

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
EDUCATING AND TRAINING PEOPLE
IN NONVIOLENCE AND NONKILLING**

**(HISTORICAL BACKGROUND AND CONCEPTUAL
UNDERSTANDING OF THE THEME)**

**DATES :
17 DEC TO 20 DEC, 2019**

**VENUE :
TERAPANTH BHAWAN, ADHYATMA SADHANA KENDRA,
CHHATARPUR, NEW DELHI**

AN INVITATION

Dear friend/friends,

It is a matter of great pleasure for me to invite you to attend the aforesaid conference and share your views with the concerned citizens from across the world as to how to wean children and youths off the culture of violence and hatred in which they are deeply involved. I feel sad as I look at the dismal scenario that prevails today.

The incidents of rapes, heinous murders over trivial things, decoities and religious frenzy are increasing at a terrific speed. Moral and spiritual values have reached their nadir in all sections of society globally. What is most alarming and worrying is that many children and youths are being systematically indoctrinated to commit heinous crimes in the name of religion. You will agree that the children and youths of today are being deliberately exposed to a culture of violence and hatred and no attempt is being made to reverse this trend by educating and training them in a culture of ahimsa (nonviolence).

The two apostles of ahimsa of the last century late His Holiness Acharya Tulsi and Acharya Mahapragya were deeply concerned about the increasing trends of violence among children and youths. They were of the firm view that just as training in violence is being imparted systematically to people globally, it is time children were also trained and educated in a culture of peace and nonviolence. They asked Anuvrat workers associated with Anuvrat Global Organization (ANUVIBHA) to organize the first ever international conference on 'evolving a viable system to train and orient people in nonviolence'. At their instance, it was successfully organized under their auspices at the Children's Peace Palace, Rajsamand in Feb 1991 in which 250 national and international peace activists, nonviolence thinkers and grassroots workers hailing from 30 countries participated and also issued a declaration on training in nonviolence. As a follow up to this historic conference an international dialogue on nonviolence education and training was organized in 1992 at Ladnun under the spiritual patronship of Acharya Tulsi and Acharya Mahaprajna. HH The Dalai Lama was the chief guest. Besides, late Prof. Glenn D. Paige, Prof. Johan Galtung, Prof. Bernard Laffayete, the then UN Peace Studies Unit Chief Ms. Ludwig took part in the dialogue along with some eminent Gandhian scholars of India. All these luminaries lent support to HH Acharya Tulsi and Acharya Mahaprajna's proposal to launch a global campaign to train youngsters in ahimsa. The current Anuvrat Anushashta HH Acharya Shri Mahashramanji is continuing the legacy of his revered predecessors. He continues to lead Ahimsa Yatra and create ahimsa awareness among the masses.

ANUVIBHA has been endeavouring to spread a culture of peace through nonviolence across the world for the last 30 years by organizing a series of international conferences on peace and nonviolent action, dialogues, seminars and camps. We have the Children's Peace Palace at Rajsamand which is a laboratory of a culture of peace and nonviolence for the children of the world.

ANUVIBHA has decided to organize the 10th ICPNA at Terapanth Bhavan, Adhyatma Sadhana Kendra Campus, New Delhi from 17 Dec to 20 Dec, 2019. The theme of the conference this time is '**Educating and Training People in Nonviolence and Nonkilling Alone Can Create a Peaceful and Sustainable World**'.

You will be pleased to learn that the 100th birth anniversary of late His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya, who made nonviolence training his life's mission, is being celebrated from June 2019 to June 2020. This conference is being organized as a tribute to the pious memory of this legendary Acharya who lent a new dimension to the concept of ahimsa and dedicated all his life to train and educate masses in ahimsa.

I hope you will be able to join us at this vitally important conference. It is time the right thinking people of the world paid attention to this catastrophic situation. Needless to say that I consider your contribution to this aspect of education highly significant and expect your positive response. The detailed programme is being worked out and will be sent to you in my next communication.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

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