाधीच ने भी डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति के अनुवाद की सराहना की और कहा कि उन्होंने परंपरागत ज्ञान को आधुनिक प्रौद्योगिकी से जोड़ने का विलक्षण कार्य किया है। डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति ने कहा कि ईश्वरीय प्रेरणा से रचनाएँ हुई हैं तथा पाठकों तक पहुँच रही हैं। ब्रह्म सत्य जगत मिथ्या उद्घृत करते हुए उन्होंने कहा कि जो हर पल बदलता है वह सत्य नहीं हो सकता। चेतना सांसारिक वृत्तियों में लगी रहती है। रक्त शरीर पोषण मगर आत्मतत्व की चाह, पार करत नद पकड़ जस काटत बुद्धि से ग्राह। उन्होंने कहा कि सभी इंद्रियों का प्रभाव मनुष्य को भोगना पड़ता है। मनुष्य सत्य के करीब तो हो सकता है लेकिन उसे साधना करनी पड़ती है। कार्यक्रम को सान्निध्य दे रहे केंद्रीय हिंदी शिक्षण मण्डल के उपाध्यक्ष अनिल शर्मा जोशी ने कहा कि डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति ने पुरातन ज्ञान के मर्म को जन-जन तक पहुँचाने में कामयाबी हासिल की है। श्री जोशी ने कहा कि केंद्रीय हिंदी संस्थान सहित सभी साहित्यिक एवं भाषा केंद्रों को इस ज्ञान को अधिकाधिक लोगों तक पहुँचाने के लिए आगे आना चाहिए। कार्यक्रम के आरंभ में वैश्विक हिंदी परिवार के विनयशील चतुर्वेदी ने सभी अतिथियों का स्वागत परिचय दिया तथा श्रीमती सरोज जोशी ने डॉ. मृदुल कीर्ति को अंगवस्त्र पहनाकर सम्मानित किया।

डॉ. जवाहर कर्नावट का शोध कार्य लिम्का बुक ऑफ रिकॉर्ड्स 2023 में शामिल

मध्यप्रदेश के प्रसिद्ध लेखक एवं वक्ता डॉ. जवाहर कर्नावट द्वारा 27 देशों की 120 वर्षों की हिंदी पत्रकारिता पर किए गए शोध कार्य को लिम्का बुक ऑफ रिकॉर्ड्स 2023 में शामिल किया गया है। वैश्विक स्तर पर हिंदी पत्र-पत्रिकाओं के इस अनूठे संकलन और सामग्री विश्लेषण के कार्य को करने वाले डॉ. कर्नावट एकमात्र व्यक्ति हैं। लिम्का बुक ऑफ रिकॉर्ड्स द्वारा जारी प्रमाण पत्र में दर्शाया गया है कि डॉक्टर कर्नावट के पास दक्षिण अफ्रीका से सन् 1903 में 4 भाषाओं – हिंदी, गुजराती, तमिल और अंग्रेजी में प्रकाशित इंडियन ओपिनियन संग्रह में सबसे पुराना समाचार पत्र है। डॉ. कर्नावट के इस शोध कार्य को भारत सरकार के नेशनल बुक ट्रस्ट द्वारा पुस्तक के रूप में प्रकाशित किया जा रहा है। उन्हें इस अनूठे शोध कार्य के लिए ही पिछले दिनों फिजी में संपन्न विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन में भारत के विदेश मंत्री श्री एस. जयशंकर और फिजी के उपप्रधानमंत्री श्री बिमान प्रसाद द्वारा विश्व हिंदी सम्मान से सम्मानित किया गया। इसके अलावा हाल ही में उन्हें केन्या की राजधानी नैरोबी में आयोजित सम्मेलन में भी सम्मानित किया गया।



हमारे इस बुलेटिन के पिछले अंक में डॉ. जवाहर कर्नावट फिजी में 12वें विश्व हिंदी सम्मेलन का आयोजन लिखा था। लेकिन हमें खेद है कि लेखक के रूप में उनके नाम का उल्लेख नहीं हो सका। पाठकों से अनुरोध है कि उक्त लेख के लेखक के रूप में डॉ. जवाहर कर्नावट का नाम ध्यान में रखें।

फिजी में संपन्न विश्व हिन्दी सम्मेलन में डॉ. जवाहर कर्नावट भारत के विदेश मंत्री श्री एस. जयशंकर से विश्व हिन्दी सम्मान ग्रहण करते हुए।



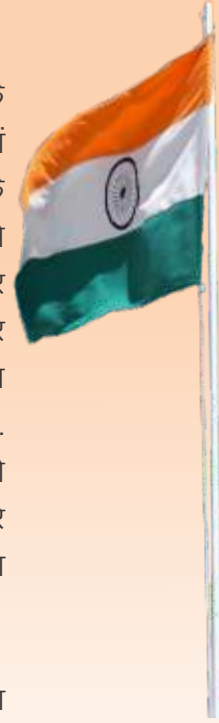


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प्रेम धवन का जन्म 13 जून 1923 को भारत के वर्तमान हरियाणा राज्य के अंबाला में ब्रिटिश सरकार के लिए कार्यरत एक जेल अधीक्षक के यहां हुआ था। उन्होंने अपने कॉलेज की पढ़ाई लाहौर में की, जिस अवधि के दौरान वे भारतीय कम्युनिस्ट पार्टी की गतिविधियों से जुड़े थे। उन्होंने 1946 में ख्वाजा अहमद अब्बास की फिल्म आज और कल में संगीतकार ख्वाजा खुशीद अनवर के सहायक के रूप में लाहौर में अपना करियर शुरू किया। बाद में वे इंडियन पीपल्स थिएटर एसोसिएशन में शामिल होने के लिए मुंबई चले गए। प्रेम धवन ने पं. रवि शंकर से संगीत एवं पं. उदय शंकर से नृत्य की शिक्षा ली। उन्होंने काबुलीवाला, शहीद जैसी कई फिल्मों के लिए संगीत भी तैयार किया। इस फिल्म में ऐ मेरे प्यारे वतन, ऐ मेरे बिछड़े चमन, ऐ वतन ऐ वतन और मेरा रंग दे बसंती चोला जैसी उस समय की कुछ हिट फिल्में दिखाई गईं।



धवन ने एक गीतकार और संगीतकार के रूप में अपने करियर के अलावा फिल्मों में अभिनय किया। उन्होंने सात फिल्मों के लिए कोरियोग्राफर के रूप में भी काम किया। भारत सरकार ने उन्हें 1970 में पद्मश्री के नागरिक सम्मान से सम्मानित किया। उन्होंने 1971 में फिल्म नानक दुखिया सब संसार के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ गीत के लिए राष्ट्रीय फिल्म पुरस्कार जीता। उनका 77 साल की उम्र में 7 मई 2001 को उनका निधन हो गया।

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सबसे प्यारी सुबह तेरी, सबसे रंगीं तेरी शाम, तुझपे दिल कुर्बान!

माँ का दिल बनके कभी सीने से लग जाता है तू।
और कभी नन्ही सी बेटा बन के याद आता है तू।
जितना याद आता है मुझको उतना तड़पाता है तू, तुझ पे दिल कुर्बान!

छोड़ कर तेरी जमी को दूर आ पहुंचे हैं हम।
फिर भी है यही तमन्ना, तेरे जर्नों की कसम।
हम जहाँ पैदा हुए, उस जगह ही निकले दम, तुझ पे दिल कुर्बान!