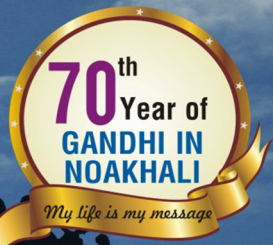


GANDHI PEACE MISSION 2015 KOLKATA TO NOAKHALI



urging humanity to move from
Conflicts & Violence to
Dialogue, Reconciliation, Development & Peace

02 OCTOBER 2014 to 04 FEBRUARY 2015

A Gandhian Response to Violence

The Programme

<p>02 October 2014 to 25 January 2015</p> <p>Sensitization & awareness creation programme all over India State Committees to organise in educational institutions and else where sensitization & awareness creation programmes on the importance of Dialogue, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Religious Pluralism and Shanti Sena for Sustainable Peace among nations.</p>	<p>26 January 2015</p> <p>Inaugural Function, Kolkata Gandhi Peace Mission 2015 Kolkata to Noakhali (Bangladesh)</p>	<p>27 January 2015</p> <p>Flagging off the Mission Peace Mission 2015 volunteers leave for Bangladesh towards Noakhali from Kolkata.</p>	<p>28 and 29 January 2015</p> <p>Peace Marches in Noakhali villages Peace Marches to select villages in the Noakhali region and interaction with peace activists and others.</p>
<p>30 January 2015</p> <p>Observance of Martyr's Day at Noakhali Gandhi Ashram Prayer, interaction and Public function at Noakhali Gandhi Ashram.</p>	<p>31 January 2015</p> <p>Peace conference at Dhaka interaction and peace conference at Dhaka on the theme nonviolence and community building.</p>	<p>01 February 2015</p> <p>Peace Mission 2015 returns to Kolkata from Dhaka to Kolkata.</p>	<p>02 February 2015</p> <p>Youth Meet Youth Rediscovering Gandhi initiative volunteers reach Kolkata for Youth Conference and to greet Gandhi Peace Mission 2015.</p>

02 & 03 February 2015

PEACE SUMMIT

Venue : KOLKATA

- Participants :
- 1) Gandhi Peace Mission 2015 team Members
 - 2) Youth Rediscovering Gandhi Volunteers (5 each from different states and Union territories of India)
 - 3) Registered delegates from educational institutions, NGOs, Researchers, and others from India and abroad.



Gandhi's 'pilgrimage to Noakhali' & its lessons for humanity today

How Gandhi brought peace in Kolkata and in the troubled regions of Noakhali in 1946 and 1947 offer great lessons to all those who are committed to exploring new methods and strategies in Peace building, Peace-making, and Peace-keeping.

2015/2016 marks the 70th anniversary of what is known as the 'Calcutta Miracle' and Gandhi's 'Pilgrimage to Noakhali' for the promotion of Dialogue, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Religious Pluralism and Shanti Sena for sustainable peace among nations and different cultures.

From a historical perspective, 'Noakhali' brings to one's mind the twin images in modern peace parlance: senseless killings, man's brutality to fellow human beings and communal hatred.

While on the positive and spiritual side it represents thanks to Gandhi, the highest point of man's ability to resurrect, recreate, dialogue, forgive, reconciliation and promote human brotherhood and peace.

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One of the least highlighted and perhaps neglected aspects of MAHATMA GANDHI'S strivings for confidence and community building is the supreme importance Gandhi accorded to Dialogue, Reconciliation and Forgiveness as evidenced in what is known in history, "THE MIRACLE OF CALCUTTA, THE NOAKHALI PILGRIMAGE" and the magic touches Gandhi offered to most of the tense and violence-ravaging human hearts in the wake of the Calcutta carnage, and the Noakhali killings in the pre-partition days.

What is Gandhi Peace Mission 2015 ?

The **Gandhi Peace Mission 2015**, a joint initiative of several Gandhian, educational and cultural organizations is a People's Response to the problem of violence in the context of the 70th anniversary of the courageous initiatives of Gandhi in Noakhali & elsewhere. Besides the uncommon courage to court death so that others might live in peace, these strivings of Gandhi brought to fore powerfully and very evocatively the Gandhian vision of the ideal of Shantisena (peace army) from 02nd October 2014 to 4th February 2015.

The Organizing Team

The Himsamukt Bharath Andolan (Violence-Free Society Campaign) launched by the former President of India Shri. R Venkitaraman 10 years ago is leading this program in association with the National Foundation for Communal Harmony, The Harijan Sevak Sangh, The Bharath Soka Gakkai, Indian Council of Gandhian Studies (ICGS), Ekta Parishad, Gandhi Media Foundation, Gandhi Global Family, West Bengal Gandhi Smarak Nidhi, West Bengal Gandhi Peace Foundation, Gandhi Ashram Trust (Noakhali), Kalkata University, Rabindra Bharati University, Yadavpur University are part of the planning and organizing team of the Gandhi Peace Mission 2015.

WHO CAN JOIN THESE PROGRAMMES?

Gandhi Peace Mission 2015 : will consist of selected participants from India and abroad. Anyone who is interested in the focus and themes associated with the Gandhi Peace Mission 2015 may apply in the prescribed application form. The final selection will be made by a subcommittee of the implementation committee.

Peace Summit at Kolkata: The theme of this International Conference at Kolkata will be **Dialogue, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Religious Pluralism and Shanti Sena and their relevance in sustainable development and peace.**

It is open to peace activists, researchers, university and school teachers, artists, journalists and media personnel, development experts, those who are working in the field of conflict management, dialogue and reconciliation, Gandhian and Sarvodaya workers, NGO representatives, those who are involved in Peace Studies, women's studies, human rights, value creation initiatives, IT professionals, etc.

Peace summit is optional and those who are part of the Gandhi Peace Mission 2015 have to indicate their desire to attend this conference.

Youth conference : The youth volunteers coming from the different states of India to participate in the Youth Rediscovering Gandhi campaign can also attend the two day international conference along with other participants.

Last date of Applications : **Nomination and Application to the Gandhi Peace Mission : 15 DECEMBER 2014**
Application to Attend the Peace Summit : 30 DECEMBER 2014
Nomination and Application to attend youth meet : 30 DECEMBER 2014

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