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**7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND
NONVIOLENT ACTION (7th ICPNA)
(November 10 to 14, 2008)**

**PART I : International Dialogue on Exploring a New Model of Nonviolent
Lifestyle for Universal Peace and Sustainability
(10th November to 12th November, 2008)**

**PART II : Second International Nonviolence Leadership Training Camp
(in association with Ahimsa Samvaay Kendras of Jaipur and Rajsamand -
Project of Jain Vishva Bharati, Ladnun)
(13th November to 14th November, 2008)**

**Venue : ANUVIBHA JAIPUR KENDRA, Malviya Nagar,
JAIPUR – 302 017 (Rajasthan) INDIA**

AN INVITATION

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 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 for 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 or 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. 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. It celebrated its silver jubilee on 30th Dec. 2007 at its Peace Palace Rajsamand (Raj.)

International Dialogue on Exploring 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. Peace Economics (Economics of Nonviolence), Dimensions, Dilemmas and Futuristic Scenarios
4. Culture of Nonviolence, Shared Cultures and Universal Culture
5. Youth As a Role Model for Nonviolent Lifestyle
6. Co-existence of Religions, Pluralism and Cultural Diversity
7. Anuvrat (basic values) and Jivan Vigyan (science of living) : Instruments of Change for Nonviolent Lifestyle

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

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- Summary of your paper in 100 words _____
- (b) For a Workshop or a round-table just write the subject and summary of one 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. 9th, 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.

Climate

It is the beginning of the winter season. In a pleasant climate, delegates are requested to bring warm clothes with them. The temperature varies from 15 degree celsius to 20 degree celcius in the night and 20 to 30 degree celcius 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 resources 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** if paid before **Sept. 15, 2008** and **150 US dollars** after **Sept. 15, 2008**.

For Indian citizens and the citizens of SAARC countries the registration fee is Rs. 1000/- if paid before Sept. 15, 2008 and Rs. 1500/- if paid after Sept. 15, 2008. 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 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. SBBJ0010383 A/c No. 51004850079, Gandhi Nagar, Jaipur. The participants must

email or fax the transmission report to the secretariat. In order to avoid disappointment, prospective participants are advised to register as soon as possible.

Subsidized Cost of Accommodation and Meals

In addition to the registration fee the participants have to pay for their stay and meals. The organizers have decided to charge the subsidized cost of just 300 US dollars for six nights i.e. Nov. 9 to Nov. 14, 2008 from the overseas delegates excluding the ones who come from SAARC countries and Rs. 3000/- from Indian citizens and citizens of SAARC countries. The cost includes six nights stay with Gandhian simplicity on twin-sharing basis, vegetarian meals, tea and breakfast for six days.

It can be paid at the time of arrival at Registration Desk or can be airtailed or mailed by cheques drawn in favour of ANUVIBHA to the conference secretariat. This amount for meals and accommodation can also be paid online in addition to the registration fee.

Those who do not want to stay but would like to attend the 7th ICPNA may pay only for meals (i.e. Rs. 1000/- only for the citizens of India and SAARC countries or 100 US dollars for the citizens of other countries).

Accommodation in Hotels

The subsidized cost of 300 US dollars for overseas participants and Rs. 3000/- for the citizens of India and SAARC countries is meant only for those who opt to stay at Anuvibha Guest House. You are free to stay in hotels too. We have two, three, four and five star hotels in neighbouring areas. In the registration form there are alternative columns and you may indicate your preference. The minimum cost of staying in non-five star hotels varies from 150 US dollars to 200 US dollars. The cost of staying in five star hotels varies from 250 US dollars to 350 US dollars. Our travel coordinators will negotiate the tariff and we will circulate the negotiated cost among those who register for the 7th ICPNA.

Fee Waiver and Free Local Hospitality

There are many highly committed grassroots workers or academics from developing and western countries who are unable to pay the conference registration fee and bear the cost of local hospitality. We are raising funds for bursaries for such needy persons. We can help twenty persons on first come first basis. They are advised to register with applications for fee waiver and 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 15th 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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