Youth urged to play for global peace

Bhubaneswar, Sep 16 Eminent people have called upon the youth to play a greater role for global peace and better future.

The call was given by distinguished speakers yesterday at a symposium titled “The Global Solidarity of Youth: Ushering in a New Era of Hope”. It was organised by the Bharat Soka Gakkai (BSG), the Indian arm of a Buddhist NGO Soka Gakkai International (SGI).

Eminent poet, literary critic and former bureaucrat, Dr Sitakanta Mahapatra said peace was the prime need of mankind at this juncture to ensure balanced development.

Anup Kumar Dash, Director, National Bank of Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), stressed the need for a fundamental shift in our thinking and approach to life and happiness.

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Need for universal solidarity, refugee crises brought up at city symposium

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Against a backdrop of growing regional tensions, the urgent need for universal solidarity and the humanitarian challenge from a growing refugee crisis were discussed at a symposium centring around Soka Gakkai International President Daisaku Ikeda’s 2017 peace proposal.

Padma Vibhushan Dr. Sitakanta Mahapatra, Dr. Anup Kumar Dash, Director, NABARD, Mr. Jagadananda, social activist and civil society expert and Dr. Sitakanta Mahapatra, eminent writer and editor deliberated at length on the looming tension and refugee problem.

Dr. Mahapatra stated, “I feel happy and privileged to attend this symposium on peace since it is now the prime need of mankind. This is the objective for which Dr. Daisaku Ikeda has been doing so much over the years.”

Dr. Jagadananda shared, “The SDGs, Sendai Framework and Paris agreement does have a wonderful framework about how the world is going to look like in years to come. We need active citizens and a critical mass of hope to realize the framework operational.”

Dr. Dash felt the need for a fundamental shift in our thinking and approach to life and happiness. He said, “We must respect the inherent dignity of all life. We should revitalise life by nurturing values of altruism, cooperation and compassion to restore peace and solidarity in society. The SDGs seek to address problems that are actually man-made. As Dr. Ikeda says in the 2017 Peace Proposal, budgetary allocations and other quick solutions are not the answer. The change will only come when there is a fundamental shift in the thinking process he calls ‘human revolution’.”

Dr. Samanta said, “The Usun ikebans stress on the concept, Vasudeva Kutumbakarn which means that the entire world is one family. Echoing this, the visually challenged Odisha Prophet Bhima Bhoi states that one should sacrifice one’s personal comfort for the betterment of society. So, the concept of solidarity and unity is deeply rooted in our culture. A major force for good lies in the youth. They can drive the world in positive direction by countering feelings of hatred, inequality and violence. Women play a vital role in social reform for they propagate the concept of harmony.”

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BSG organizes Symposium on Dr. Daisaku Ikeda’s 2017 Peace Proposal in Bhubaneswar

Bhubaneswar: Bharat Soka Gakkai society has organized a symposium on Dr. Daisaku Ikeda’s 2017 Peace Proposal in Bhubaneswar on 15th September. The theme of the symposium was “The Global Solidarity of Youth Ushering in a New Era of Hope.” The session was attended by eminent speakers Dr. Anup Kumar Dash, Director on the Board of Directors of National Bank of Agricultural Rural Development (NABARD); Shri Jagadananda, State Information Commissioner; Vishesh Gupta, Chairperson & Board of Directors at Bharat Soka Gakkai—Bharat Soka Gakkai; Dr. Sitaran Mahapatra, an eminent Indian poet and literary critic in Odia; Dr. Iti Samanta, Young writer, social worker & journalist and the director of Kadambini, and Ms. Rashi Ahuja, BSG vice women’s leader Rashi Ahuja. The session was also attended by eminent personalities of the state.

The speakers discussed the proposal of Dr. Daisaku Ikeda and highlighted various social issues like refugees, distress migrants, and education. They appealed youth to come forward to join the peace mission and work towards achieving the goal by 2030.
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Going further, Mr. Gupta quotes President Ikeda and said: “The world is not simply a collection of states, nor is it composed solely of religions and civilizations. Our living, breathing world is woven of the endeavours of countless human beings, … but no two of whom are the same.

“To view and judge others only through the prism of religion or ethnicity distorts the rich reality we each possess as individuals. In contrast, when we develop a deep appreciation, through our individual friendships, of each other’s unique value, differences of ethnicity or religion are illuminated by the dignity and worth of that friend and shine as the value of diversity.”

In his recent peace proposal titled “The Global Solidarity of Youth: Ushering in a New Era of Hope,” Dr Ikeda says that the world should go beyond looking at the problem of displaced persons in terms of numbers and build truly just and inclusive societies. Towards that end, he has proposed that such people should be given the opportunity to directly work in areas that help others who have been forcibly displaced.

Further, Dr Ikeda has urged the United Nations and the world’s universities to work together to create educational opportunities for refugee youth, says Dr Ikeda. Despite the many challenges to achieving global peace, Dr Ikeda says he is “not pessimistic about humanity’s future” because of his faith in “our world’s young people, each of whom embodies hope and the possibility of a better future.”

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When the sun sets, the moon rises. When the moon sets, the stars light up. When the stars are dim, the stars themselves inspire the new hope.

The world lives in the cycle of seasons, the cycle of life. We live in the cycle of today, tomorrow, and the next generation. In this cycle, the only thing that matters is hope. Hope is the only thing that makes life worth living.

When we are faced with challenges, it is important to remember that hope is always there. It is the hope that sustains us when we are at our lowest. It is the hope that gives us the strength to keep going.

In this world, there are many challenges. But we cannot give up. We must keep fighting. We must keep hoping.

When you are faced with an obstacle, remember that there is always a way out. There is always a solution. You must find it.

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ସୁପ୍ରଶ୍ନୁ, ୨୪ ଆଗ୍ରହନ: ପୁଲିପୃଣ୍ଡର ତାରି ଓ ଦୁର୍ବଲ ଦର୍ଶନାକାଶେ ପିର୍ବଳେକୁ ଗୁରୁ ଦତ୍ତି କର୍ତ୍ୟ କରିଥିଲେ। ଏହି ଉପରେ ଲିଖିତ ପ୍ରତ୍ୟେକ ଉଦାହ୍ରଣାକୁ ନିର୍ଦ୍ଦେଶ କରି କରିଥିଲେ ହିସ୍ପୃଣ୍ଡର ସମାଜର ବିଭାଗକୁ ଅଭିନିତ ଗ୍ୟାନରେ ବଳାବଲ ପର୍ଯ୍ୟନ୍ତ କରିଥିଲେ। ଆହାରନ ଇରିତେ ଓ, କର୍ତ୍ତାକାରଙ୍କ ଗୁରୁ ଦତ୍ତି ରକ୍ଷା କରିଥିଲେ। ଏହି ନିନ୍ଧାରନ କରିଥିଲେ ଏବଂ ପାଶ୍ଚତନ୍ତ୍ରକୁ ଅନୁମାନ କରିଥିଲେ।

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