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# 7<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL / 1<sup>st</sup> GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION

FROM 30 JANUARY TO 1 FEBRUARY, 2021

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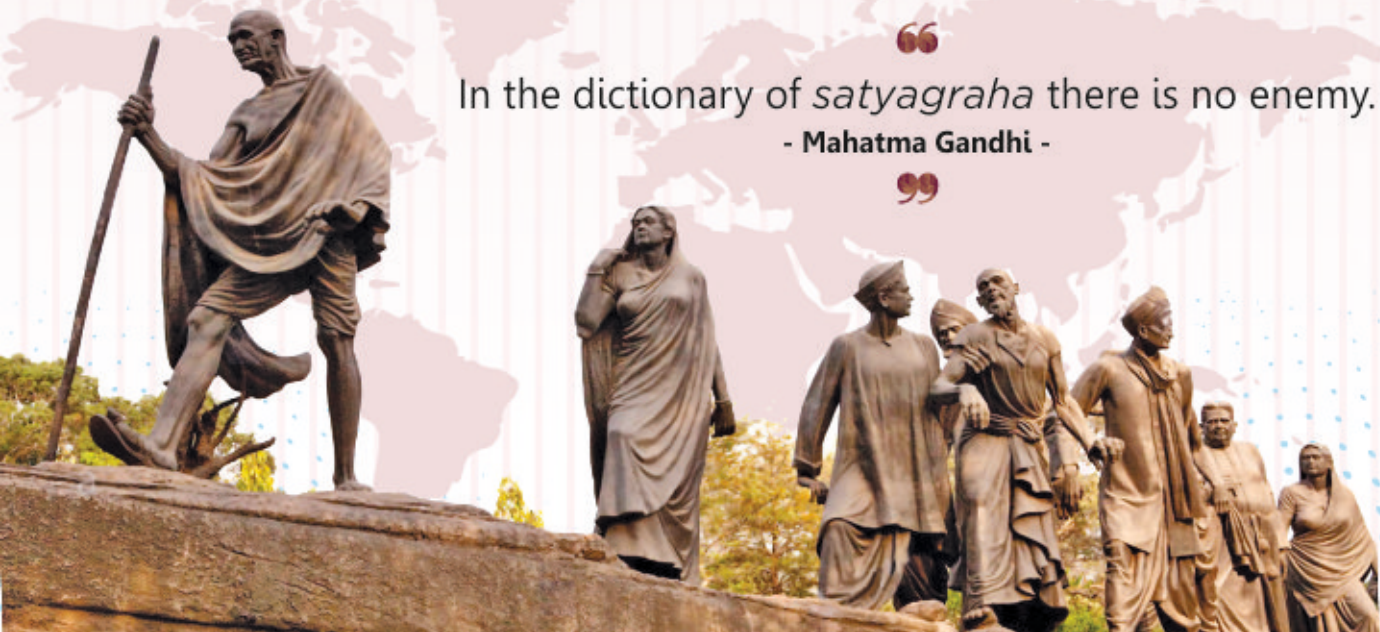
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In the dictionary of *satyagraha* there is no enemy.

- Mahatma Gandhi -

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## *Message from President:*

# **FORGIVE, FORGET AND MOVE ON TO BUILD PEACE**

Pandemic Covid -19 created unprecedented chaos and crisis to all people in the world. The invisible microscopic virus hit people of all countries and forced them to follow a new normal. Due to the pandemic, this year we are organizing our annual National Peace Convention virtually. This situation has made it possible for us to make it the first Global Peace Convention.

A vast majority of people in the world get frustrated by the increasing violence, corruption spreading like cancer at all levels, racism, discrimination, intolerance to those who speak truth, crimes against women, children, and the marginalized sections of the society.

Religions and religious leaders who are expected to promote peace, fellowship and friendship fail in their responsibility. They have drifted away from their original purpose and spirituality.

Ancient Hindu scriptures speak of unity of all people in the world and presence of God in every one: *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (The whole universe is a family.) and '*ekam sat vipra bahudha vadanti*' (Truth is one, sages call it differently). Peace and reconciliation was central to the teachings of Christ: "Blessed are those who work for peace, they will be called children of God". Peace and fellowship were the priorities of the founders and saints of all religions. Yet why do we witness threats of war, violence, hatred and exploitation of 'the last and the least' all over the world?

The National Peace Movement was a proactive response to the above mentioned challenges. The inspiration behind this initiative is the spirituality of "lighting a candle instead of cursing the darkness".

The 1st National Peace Convention held in Indore, India in 2015 was a project of Rotary International District 3040. 'Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution' is the first focus area of Rotary International. The delegates of the first National Peace Convention unanimously formed the National Peace Movement in order to include people of all sections and all religions to be part of this peace initiative .



Apart from organizing Peace Convention every year in different parts of the country it also motivated different groups to take up activities to promote peace at the local level. Peace Clubs are actively functioning in several educational institutions across the country.

From its inception the organizers have chosen 30th January as the inauguration of Peace Convention. This is to honour Mahatma Gandhi who sacrificed his life on this day for peace and harmony among people of all castes, creeds and races. Every year the concluding of peace convention takes place on 1st February.

Permanent peace with a conflict free world is possible only when each person takes charge of the responsibility of building peace in his/ her heart, family and in the society at large. As war begins in the minds of people, so too peace is to be established in the hearts and minds of individuals.

We shall not wait for a messiah from heaven to bring peace; we shall not wait for the governments to bring peace; we shall not wait for anyone from outside to bring peace. When each one of us adopts a way of life to forgive, forget and move on, we shall experience peace. Let us put into practice what Mahatma Gandhi said, "you be the change you want to see in the world". Self transformation is the first step to transform the world.

We shall not wait for God to bring peace because each one of us is an INCARNATION OF GOD and we carry God within us! Let peace come forth from each one of us; in our thoughts, in our words and in our actions!

**Rtn Fr. Varghese Alengaden**

*President,  
National Peace Movement*



**Spirituality promotes pluralism:  
God cannot be limited to one culture,  
religion, colour, caste or belief**

# INAUGURAL SESSION

**Saturday 30 January, 2021**

**From 17.00 to 20.00 (IST)**



**Mahatma Gandhi**  
1869 to 1948



- Prayer for world peace with songs and readings from different sacred scriptures.

**Dr. Paul Poovathingal,**

*Director, Chetana Music College, Trissur, Kerala*

- Four Way Test: **Rtn. C L Vakade,**  
*Treasurer, National Peace Movement*



- Welcome Address and dynamics of the convention:

**Rtn. Fr. Varghese Alengaden,**

*President, National Peace Movement*

- Introducing RI President Rtn. Shekhar Mehta:  
**PDG. Rtn. Gustad Ankalesaria, RI Dist. 3040**



- Address by the Chief guest :

**Rtn. Shekhar Mehta**

*Rotary International President 2021 – '22*

- Theme: **Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution: the First Focus Area of Rotary.**

- **Group dance:** *Students of Carmel Convent School, Gwalior, MP, India*

- Introducing Mrs. Anuradha Shankar IPS:

**Rtn. Neetu Joshi**

*Founding member National Peace Movement*



- Key note address:

**Mrs. Anuradha Shankar IPS,**

*ADGP, Bhopal, M.P.*

- Theme: **Mahatma Gandhi and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Pandemic**

- Introducing Rtn. Dr. Gajendra Singh Narang:

**Rtn. Ashish Trivedi, Founding member National Peace Movement**



- Greetings and Welcome :

**Rtn. Dr. Gajendra Singh Narang,**

*Governor, RI Dist 3040*

- Rotary prayer song: *Aspire to Inspire family, Rourkela, Odisha, India*



- Introducing Mrs. Lavina Dsozua :  
**Dr. K.C.Thomas,**  
*Manager, St. Arnold School, Jhartarang , Odisha, India*



- Address:  
**Mrs. Lavina Dsouza**  
*COO, A USA Firm, New York, USA.*

- Theme: **Empower women for peace building**
- **Group Dance:** Students of *Servite Convent School, Hoshangabad, MP, India.*



- Introducing Prof. Dr. Obiora Ike :  
**Rtn. Lourdu Swamy,** *Director, St. Mary's Champion School, Indore*

- Address: **Prof. Dr. Obiora Ike**  
*Executive Director, Globethic.net Geneva, Switzerland*  
Theme: **Ethics, Gandhi and Global Peace**



- Vote of thanks:  
**Rtn. Dr. Sangeeta Jain**  
*Secretary, National Peace Movement*

## Sunday 31 January, 2021

Panel session No.1: YOUTH FOR PEACE

Time: 10.00 to 11.15 (IST)

- **Group Song:** Students of *Carmel of St. Joseph, Malad, Mumbai, MS*
- Welcome and Introduction: **Dr. Jene Peter,** *UC College Aluva, Kerala*



- **1. Asmaa Areef**  
*St. Ann's Matriculation School, Madhavaram, Chennai, T.N., India*



- **2. Irine Mariam Mani**  
*Centre for Peace Studies and Dialogue  
UC College, Aluva, Kerala*



- **3. Kevin Carvalho**  
*St. Joseph's School, Faridabad, Haryana*



- **4. Naveesha Jain**  
*Carmel Convent Senior Sec. School, Neemuch, M.P.*

- **5. Aditi Pandey**  
*St. Mary's Convent Inter College, Lucknow, U.P.*





- Chairperson's Address:

**Rtn. Col. Mahendra Mishra,**

*DGE RI Dist. 3040*

- Vote of Thanks: **Rtn. Jeffrey Chagas Periera, Goa**

### Panel session No.2:

### PEACE EDUCATION FOR CIVILIZATION OF LOVE

From 11.30 to 13.00 (IST)

- **Group Dance:** Students of Peace Channel, Nagaland, India

- Welcome and Introduction: **Dr. Suresh Mathew**

*Editor, Indian Currents, Delhi*



- **1. Dr. Leema Dhar**

*Novelist, Poet, Columnist, Asst. Professor Bankura University, WB*



- **2. Dr. Edward Alam**

*Prof of Philosophy, Notredame University, Lebanon*

- **3. Ms. Sanjoli Banerjee**

*Christ University, Bangalore, Karnataka*



- **4. Ms. Angel Hayes**

*Social Worker, Wien, Austria*

- **5. Ms. Radia Bakkouch**

*President, Coexister, France*



- Chairperson's Address:

**Dr. Jose Nandhikara,**

*Regional Director, Globethics.net.India*

- Vote of Thanks: **Rtn. Navin Goyal, Founding Member, NPC**

### Panel session No.3 in Hindi:

### शांति और सद्भाव बनाए रखने के लिए विविधता में एकता की विरासत का संरक्षण Preserving the Heritage of Unity in Diversity to Sustain Peace and Harmony

From 16.30 to 18.00 (IST)

- **Group Song:** Students of St. Mary's Convent School, Bhopal, M.P., India

- Welcome : **Rtn. Advocate Satya Narayan Lathi**

*Past District Governor RID 3040*



- **1. Rtn. Vijay Patel**

*District Governor RI Dist. 1260, United Kingdom*





➤ **2. Rtn. Saumya Ranjan Mishra**

*District Governor, RI Dist. 3262, Bhubaneswar, Odisha*

➤ **3. Shri P.V. Rajgopal**

*Founder, Ekta Parishad; Social activist*



➤ **4. Rtn. Jinendra Jain**

*DGN RI Dist. 3040*



➤ Chairperson's Address:

**Rtn. Dr. Gajendra Singh Narang**

*District Governor, RI Dist. 3040*



➤ **Group dance:** Carmel of St. Joseph School, Malad, Mumbai, M.S.

➤ Vote of Thanks: **Rtn. Krishna Gupta**

*Past President, Rotary Club of Indore Malvika*

## **Panel Session No.4: PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT**

**From 18.30 to 20.30 (IST)**

➤ **Sambalpuri Dance:** Students of St. Arnold School, Jhartarang, Odisha, India

➤ Welcome and Introduction: **PDG. Rtn. Ravi Prakash Langer**,  
*RI Dist. 3040*



➤ **1. Rtn. Mahesh Kotbagi**

*Rotary International Director 2021-23*

Theme: **One world one life**



➤ **2. Dr. Victor Paul**

*HOD Sociology & Social Work, Christ University, Bangalore, Karnataka*

Theme: **Human Relationship, the Mantra (formula) for Peace**



➤ **3. Dr. Rajendra Shende**

*Chairman of TERRE Policy Center*

Theme: **Indivisible link between Peace & Sustainable Development**



➤ Chairperson's Address:

**Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Wagh**

*Secretary, Development Education (International) Society*

➤ Vote of Thanks: **Dr. C.P. Anto**

*Founder, Peace Channel, Nagaland, India.*

**Monday 1 February, 2021**

**Group Discussion in Breakout Rooms: Proposals for Action Plans**

**From 11.00 to 13.00 (IST)**

# VALEDICTORY SESSION

From 17.00 to 20.00 (IST)



- Inter Religious Prayer song: *Shabad Kirtan*

- Welcome address:

**Mrs. Annie Pawar**

*Vice President, NPC*

- Report and Action Plans:

**Jacob Peenickaparambil CMI**

*Editor, Peace Convention Souvenir and Documentation*



- **Rotary Song** : Aspire to Inspire family, Rourkela, Odisha, India

- Introducing Rtn. Dr. Bharat Pandya:

**PDG Rtn. Nalini Langer, RI Dist. 3040**



- Key note Address:

**Rtn. Dr. Bharat Pandya**

*Rotary International Director, 2019-21*

- Introducing Dr. Sudharshan Iyenger :

**Sheena Varghese, Secretary, Universal Solidarity Movement**



- Address by Chief Guest :

**Dr. Sudharshan Laxmi Iyenger,**

*Former Vice Chancellor of Gujarat Vidyapith, Ahmedabad*

**Theme: Mahatma Gandhi and World Peace.**



- Presidential Address:

**Rtn. Fr. Varghese Alengaden,**

*President, National Peace Movement*



- Concluding comments and greetings:

**IPDG Rtn. Kiran Lal Shreshtha,**

*RI Dist 3292, Nepal and Bhutan*

**Rt. Rev. Dr. Chacko Thottumarickal,**

*Bishop of Indore, M.P.*



- **IPDG Rtn. Dhiran Datta**

*RI Dist. 3040*



- Vote of Thanks:

**Dr. Renu Singh,**

*Joint Secretary, National Peace Movement*





## ACTION PLAN OF THE 6<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL PEACE CONVENTION, BANGALORE, 2020

**W**e, 470 peace lovers and peace promoters from 18 states of India, came together in Christ University Bangalore from January 30 to February 01, 2020 and reflected on the situation in India and all over the world in relation to peace and harmony. Our group consisted of professionals from various fields, Rotarians, educationists, social activists, teachers and students. We are proud of the fact that the 6th National Peace Convention 2020 had the highest number of participants and about 40% of them were young people, especially students from different parts of India.

### Action Plan at the Individual Level

We commit ourselves to:

1. Respect all faiths by learning about them and greeting the members of other faiths on their festival days.
2. Avoid forwarding messages that hurt the sentiments of others.
3. Help and support the victims of natural and human-made disasters irrespective of their faith, caste, language etc.
4. Read the auto-biography of Mahatma Gandhi and motivate others to read it.
5. Practice forgiveness and adopt non-violent means to resolve conflicts as well as to protest against injustice.
6. Preserve the spirit of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*, by protesting against any effort to discriminate or divide the people of India on the basis of caste, religion and language.
7. Promote the use of locally made products instead of the branded ones.
8. Cultivate hobbies by reducing the use of social media and watching TV and use social media only for constructive purpose.
9. Limit the use of mobile phone for a specified time in a day.
10. Practice mediation as a means for developing concentration and self discipline.



11. Learn more about the Indian Constitution, especially its universal values and share them with others.
12. We, the social workers, will motivate people to discuss about the constitutional values in the Gram Sabha meetings and Gram Panchayat meetings. The preamble of the Indian Constitution will be translated into vernacular language to be used locally.
12. Networking will be done with the nearby educational institutions for organizing peace conference for the people of the locality.
13. Songs and video clips will be produced and disseminated to promote the constitutional and Gandhian values.
14. Gandhi movie will be shown to the students and teachers followed by discussion; quotes of Gandhi will be exhibited in the schools.

### **Action Plan at the Institutional and Organizational Level**

1. Rotary 3040 will organize a Peace Intercity Forum meeting in Ratlam and will invite teachers and representatives of NGOs and religious organizations without charging any registration fee.
  2. Peace committee will be formed at the level of Rotary club.
  3. Experts and persons working for peace will be invited to address the members at the club and district levels.
  4. Oct. 2 will be celebrated as Peace Day by the Rotary members.
  5. Festivals of different religions will be celebrated at the Rotary club level.
  6. Rotary members will coordinate with the district administration for maintaining peace in the locality/city.
  7. One peace seminar will be organized in a year for the students, teachers and the parents at the school/college level.
  8. Preamble of the Constitution will be exhibited at common places in the educational institutions and will be recited in the school assemblies at least once a week.
  9. Peace clubs will be formed in the schools and colleges.
  10. Gandhian values will be promoted through various cultural programmes and peace rally will be organized on Oct. 2.
  11. Auto biography of Mahatma Gandhi will be given as gift to guests and friends.
  15. Festivals of all religions will be celebrated in the educational institutions and organizations and readings from different religious scriptures will be used for prayer.
  16. Constitution Day will be celebrated in the schools and organizations with various programmes for promoting its universal values.
  17. School parliament will be strengthened and the school cabinet members will be elected using democratic methods.
  18. Human Rights education will be integrated with value education in the schools.
  19. Students will be taken for regular exposure programmes for creating social awareness among them.
  20. Educational institutions and organizations will include budgetary provision for peace activities.
  21. Whatsapp groups will be formed for the promotion of the constitutional and Gandhian values
- We, the participants, are extremely grateful to all those who cooperated with us and supported us, especially Christ University, for making the 6th National Peace Convention a great opportunity for understanding various dimensions of peace and committing ourselves to become peace builders.

Bangalore  
February 1, 2020