

Ikeda's peace proposal for humanity

The Bharat Soka Gakkai Peace Symposium based on the Japanese Buddhist Leader Daisaku Ikeda's peace proposal for 2018 was recently held in New Delhi, titled—"Toward an Era of Human Rights: Building a People's Movement." The event was presided over by the former President of India, Pranab Mukharjee.

The goal of a life of dignity for each human being remains a distant hope in the 70th Anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, but the way forward to achieving this grand vision came alive at a symposium. A writer, a poet and a peace philosopher, Daisaku Ikeda, the president of Soka Gakkai

International (SGI), has been recognised the world over for his contribution to peace, culture and education.

Mukherjee in his keynote address said, "What struck a deep chord with me is a statement of Ikeda: Being able to contribute in some way to the happiness of others and the world, be it through work or in some other capacity, brings one joy and fulfillment in life." Dwelling on the concept of global nationalism, Mukherjee urged educationists to draw upon visionaries, such as Tagore and stressed that in achieving global recognition, our universities should not forget the difference between 'world-class' and 'world-minded'. One of the



themes of the peace proposal is that the bonds that form a culture of human rights are woven through the experience of joy shared with others. The chairman of the Institute of Social Sciences, George Mathew, focused on the need to strengthen local bodies and empower women. He stated that the Gandhians

believed in the immense potential of panchayats to actualise true democracy and power to the people and that wherever elected women are in power from village to block to district panchayats, there is peace, development and vision for the future. He said, "Ikeda's vision of promoting human dignity and expanding the

solidarity of people linked in their desire for peace, could be achieved through knowledge exchange of grassroots level governments in countries where the SGI has an active presence." The chairperson of the Bharat Soka Gakkai (the Indian affiliate of SGI), Vishesh Gupta, echoed Ikeda's firm belief that humanity must move beyond reliance on what we would now term as 'hard power'—use of military, political or economic might to dominate others. Instead, humanity must aspire towards a world in which the 'soft power' of culture, spirituality, and character inspires a mutual striving toward humanistic excellence and achievement.

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Speaking at a symposium on Soka Gakkai International president Daisaku Ikeda’s 2018 Peace Proposal, ‘Toward an Era of Human Rights: Building a People’s Movement’ at Chinmaya Mission, he said that India’s association with the human rights movement “runs deep” and that even before Independence, “India was active in the international level in its advocacy for the promotion and protection of human rights”.

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Former President Pranab Mukherjee inaugurating the Bharat Soka Gakkai Peace Symposium at the Chinmaya auditorium in the Capital on Wednesday.

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A symposium was held here on Wednesday to discuss Soka Gakkai International president Daisaku Ikeda's Peace Proposal for 2018 titled 'Toward an Era of Human Rights: Building a People's Movement'. The chief guest at the event was former President Pranab Mukherjee.

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Endorsing President Ikeda's view that "the challenge of creating the new reality of a global society where all may live in peace and dignity is not beyond our reach," Mukher-

jee called on the youth to "unite together, become the voice of change to make the world one global society in which no one is left behind".

In his address, George Mathew, chairman, Institute of Social Sciences, focused on the need to strengthen local bodies and empower women. Echoing President Ikeda's belief that solutions lie within, Shovana Narayan said, "Why does peace seem so elusive today? Perhaps the

answer lies within and around us. Have we been able to accept differences?... We need to have dialogues with each other. We also need to listen. We need to appreciate differences and celebrate diversity."

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सार्वजनिक संवाद को हिंसा से मुक्त करना होगा

जनसत्ता संवाददाता

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देश और समाज में बढ़ती हिंसा पर चिंता जताते हुए पूर्व राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी ने कहा कि हमारे सार्वजनिक चर्चाओं या संवाद को किसी भी तरह की हिंसा से मुक्त करना होगा। चाहे वह शारीरिक हिंसा हो या मौखिक। बौद्ध दार्शनिक डॉडाइस्कू इकेदा 2018 के शांति प्रस्ताव पर आयोजित गोष्ठी को संबोधित करते हुए पूर्व राष्ट्रपति ने युवाओं से बदलाव की आवाज बनने का आह्वान किया और देश के विश्वविद्यालयों को नसीहत दी कि उन्हें विश्वस्तरीय और विश्व की सोच रखने में अंतर को नहीं भूलना चाहिए।

अपने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में पूर्व राष्ट्रपति प्रणब मुखर्जी ने कहा, 'दया और सद्गुरुभूति की क्षमता हमारी सभ्यता की बुनियाद है, लेकिन हम अपने आसपास प्रत्येक दिन हिंसा में इजाफा देख रहे हैं। इस हिंसा का केंद्र-बिंदु है अंधकार, डर और अविश्वास। हमें हमारे सार्वजनिक चर्चाओं और संवाद को सभी तरह की हिंसा से मुक्त करना होगा चाहे वह शारीरिक हिंसा हो या मौखिक'। मुखर्जी ने कहा कि केवल एक अहिंसात्मक समाज ही लोकतांत्रिक प्रक्रिया में सभी वर्ग, विशेषकर सीमांत और वंचित लोगों की भागीदारी सुनिश्चित कर सकता है। पूर्व राष्ट्रपति ने देश के युवाओं का आह्वान करते हुए कहा कि उनकी एकजुटता एक ऐसे वैशिक समाज के लिए जरूरी बदलाव की आवाज बने जहाँ कोई भी पीछे ना रहे।

वैशिक राष्ट्रवाद की अवधारणा पर बात



करते हुए प्रणब मुखर्जी ने शिक्षाविदों से टैगोर बैसे दूरदर्शी लोगों से सीख लेने को कहा और जोर दिया कि वैशिक मान्यता प्राप्त करने के लिए हमारे विश्वविद्यालयों को विश्वस्तरीय और विश्व की सोच रखने में अंतर नहीं भूलना चाहिए। इसके साथ ही उन्होंने कहा कि सभी को लाभ पहुंचाने वाले समाज के लिए आवश्यक है कि संवादानिक प्रावधान औम आदमी की पहुंच में हो। मुखर्जी ने प्रसन्नता प्रकट की कि शांति प्रस्तावना में इस बार भी चर्चा की गई है कि मानव अधिकार की संरक्षित को जोड़ने वाले संबंधों का सृजन केवल सुखद अनुभवों से ही होता है। सामाजिक विज्ञान संस्थान, दिल्ली के अध्यक्ष जॉर्ज मैथ्यू ने अपने संबोधन में स्थानीय निकायों और महिलाओं के सशक्तीकरण की आवश्यकता पर बल दिया। उन्होंने कहा कि जहाँ कहीं भी प्रखंड, जिला स्तर पर पंचायतों में चुनी हुई महिलाएं सत्ता में हैं वहाँ शांति, विकास और भविष्य के लिए दृष्टि देखने को मिलती है। वहीं प्रसिद्ध नृत्यांगना शोभना नारायण ने कहा कि हमें

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भारत सोका गावकार्ई के अध्यक्ष विशेष गुप्ता ने कहा कि इकेदा हमें एक ऐसे जीवन दर्शन की ओर प्रोत्त्वाहित कर रहे हैं जिसमें हर व्यक्ति दूसरे को उत्कृष्ट बराबरी का और सुशी पाना का अधिकारी है। उन्होंने कहा कि इकेदा की विश्व नागरिकता की भावना वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम जैसी प्राचीन भारतीय सोच को प्रतिविवित करती है, यानि की पूरा विश्व एक परिवार है।

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Quoting the Constitution's Drafting Committee Chairman B.R. Ambedkar, he said that "... we must remove this contradiction at the earliest possible moment; else, those who suffer from inequality will blow up the structure of democracy which this Constituent Assembly has so laboriously built up."

"How long shall we continue to live this life of contradictions? How long shall we continue to deny equality in our social and economic life? If we continue to deny it for long, we will do so only by putting our political democracy in peril," Mukherjee said to loud applause.

In a talk that combined global nationalism -- Rabindranath Tagore and Mahatma Gandhi -- and human rights, Mukherjee laid out his vision of human rights.

He said that human rights are fundamental to the very existence of mankind and not merely for the benefit of one class or one section of society.

The right to life and personal liberty is available to all people within its territory and not just its citizens, he said. Citing a statement of peace philosopher Daisaku Ikeda, Mukherjee said that "being able to contribute in some ways to the happiness of others and the world, be it through work or in some other capacity, brings one joy and fulfilment in life."

He said that Ikeda's words echo the desire to contribute to the welfare of society and reflect.

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વિશ્વશાંતિ માટે કામ કરતી આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સંસ્થા સોકા ગક્કાઈ ઇન્ટરનેશનલના પ્રમુખ દાસાકુ ઈક્ડા દ્વારા આયોજુત 2019 શાંતિ પ્રસ્તાવ ટ્રૂવડ્સ એન એરા ઓફ લ્યુમન રાઇટ્સ: બીલ્ડિંગ એ પીપલ્સ મૂવમેન્ટ્સ સિમ્પોસિયમ કાર્યક્રમમાં દેશના પૂર્વ રાષ્ટ્રપતિ પ્રણવ મુખરજીએ હાજરી આપી હતી. પૂર્વ રાષ્ટ્રપતિ મુખરજીએ આ કાર્યક્રમના આયોજનના વખાણ કર્યા હતા અને આયોજક સોકા ગક્કાઈ ઇન્ટરનેશનલના પ્રમુખ દાસાકુ ઈક્ડાને અભિનંદન પણ આપ્યા હતા. પૂર્વ રાષ્ટ્રપતિએ કલ્યાણ હતું કે યુવાનોએ હવે બદલાવ લાવવા માટે એકજૂથ થવું પડશે. પ્રણવ મુખરજીએ વિશ્વશાંતિ માટે કામ કરતી આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય સંસ્થા સોકા ગક્કાઈ ઇન્ટરનેશનલની કામગીરીના પણ

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નહીં દિલ્લી। દૂસરોં કો ખુશી દેને સે દુનિયા કા સબસે બડા સુકૂન મિલતા હૈ। શિક્ષાવિદો કો ટૈગેર જૈસે દૂરદર્શી લોગોં સે સીખ લેતે હુએ વૈશ્વિક માન્યતા પર કાર્ય કરના ચાહિએ। વૈશ્વિક માન્યતા પ્રાપ્ત કરને કે લિએ હમારે વિશ્વવિદ્યાલયો કો પૂરે વિશ્વ કે પરિદૃશ્ય મેં વિચાર રખને ચાહિએ।

યે કહના હૈ પૂર્વ રાષ્ટ્રપતિ પ્રણબ મુખર્જીએ બુધવાર કો દિલ્લી કે

ચિન્મય મિશન ઑફિટોરિયમ મેં આયોજિત માનવ અધિકાર કે યુગ કી દિશા મેં એક જન આંદોલન કા નિર્માણ વિષય પર સંગોળી મેં પૂર્વ રાષ્ટ્રપતિ ને દેશ કે કરોડો યુવાઓ સે મજબૂત ભવિષ્ય બનાને કી અપીલ કી। સાર્વભૌમિક વૈશ્વિક ઘોષણા કી 70વી વર્ષાંઠ કો લેકર આયોજિત ઇસ કાર્યક્રમ મેં બૌદ્ધ દાર્શનિક ડાંડાઇસાકુ ઇકેદા ને અધ્યક્ષતા કી। વ્યૂરો