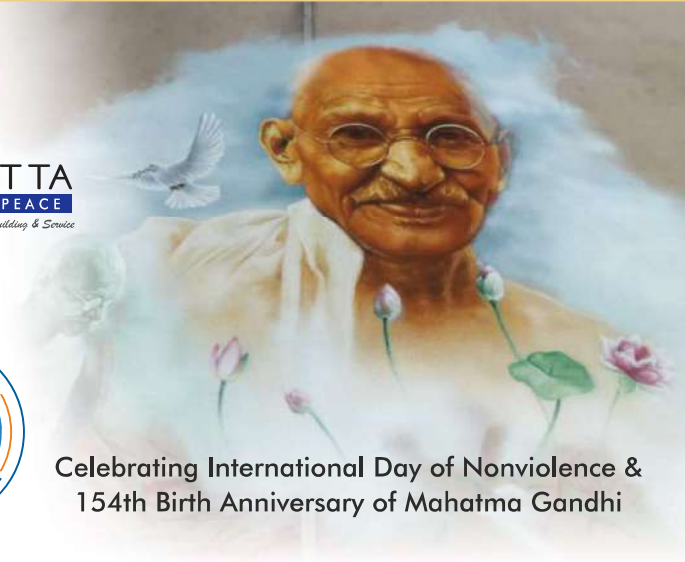




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Presenting 1st ASIAN SDG CHALLENGER INTER-UNIVERSITY TROPHY



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16th Global Youth Peace Fest - GYPF 2023

ABOUT

In an ever-changing and rapidly globalizing world, annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF for the young people aims to highlight the importance of global citizenship, encourage development, an optimistic attitude towards self and society, and propagate a feeling of respect and positive curiosity towards the unfamiliar or misunderstood aspects of our society in an ever-diversifying global context. And in the past 18 year's GYPF-our annual Global Youth Peace Fest, has now become a breeding ground for inspiring new ideas, beyond forging lasting friendships across cultures. GYPF provides participating delegates a global platform to meet likeminded people and youth leaders to network and evolve to build a better world.

VISION

We envision a world where all people are respected equally and protected fully and realized universally. Included in this vision is a world where all young people – regardless of nationality, ethnicity, religion, class, gender or other differences – are encouraged and empowered to non-violently claim their own rights and serve as advocates for the rights of others.

MISSION

We believe there are capable young leaders in every global community, who can become catalysts or 'Agents of Change'. Bringing these leaders together through digital applications and inspire transformative change is the mission of the annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF and a unique Global Peace Bridge platform.

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H.E. Mr. Maithripala Sirisena
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Mr. Pasindu Gunaratne
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(NYSC), Sri Lanka



Dr. Priyaranjan Trivedi
President, Confederation of
Indian Universities (CIU)

OBJECTIVES

Young people around the world remain optimistic that an inclusive, resilient recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic is possible. With creativity and dedication, they are helping develop solutions to make sure communities emerge stronger than before from the pandemic. No doubt, it is the young people who have experienced the brunt of the pandemic's impact worldwide. As Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), said: "Young people are at less risk of severe disease and death from COVID-19 but will be the most affected by the long-term consequences of the pandemic, which will shape the world they live and work in for decades to come".

Yet, despite these troublesome trends, young people have also been an energetic force at the forefront of developing creative solutions to an inclusive and sustainable pandemic recovery. At GYPF 2023, the organizers would like young people to play a role in every possible element that exists advocacy, policymaking, research, environment, gender sensitization — from every possible angle.

GYPF 2023 will bring together young people from diverse backgrounds, religions and nationalities to discuss their experiences and propose solutions for the youths as they foresee their future. This will provide them a platform for increased cross-fertilization of ideas so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action as well as volunteers to co-create a future equal to their vast potential. The organizers assume that the continuity of organizing GYPF will prove infectious and definitely help sprout a similar spirit elsewhere.

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ORGANIZERS

YUVSATTA (YOUTH FOR PEACE)



Since 1990, Yuvsatta (youth for peace), an NGO, is working in a variety of areas to steer the young people towards implementing Gandhian ideals of Constructive Programme based on voluntary effort and individual & community action. They envision a world where all people are respected

equally, protected fully and realized universally. There are capable young leaders in every community who can become catalysts or 'Agents of Change', bringing them together and inspire transformative change is the mission of the annual Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF of Yuvsatta (youth for peace).

NATIONAL YOUTH SERVICES COUNCIL (NYSC), SRI LANKA



Sri Lanka places utmost importance on the country's youth to achieve its ambitious development targets in social and economic spheres. Hence, youth of Sri Lanka are also having an undertaking for economic and social upliftment of the country. It is important to inculcate self-reliance

in youths and directing them towards winning those goals. The National Youth Services Council in Sri Lanka has been established with the aim of guiding the Sri Lankan youths in the proper direction to enable them to empower themselves to the fullest potential while contributing to the nation's prosperity.

CONFEDERATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES (CIU)



Confederation of Indian Universities (CIU) has been established with the co-sponsorship of selected university level institutions in India and with an objective of uniting all the university level institutions in India with a view to optimising their available resources and for mutual as well as technical cooperation among

the universities for exchange of ideas and for mitigating the disastrous effects of the duplication of efforts and wastage in education. The (CIU) is the national umbrella for all the Government of India recognised universities, including central, state, private and deemed universities besides the institutes of national importance.

1st ASIAN SDG CHALLENGER INTER-UNIVERSITY TROPHY

HISTORY

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Member States in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future. At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and

developing - in a global partnership. They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go hand-in-hand with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

ABOUT

The world counts 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 10 and 24, the largest generation in history, close to 90% of those living in developing countries. Connected to each other and the world like never before, young people are actively contributing in their communities,

bringing innovative solutions, driving social progress and inspiring political change. The active engagement of youth in sustainable development efforts is central to achieving a sustainable, inclusive and equitable society by 2030.

WAY FORWARD...

UNIVERSITIES AROUND ASIA ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE

1ST ASIAN SDG CHALLENGER INTER-UNIVERSITY TROPHY

THE 7 STEP PARTICIPATION PROCESS;

1. Form a team of 4-6 university students
2. Let them identify one or more SDG's
3. Ask them to build a project around their chosen SDG (s)
4. Send a brief 250 words about the project to the organizers of GYPF23 at projectbridge.yuvsatta@gmail.com latest by July 31, 2023
5. Implement the project on ground for minimum 30-45 days
6. Make a 3-4 minutes presentation about the project and show the same on the inaugural day of 16th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF23, at NYSC-National Youth Services Council, Sri Lanka.
7. The winners will get '1ST ASIAN SDG CHALLENGER INTER-UNIVERSITY CHALLENGER TROPHY', with merit certificates, seed-money of USD1500, networking opportunities, for their project to grow more and gain visibility at global level.

NOTE: An already existing project around an SDG at University level can also be presented.

**SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT
GOALS**



16th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF2023

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME SCHEDULE

Friday, September 29, 2023

- Traditional Welcome of International Delegates.
- Welcome evening dinner.

Saturday, September 30, 2023

- Formal Inauguration of GYPF2023
- **1st ASIAN SDG CHALLENGER INTER-UNIVERSITY TROPHY & AWARD**
- An Afro-Asian Forum in alignment with UN SDG Agenda 2030
- 100 feel wall-painting with internationally acclaimed artist Ms. Anna Karina Jardin, Founder, Artdialogo-Asia
- Indigenous Games
- **SDG5-Gender Equality Candle Light March in the evening**

Sunday, October 1, 2023

- Early morning 'Cleanliness Drive at Colombo Beach'
- Country wise grassroot stories from the field & sharing of best practices
- **Indo-Pacific Advocacy Projects for Scalable Action**
- Traditional Global Fashion Parade
- **YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS**
- A Cultural Panorama of Music & Dance
- **SDG 5 Workshop-Achieving Gender Equality by 2023**
- **Global Peace Bridge Meet**

Monday, October 2, 2023-International Day of Nonviolence

- **#Youth2030-Leveraging Youth Power for Transformative Change**
- **GLOBAL YOUTH ICON AWARDS**
- Announcements/Plans for GYPF2024,
- Valedictory function
- Acknowledgements, photo-sessions, social media fest
- **Dasvidaniya...**



BACKGROUND

It was significant that the year 2000 had been designated by the United Nations as the International Year for the Culture of Peace. The euphoria generated during this period and the concerns that were expressed also affirmed growing concern over consumerist culture, dwindling moral values, disregard of human concerns and widespread environmental degradation. At that time various international initiatives were taken to involve youth in emerging as change agents. It was a fact that the young were not being effectively involved in these processes. Mahatma Gandhi, who emphasized the importance of the youth being assigned higher roles, said that a society which doesn't ensure youth involvement will have little chance of growth. And in keeping with this spirit, Yuvsatta first organized the World Youth Conference on the theme of 'Millennium without Violence' in January 2000,

This attempt by Yuvsatta to organize an international event, in which young students from 15 different countries presided, was a success. Guiding the young were eminent personalities like Sri R. Venkataraman, former President of India. Prof. BR Nanda, prominent historian and senior Gandhians like Prof. KD Gangrade, Prof. N. Radhakrishnan. Organisations like Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, based in New Delhi in India also published a book on the proceedings of the Conference, which was released by Prof. Moegiadi, then Director of UNESCO, New Delhi office. An event of this scale involves a lot of networking with stakeholders, logistics management and financial support, which at that time became very difficult for Yuvsatta volunteers and resultantly they were not able to make such an effort again for the next six years.

But this doesn't mean that Yuvsatta volunteers remained silent in between. On the contrary, they started the concept of 'Peace-city Chandigarh' with the opening of peace clubs in schools and colleges of the city. Under this campaign, over 100 'Peace Clubs' were formed in major

educational institutions of tricity i.e. Chandigarh-Mohali-Panchkula. Thus, many Principals and teachers in charge of respective schools and colleges are dedicating their time and resources to the task of making these clubs vibrant and result-oriented. Education of the peace volunteers on the positive aspect of nonviolence through constructive activities, discussions, interactions and effective dialogue is the main focus of the initiative.

In 2006, Yuvsatta volunteers once again made an attempt at organizing an international event by inviting 100 young people from India and Pakistan. This was quite successful in spreading the message that continuity in relationships is essential for better understanding and removal of misgivings. Next year in 2007 participants doubled with over 200 young people gathering from both the neighboring countries of India and Pakistan. The youths were not willing to be mute witnesses to their futures being written-unwritten and destroyed by governments. They were not hesitant to stand up to be counted and they decided to spread their small network to young people from other countries as well, so that man-made barriers can be diminished, which in later years resulted in participation by young people from many countries around the world.

Progressing well into the last edition of the 14th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2019, over 250 young people from 23 countries of the world participated. After a brief COVID-break, the 15th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF2022 was successfully organized for the first-time outside India at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in which over 200 young people from 12 countries of the world participated. The GYPF supports and endorses the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

At the GYPF 2023, the focus will be on SDG 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development), which aims at reflection opportunities to renew and integrate efforts to

achieve the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Our outdated education system that breeds competition over collaboration, educators should consider Goal 17 as a spark for a shift in the mindset. The young people should

learn how to develop partnerships and build collective intelligence within their classroom, local community and even in revitalizing international connections.

IMPACT

1. GYPF is a catalyst for young people to get involved in their community and make a difference. Such efforts energize those who are already engaged in good causes, helping people recognize they are not alone in their endeavor. The GYPF brings everyone together and promotes new bonds beyond boundaries of race, religion and nationalities.
2. In the past 18 years GYPF has created a network of hundreds of motivated youth across the globe. From issues of environment to violence, these youths have been advocating for equal human rights and sustainability in various manners.
3. In addition, mobilizing the youth organizations / networks is an important focus of the event.
4. Now 15 years of intervention of an annual GYPF has started regular youth exchange programmes between young people of India with ten other countries of Bhutan, Bangladesh, China, Indonesia, Mauritius, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, Russia & Sri-Lanka.
5. GYPF provides young people a platform for increased exchange of ideas so that they become true global citizens in thinking and action and volunteer to co-create a future equal to their vast potential.
6. GYPF further energizes the formation of Peace Clubs in educational institutions which not only take active part in the initiative but also spread ideas, network and campaigns for the common good of all.



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REGISTER NOW!

GYPF2023 Registration Process

All registrations must be submitted online at www.peacefestindia.in

Registration Deadline: August 30, 2023

ELIGIBILITY

- The organizing team will select GYPF 2023 delegates in a manner that ensures relative uniformity and high level of geographic diversity. All nationalities are welcome to apply. And for the purposes of group cohesion, each applicant will be evaluated as per his/her online filled registration details.
- Age: If you are older than 40, please consider attending as an observer.
- Within 30 days of receipt of acceptance letter from the organizing team, delegates need to pay full registration fee (non-refundable) to secure her/his position in the mega-event.
- Given the limited spaces available and the number of applications received, organizers can only guarantee a place in the GYPF 2023 upon receipt of full registration fee.

Partnerships

The GYPF 2023 organizers are also interested to work closely with State Institutions, Private Companies, INGOs, Universities and NGOs and will be happy to discuss any further mutual partnership possibilities. Please feel free to send your queries or suggestions in this regard at projectbridge.projectbridge.yuvsatta@gmail.com.

Registration Fee

Registration Fee Package	With Early-bird discount by July 2023	After July 2023
Conference (Double) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pick-up on September 29th & drop on October 2, 2023 at Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo, Sri Lanka• 3-4 Star Hotel accommodation for 3 nights & 4 days on twin sharing basis• #GYPF2023 gala-meet and three meals on September 30th, October 1, 2023, breakfast plus lunch on October 2, 2023• Participation in #gypf2023• All field trips, site visits, guest lectures, panel discussions and workshops• All receptions and networking events• Transportation for local GYPF travel• Participation certificate• #gypf2023 Souvenir	USD 300	USD 400

<p>Conference (Single)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pick-up on September 29th & drop on October 2, 2023 at Bandaranaike International Airport, Colombo, Sri Lanka. • Independent 3-4 Star Hotel accommodation for 3 nights & 4 days • #GYPF2023 gala meet and three meals on September 30th, October 1, 2023, breakfast plus lunch on October 2, 2023 • Participation in #gypf2023 • All field trips, site visits, guest lectures, panel discussions and workshops • All receptions and networking events • Transportation for local GYPF travel • Participation certificate • #gypf2023 Souvenir 	USD 600	USD 800
<p>One Day #gypf2023 Pass</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One-day participation in #gypf2023 & networking events • Lunch & refreshments during the day • Participation certificate • #gypf2023 Souvenir 	USD 100	USD 150
<p>Spl. #GYPF2023 Passes (Only for Sri Lankan's)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 days' participation in #gypf2023 & all networking events • Lunch & refreshments on October 1st & October 2, 2023 • Participation certificate • #gypf2023 Souvenir 	USD 150	USD 250

Please do not make any registration fee payments until you receive the official acceptance Notification from us. This registration fee is non-refundable. The conference is limited to 250 delegates. The only way to guarantee your place is to pay as soon as you receive the official

acceptance notification. Last minute requests will not be entertained.

All questions regarding the conference and payment procedures should be directed to projectbridge.yuvsatta@gmail.com

IMPORTANT

Please note that finishing the online registration form at www.peacefestindia.in does not confirm the attendance at GYPF2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka. To secure your slot, payment of the participation fee at earliest is

important. The delegate selection process will already start during the application period and continue until all slots are taken. The official deadline to register is by August 30, 2023.

For questions, please do not hesitate to contact us through our email at projectbridge.yuvsatta@gmail.com

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GYPF SIGNIFICANT MOMENTS

- 2000-2010 : UNESCO declared 1st Decade of 21st Century as Decade for Promotion of Culture of Peace & Nonviolence.
- 2000 : International Conference on theme of 'Millennium Without Violence'.
- 2001 : International Conference on theme of 'Need for Afro-Asian Dialogue'.
- 2004 : 32 Peace Clubs started in Peace-city Chandigarh.
- 2006 : 1st India-Pakistan Youth Peace Camp
-Participation of 14 young students from Pakistan
- 2009 : 4th International Youth Peace Fest-IYPF 2009
-200 Young delegates from 9 countries participated
- 2012 : 7th International Youth Peace Fest-IYPF 2012
-250 Young people from 16 countries participated
-International Youth Exchange Programmes launched
- 2014 : 9th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2014
-300 Young people from 20 countries participated
-Institution of annual Global Youth ICON Awards
- 2015 : 10th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2015
-250 Young people from 24 countries participated.
-Global Youth Peace Forum launched
- 2016 : 11th Global Youth Peace Fest –GYPF 2016
-250 Young people from 33 countries participated
- 2017 : 12th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2017
-200 young leaders from 25 countries participated
- 2018 : 13th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2018
-200 young leaders & activists from 25 countries participated
- 2019 : 14th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2019
-250 young leaders & change makers from 23 countries participated
- 2022 : 15th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF 2022, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
-200 young leaders & change makers from 12 countries participated
-Launch of Global Peace Bridge & Afro-Asian Forum 4 Change
- 2023 : 16th Global Youth Peace Fest-GYPF2023, Colombo, Sri Lanka

HOST COUNTRY-SRI LANKA

Sri Lanka is densely populated. The majority of its people are simple, friendly and peace loving. Tourism has traditionally been the third-largest foreign exchange earner in Sri Lanka because of its natural beauty. Now tourism combined with agriculture has created a new pathway:



Agritourism. A physical environment of wide-ranging diversity makes Sri Lanka one of the world's most scenic countries. As the home of several ethnic groups, each with its own cultural heritage,

Sri Lanka also has a highly varied cultural landscape.

ORGANIZERS

- Yuvsatta (youth for peace), India
- National Youth Services Council (NYSC), Government Sri Lanka
- The Confederation of Indian Universities (CIU), India



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- All Nepal National Free Students' Union (ANNFSU), Nepal
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- Afghans for Progressive Thinking (APT), Afghanistan
- Artdialogo Asia
- Association Footura, Bulgaria
- Conscious Ventures, India
- Global Peace Foundation
- Human Achievers Foundation, India
- International Association for Volunteer Effort -India
- National Federation of Youth Organizations in Bangladesh (NFYOB), Bangladesh
- Revolution Youth Union, Syrian Arab Republic
- Sociopreneur ID, Indonesia
- World Assembly of Youth, Malaysia

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