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`Universal respect key to world peace, harmony'

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Peace and mutual respect, not violence, is the answer to a harmonious world: this was the concept that was highlighted during the symposium titled `Universal Respect for Human Dignity: The Great Path to Peace' that was held in the city on Saturday . The meet was organised by Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG), the Indian affiliate of the Soka Gakkai International (SGI), to discuss the peace proposal submitted to the United Nations by Dr Daisaku Ikeda, president, SGI.

“The proposal mentions three areas that require prompt and coordinated action from governments and civil society groups humanitarian aid and human rights protection, ecological integrity and disaster risk reduction. The emphasis of the proposal is on tapping humanism and generating dialogue between people,” said Vishesh Gupta, chairperson, BSG. The other speakers present at the event shared their unique spiritual journeys with the gathering and stressed the importance of inclusiveness, in units as small as a family and as large as a nation.

Badminton player Pullela Gopichand said, “My journey in the spiritual world began with an injury , for which I had to undergo several surgeries and could not play for nearly a year. It was then that I began practising Sudarshan Kriya, which really aided my game and made me less aggressive on court,” said Gopichand.



**PEACE TALK:** JNTU vice-chancellor Shailaja Ramaiyer speaks at the seminar on Dr Daisaku Ikeda's 2016 peace proposal at State Gallery of Fine Arts on Saturday. Seen at her right are Vishesh Gupta, chairperson, Bharat Soka Gakkai, Pullela Gopichand, badminton national coach, and Karuna Gopal, social activist

Shailaja Ramaiyer, vice chancellor, JNTU, and the keynote speaker at the event stressed on the importance of inculcating concepts like `inner transformation' and `happiness' in universities, which are presently venues of `enormous ideological conflicts'. “While we have taught children to be materially successful, we have failed to teach them how to be happy. It is necessary that we use the education system to teach children that there is a larger purpose in life,” said Ramaiyer, while urging BSG to conduct programmes across the country

## Symposium held on 'Universal Respect for Human Dignity'

### PTI FLASH

Hyderabad, July 23 (PTI) Against the backdrop of increase in violence worldwide, Buddhist organisation Soka Gakkai International's (SGI) Indian arm Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) today held a symposium entitled "Universal Respect for Human Dignity. Speaking in the program, Chief National Coach of the Indian Badminton Team Pullela Gopichand recalled the words of his coach that it is not how many times one falls down but how quickly one gets up matters. Sports can take care of pent-up aggression and help people adopt a more peaceful attitude, he said. In his welcome address, Chairperson of Bharat Soka Gakkai, Vishesh Gupta, said every person has "the right to live in happiness". The prime objective of the SGI movement is to forge an expanding solidarity of ordinary citizens committed to protecting that right and rid the world of needless suffering, he said. The symposium was organised in association with the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad (JNTU-H), and the Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI). PTI GDKKRK

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A symposium on Universal Respect for Human Dignity: The Great Path to Peace is being organised by Bharat Soka Gakkai. The focus will be on SGI President Daisaku Ikeda's 2016 peace proposal.

Venue: State Gallery of Fine Arts, Kavuri Hills, Madhapur

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## Peace Symposium - Exploring Paths to Peace

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Against the backdrop of mounting violence worldwide, Buddhist lay organisation Soka Gakkai International's (SGI) Indian arm Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) along with the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad (JNTU Hyderabad) and the Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI) held a symposium entitled "Universal Respect for Human Dignity: The Great Path to Peace" on July 23, 2016. The symposium was based on SGI President Daisaku Ikeda's 2016 peace proposal.

# LET'S GIVE PEACE A CHANCE TOO

The peace symposium held on Saturday proposed new ways of establishing it in the crime-ridden world. Against the backdrop of mounting violence worldwide, Buddhist lay organisation Soka Gakkai International's (SGI) Indian arm Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG) along with the Jawaharlal Nehru Technological University, Hyderabad (JNTU Hyderabad) and the Environment Protection Training and Research Institute (EPTRI) held a symposium entitled "Universal Respect for Human Dignity: The Great Path to Peace" on Saturday.

In his welcome address, chairperson Bharat Soka Gakkai said, "By engaging in open and frank dialogue, we are able



Pullela Gopichand National badminton coach speaking at the event

to see things that had been hidden from view, and the world begins to appear in a warmer,

more human light."

National Coach of the Indian Badminton Team, Pul-

lela Gopichand traced his own spiritual journey which started with a knee injury that prevented him from playing. Pointing out that spiritual truths can come from varied sources, he recalled words of his coach "It's not how many times you fall but how quickly you get up".

Karuna Gopal, Thought Leader on Sustainability and Smart Cities said "When a woman is empowered, wouldn't she be able to lead people out of poverty, wouldn't she be able to make wise decisions, prevent herself and others from communicable diseases? She also urges to believe in the power of the self, and to be visionaries who can light the path for others.

<http://www.raagalahari.com/localevents/101894/symposium-dr-daisaku-ikeda-2016-peace-proposal.aspx>

## Daisaku Ikeda's 2016 Peace Proposal - Universal Respect for Human Dignity The Great Path to Peace

