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AND NONVIOLENT ACTION (7<sup>th</sup> ICPNA)

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Nonviolence cannot solve problems unless both society and individual undergo transformation. Some thinkers give priority to changing socio-political order while others think that a change of heart is more important. But both these views are one-sided and absolutist. In order to train a person in *ahimsa* we must make use of the principles of non-absolutist outlook (*anekant*), we must think of the ways by which we can change both the individual and society. If the individual is not good, even the best social system will collapse. If the social system is not good even a morally elevated person may deviate from the right path. Now the question that arises is how we can change both i.e. the individual and society. It is quite possible to bring about a change in an individual outlook and his lifestyle through practice and some specific exercises that activate one's psychic centres but to bring about a change in society, it is imperative that there is conciliation between political power, social power and economic power.

– Acharya Mahapragya



The essence of knowledge is one's conduct or way of living. In other words the essence of knowledge constitutes *ahimsa* and equanimity. Both these tendencies are innate in an individual. If a person has an innate tendency for forgiveness, he also has a tendency to flare up or be angry. If he has a tendency to indulge in violence and resort to abusive words, he is also endowed with feelings of *ahimsa* and calmness. He who is imbued with forgiveness, contentment and patience becomes nonviolent in his behaviour. Ahimsa is a prime element. It is beneficial for the present life as well as for others. What is expected is that it becomes an integral part of man's lifestyle.

– Yuvacharya Mahashraman

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**VENUE**

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Dear Friend/Friends

You will be pleased to know that ANUVIBHA which has been waging a campaign against violence and hatred in consonance with the goals of UNO for the last 25 years is going to organize the 7th International Conference on Peace and Nonviolent Action in two parts at Jaipur (India) from 10th November to 14th November, 2008. It will be held under the auspices of His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya, one of the most revered national saints and a celebrated Jain Acharya known for his historic Ahimsa Yatra (a journey on foot to enhance people's awareness of nonviolence) and Yuvacharya Mahashraman, successor to Acharya Mahapragya.

We cordially invite you to attend both the parts of the 7th ICPNA. The first part is a highly significant three-day international dialogue (10th Nov. to 12th Nov., 2008) on **Evolving a New Model of Nonviolent Lifestyle for Universal Peace and Sustainability** followed by its second part i.e. **The Second International Nonviolence Leadership Training Camp (13th Nov. to 14th Nov., 2008)**.

### Theme of the International Dialogue

Every responsible citizen of the world is deeply concerned about the rising tide of violence, crime and hatred speedily engulfing the whole world. We believe that the crisis that has triggered environmental and ecological degradation, economic disparities, gross violation of human rights, abject poverty, hunger, climate change and global warming is man made. It is the result of man's unrestrained and unethical lifestyle, unsustainable development and excessive greed for accumulation of wealth. The crisis is compounded by a new phenomenon i.e. religious terrorism. It is taking a heavy toll of innocent lives across the world. It is widely believed that it may soon turn into nuclear terrorism.

United Nations which has been crusading for peace for the last five decades expressed its serious concern at the growing religious intolerance that is percolating through social fabric at global level. It is giving rise to a cult of fanaticism which is fuelling communal violence and generating hatred. Alarmed by this rapidly spreading venom UN organized a high level dialogue for interreligious understanding and cooperation at its headquarters on October 4-5, 2007 and held an interactive hearing with civil society to exchange views about enhancing interfaith cooperation. This constructive initiative launched by United Nations reveals the gravity of the situation.

One spiritually elevated soul who is deeply concerned about this critical situation threatening the extinction of human race is His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya, the present Anushasta (preceptor) and Spiritual Patron of Anuvrat

Movement, a movement that inspires people to pledge themselves to observe small vows (basic vows) enjoining them to refrain from inessential violence, war, ostentation, religious intolerance, injury to trees, environmental pollution, dishonesty and deception in business, intoxicants like alcohol and drugs like heroin etc. is deeply concerned about this self-inflicted deplorable plight of the people of this planet. He is of the view that the root of the problem lies in our lifestyle propelled by competitive modern economics totally devoid of ethical values. It is making people self-centred, greedy, insensitive and violent. Economic power wielded by multinationals is contributing greatly to a cult of violence and hatred. The current models of economic systems being followed all over the world are accelerating the slide to eco-catastrophe. Acharya Mahapragya has developed an alternative models of economics embedded in ethical values. In the first part of the 7th ICPNA, this model as well as the global issues listed above will be discussed threadbare and solutions with action plans will be recommended. The detailed programme including information about plenary sessions, round-table discussions and workshops is given under separate heads in the foregoing pages.

Anuvibha has so far organized six international conferences on peace and nonviolent action which has attracted hundreds of overseas and Indian thinkers, grassroots workers, scholars and peace activists. It organized its Silver Jubilee on 30th Dec. 2007 at its Peace Palace, Rajsamand (Raj.) under the auspices of the two apostles of peace and nonviolence, Acharya Mahapragya and his successor Yuvacharya Mahashraman.

### **Nonviolence Leadership Training Camp and Acharya Mahapragya's Vision**

As already stated above the second part of the 7th ICPNA is the **Second International Nonviolence Leadership Training Camp**. We successfully organized the First International Nonviolence Leadership Training Camp from Dec. 26 to Dec. 29, 2007 at Anuvibha's Children's Peace Palace, Rajsamand (Raj.) under the direct guidance of His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya and his successor Yuvacharya Mahashraman. It was a highly successful venture organized by ANUVIBHA in association with Ahimsa Samvaaya Kendras of Jaipur and Rajsamand. You will be pleased to know that His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya and his successor Yuvacharya Mahashraman have agreed to guide and lead the above camp. Acharya Mahapragya, widely known for his transcendental wisdom and clairvoyance, shot into prominence when he embarked on Ahimsa Yatra on Dec. 5, 2001 and became instrumental in extinguishing the flames of fanaticism and restoring peace to the strife-torn state of Gujarat in 2002. His Ahimsa Yatra continues radiating the brilliance of nonviolence even today.

The two apostles of ahimsa believe that mere theoretical deliberations and discourses are ineffective unless they are accompanied by practical experiments. Nonviolence training will consist of practical exercises to activate psychic centres in the body which will enable the trainees to experience inner peace and happiness. The activation of psychic centres brings about transformation among individuals and strengthens their faith in ahimsa. It naturally enhances their emotional competence and relieves them of stress. Needless to say that the two-day nonviolence training camp will equip the participants with infinite cosmic energy to face the challenge in their lives.

If you are interested in the above events i.e. the International Dialogue and the International Nonviolence Leadership Training Camp, kindly complete the registration form being enclosed and email it to the International Coordinator i.e. [anuvibha@anuvibha.in](mailto:anuvibha@anuvibha.in) or [slgandhi@hotmail.com](mailto:slgandhi@hotmail.com).

### **ANUVIBHA A Brief Introduction**

The 7th ICPNA is being sponsored and organized by ANUVRAT GLOBAL ORGANIZATION globally known by its acronym ANUVIBHA in association with Jain Vishva Bharati, Ladnun. It is a transnational centre for peace and nonviolent action and has been in the forefront of national and international campaigns for peace through ahimsa, disarmament, interfaith harmony and protection of earth's ecosystem for the last 25 years. It is associated with United Nations Department of Public Information (UN/DPI). It has been extending support and cooperation to UN initiatives for peace. The two international conferences organized by it in 2003 and 2007 were exclusively dedicated to UN projects like UN Decade of a Culture of Peace and Nonviolence for the Children of the World and two MDGs i.e. hunger and poverty respectively.

### **International Dialogue on Evolving a New Model of Nonviolent Lifestyle for Universal Peace and Sustainability**

#### **PLENARY SESSIONS**

The following plenary sessions have been planned :

1. Lifestyle : Perception, Parametres and Nonviolent Strategies
2. Global Vision of Sustainable Development : Ecological and Environmental Crisis vis-a-vis Human Behaviour
3. Culture of Nonviolence, Shared Cultures and Universal Culture
4. Youth as a Role Model for Nonviolent Lifestyle



5. Co-existence of Religions, Pluralism and Cultural Diversity
6. Anuvrat (basic values) and Jivan Vigyan (science of living): Instruments of Change for Nonviolent Lifestyle
7. Interreligious Understanding and Cooperation for popularizing Nonviolent Lifestyle in a pre-parliament event in the form of a special plenary session in association with CPWR

## WORKSHOPS

In addition to the above plenaries, there will be four workshops or round-tables each day. Those who want to read papers at a particular plenary session written strictly according to its sub-theme or want to lead a workshop or organize a round-table on any area relating to the main theme are invited to make proposals and email the same to the Conference Secretariat as soon as possible but not later than **30th Sept. 2008**.

**(a) For a plenary presentation, please use the following format :**

- Title of the paper or presentation
- Name of the Plenary Session for which it is meant
- Summary of your paper in 100 words

**(B) For a Workshop or a round-table, just write the title and summary of hundred words**

*Note :* Those whose proposals are accepted will be informed soon.

## Briefing Session

A briefing session will be held at 8 p.m. on 9th Nov., 2008 at the venue of the conference. All participants are requested to arrive before 5 p.m. on Nov. 9, 2008.

## Arrival and Reception

Though the conference will be formally inaugurated in the morning of 10th Nov. at 10 a.m. at the above venue all the delegates are requested to arrive at the Anuvibha Jaipur Kendra by the evening of 9th Nov., 2008.

Jaipur is well-connected by air, rail and road. If a delegate sends us his or her confirmed itinerary, arrangements will be made to receive them at the airport or at the city railway station. Our volunteers with a banner of 7th ICPNA - ANUVIBHA will be present at the arrival gate of all incoming flights from Delhi or Mumbai from morning to evening on 9th Nov. and on the dates which the delegates with confirmed itineraries, email to us.

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## Climate

It is the beginning of the winter season. Though the climate is pleasant, delegates are advised to bring warm clothes with them. The temperature varies from 15 degree celsius to 20 degree celsius in the night and 20 to 30 degree celsius in the day.

## Language

The official language at all the plenary sessions will be English but the non-English speaking delegates may bring with them their own translators for simultaneous translation. They will have to complete their presentation in the prescribed time.

## Visas

The delegates are advised to seek tourist visas only. In case of difficulty please contact us.

## Travel Coordinators

ANUVIBHA has designated Integrated Conference and Event Management company (ICE) of Delhi as our travel coordinators. You can contact them for travel coordination and information about the Pink City of Jaipur. Those who want to stay in hotels (economy and star ones) at Jaipur can contact them for economy or five star hotel accommodation in the vicinity of the venue of the conference. I give below their address but you should contact them only after you have registered for the 7th ICPNA:

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## Travel Cost

All participants will have to bear the cost of their air or surface travel themselves. The organizers have no funds to give travel grants or scholarships. However, if need be, the organizers can write letters of recommendation to any trust or organization they apply to.

## Registration

For all overseas delegates excluding the ones who come from SAARC countries or India, the registration fee for both the events i.e. International Dialogue and Nonviolence Training Camp is 100 US dollars.



For Indian citizens and the citizens of SAARC countries the registration fee is Rs. 1000/-. The registration fee is a delegate's token support for the good cause of popularizing a culture of *ahimsa*. It can be paid online on [www.anuvibha.in](http://www.anuvibha.in) or can be sent by demand drafts or by cheques drawn in favour of ANUVIBHA. The registration fee can also be wire-transferred directly to ANUVIBHA's bank account i.e. SBBJ 0010383 A/c No. 51004850079, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur. It can also be paid on arrival.

### Free Local Hospitality

All delegates whose registrations are confirmed by the secretariat will be extended free local hospitality.

### The Attraction of Pink City Jaipur

It is already known to you that the Pinkcity of Jaipur is an international tourist centre. The organizers will organize a sight-seeing tour too on optional basis. We will also help the delegates to organize their pre or post conference tours. We will post the details on our website soon.

### Last Date

The last date for registration is 30th Sept. but we advise you for earliest registration to avoid disappointment.

It is a great opportunity for those who are interested in deepening their understanding of ahimsa (nonviolence) and in learning the techniques of nonviolence training which can stand them in good stead when they return home.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Pink City of Jaipur.

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## CHILDREN'S PEACE PALACE RAJSAMAND, INDIA

ANUVIBHA maintains Children's Peace Palace at Rajsamand near Udaipur (Raj.) where the 6<sup>th</sup> ICPNA was held. It is situated on top of a hill overlooking the lake Rajsamand which has once again been filled with water. The scenic beauty of the place has thus been enhanced. The entire complex is dedicated to children. With the selfless efforts of Mr. Mohan Lal Jain, the founder of Anuvibha, the complex has been developed in such a way that if the children spend even a day going round the caves and museum, they are certain to imbibe the spirit of *ahimsa*. Here, we organize periodical camps for children from time to time in which students from neighbourhood as well as from far-flung areas of the country and abroad participate in large numbers. Hundreds of students have benefited from this creative and practical approach to a culture of peace. The environment is charged with quietude and tranquility and is ideally suited for such conferences.

The three important projects being organized at Rajsamand are: BALADOYA which imparts training to children in basic values of life and *ahimsa* in a natural environment, RASHTRIYA ANUVRAT SHIKSHAK SAMSAD, a National Parliament of Teachers committed to Anuvrat (basic values) which infuses into children a desire to live the good life and AHIMSA SAMVAAYA KENDRA (Nonviolence Resource Center) which organizes nonviolence training programmes regularly for all sections of society.

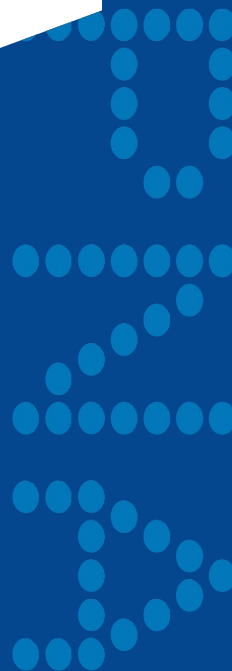
Those who want to visit our Peace Palace after the 7th ICPNA must contact Mr. Sanchay Jain, Secretary General of ANUVIBHA.

For details, see our website <http://www.anuvibha.in>



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A view of the Children's Peace Palace, Rajsamand (India)

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