

NATIONAL SEMINAR
ON
LEARNING TO LIVE IN PEACE:
VALUE EDUCATION INPUTS FOR A BETTER WORLD

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There is no way to peace, peace is the way. There cannot be anything in the world greater and nobler than peace. No doubt we have grown in terms of our knowledge but surely have failed in learning to live in peace and harmony with others. There are lots of violence and aggression around. Our education, somehow or other, has not been able to ensure a peaceful world for our children. It teaches and increasingly glorifies more of competition than cooperation. Despite relentless efforts and sacrifices of leaders and messengers of peace, we have not been able to create a 'culture of peace' for ourselves. It has become always easier to pick up a fight than positing faith on the value and importance of peace in life. Our history is replete with horrors of wars. Nations are found to have more of war mongering attitude and activities than peace building efforts.

Maria Montessori in 1930s made a very loud and bold statement - *"Those who want war prepare young people for war; but those who want peace have neglected young children and adolescents so that they are unable to organize them for peace"*.

Thus, it has become imperative on us that If we are to move away from violence as a way of solving disputes and conflicts at home and abroad we must work together to help young people learn how to live in peace by way of dealing with conflict in a more creative and non-violent way. We need to help them grow in the process of acquiring values, knowledge and developing attitude, skills, and behaviours to live in harmony with oneself, with others, and with the natural environment as well .

Disputes and conflicts may be inevitable but definitely violence is not. To prevent continued cycles of violence, education must seek to promote peace, tolerance and understanding to help create a better society for all, not fuel hatred and suspicion.

The General Assembly of the United Nations proclaimed the years 2001-2010 the International Decade for a Culture of Peace and Non-violence for the Children of the World.

It defines a culture of peace as 'all the values, attitudes and forms of behaviour that reflect respect for life, for human dignity and for all human rights, the rejection of violence in all its forms and commitment to the principles of freedom, justice, solidarity, tolerance and understanding between people'.

Education for peace is essential for building a culture of peace. The United Nations has called on every country to 'ensure that children, from an early age, benefit from education to enable them to resolve any dispute peacefully and in a spirit of respect for human dignity and of tolerance'.

The proposed Seminar, under the aegis of SAP, UGC, is a humble attempt of the Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana to create and provide a platform at Visva-Bharati , Santiniketan, the treasure trove of knowledge/ culture and an abode of Peace to the scholars and academia to assemble, deliberate, debate, discuss, dialogue and discern vital and essential value education inputs for creating a peaceful and better world for the future.

Theme / Title of the Seminar: Learning to Live in Peace: Value Education Inputs for a Better World

Sub-Themes: (Suggestive only, not exhaustive):

- **Conceptual Inputs :**
Peace Education, Value Education, Vision of a Better World, Life & living with Peace and Harmony, Value Crisis , War & Peace, Violence, Conflicts, Violation of Human Rights & Dignity
- **Policy Inputs for Peace & Value Education**

Reports & Recommendations of Various Committees & Commissions on Peace & Value Education

National Policies on Education,

Values enshrined in Indian Constitution - Justice, Liberty, Equality & Fraternity; Fundamental Duties

- **Curricular Inputs**

Contents /Components of Peace and Value Education for Primary, Secondary & Tertiary / Higher Education

Curriculum Development / Reform in the light of Peace & Value education

Values across the Subjects / Disciplines

Model curricula of UGC & Curriculum Frameworks of NCERT & NCTE with reference to Peace & Values

Integration & Infusion of Peace & Value contents in Curriculum

- **Pedagogic Inputs**

Teaching & Learning Methods of Peace and Values

Teaching Learning Materials for promotion of Peace & Values

Role/ Function & Personality of Teachers for promotion of Peace and Values

Evaluation of Value & Peace education components / achievements/ Practices/ Strategies

- **Cultural Inputs**

Tradition, Customs, Rituals, Practices relating to Peace and Values

Peace and Value components in various Scriptures, and Literature

Promotion of Peace & Values through Art, Craft & Music

- **Miscellaneous**

Value Conflicts / Dilemma,

Violence, Hatred, Competition

Living Values– Tolerance, Understanding, Cooperation, Sharing, Caring, Love, Sacrifice, Honour, Appreciation, Creativity

Peace and Values Vis-a-vis Science & Technology, Development, Money, Market Machine / Media & Materialism

Life Style & Values

Peace Within & Peace Outside - Peace of Mind, Peace in Family, Peace in Community, Peace in the World (Global Peace), Peace in the Environment

Leaders of Peace

Peace Keeping, Peace Making and Peace Building

Best / Innovative Practices in Peace and Value Education

Types / Dimensions of values – Ethical, Moral, Social, Cultural, Democratic, Secular Aesthetic, Human; National Values

Threats to Peace & Values – Power, Politics, Pressure, Absence of Law & Order, Inaction / non-action / wrong action

Yoga/ Games & Sports/ Physical education for Peace & Values

Religion & Spirituality

Civil Societies, NGOs & Institutions (National & Global) engaged in Value & Peace Education

- **Important Information & Dates**

- Submission of Abstract (Maximum 300 Words, Times New Roman, Font Size- 12) – **22nd March 2018**

- **Registration**

Interested participants are requested to register them by sending **duly filled-in Registration Form** to **sapseminar2018@gmail.com** / the Organising Secretary, National Seminar & Coordinator, SAP, Department of Education, Vinaya Bhavana **by 22.03.2018**. On receipt of the filled-in registration form the participants will receive a **REGISTRATION CONFIRMATION** message.

Registration Form: Attached at the End

Registration Fees:

- i. Faculty Members / Teachers of University Departments ,
Colleges-General & Teacher Education - **Rs.1000/-**
- ii. Research Scholars - **Rs. 700/-**

(Research Scholars are required to submit necessary documents duly issued by the Competent Authority/ Head of the Department/Principal of the Institution/ College)

Confirmed Registered Participants are directed to deposit their Registration Fees on the Registration Desk only at **LIPIKA**, the Seminar Venue on **26th March 2018**.

- **Accommodation-**

Month of March being full of activities in Visva-Bharati, Guest Houses remain usually occupied. However, guests, on payment and request to the accommodation committee, will be assisted for accommodation on first come first serve basis , either in University Guest House (if available) or adjoining / neighbouring hotels.

- **Weather at Santiniketan**

During the month of March the Weather at Santiniketan is quite pleasant with temperature variation between 30°C (high) and 18°C (low).

- **How to Reach**

Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan , located in Birbhum district of West Bengal State of India, about 165 km from Kolkata (erstwhile Calcutta) , the city of joy , is well connected with major cities of the country and can be easily reached by railways / road . The local Railway Station to get down is Bolpur-Santiniketan, just two kilometres away from the conference Venue. The nearest Airports are Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose International Airport, Kolkata (20 K.M. from Howrah Rly. Station/ 158 K.M. from Santiniketan) and well connected by regular public transport services. There are two other railway stations in the city of Kolkata i.e. Sealdah and Kolkata from where trains are available to Bolpur-Santiniketan. Delegates coming from northern India by train may get down either at Durgapur or Burdwan to avail road transport / catch the connecting trains to Bolpur-Santiniketan instead of going Howrah and coming back .

- **Communication/ Correspondence**

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REGISTRATION FORM

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