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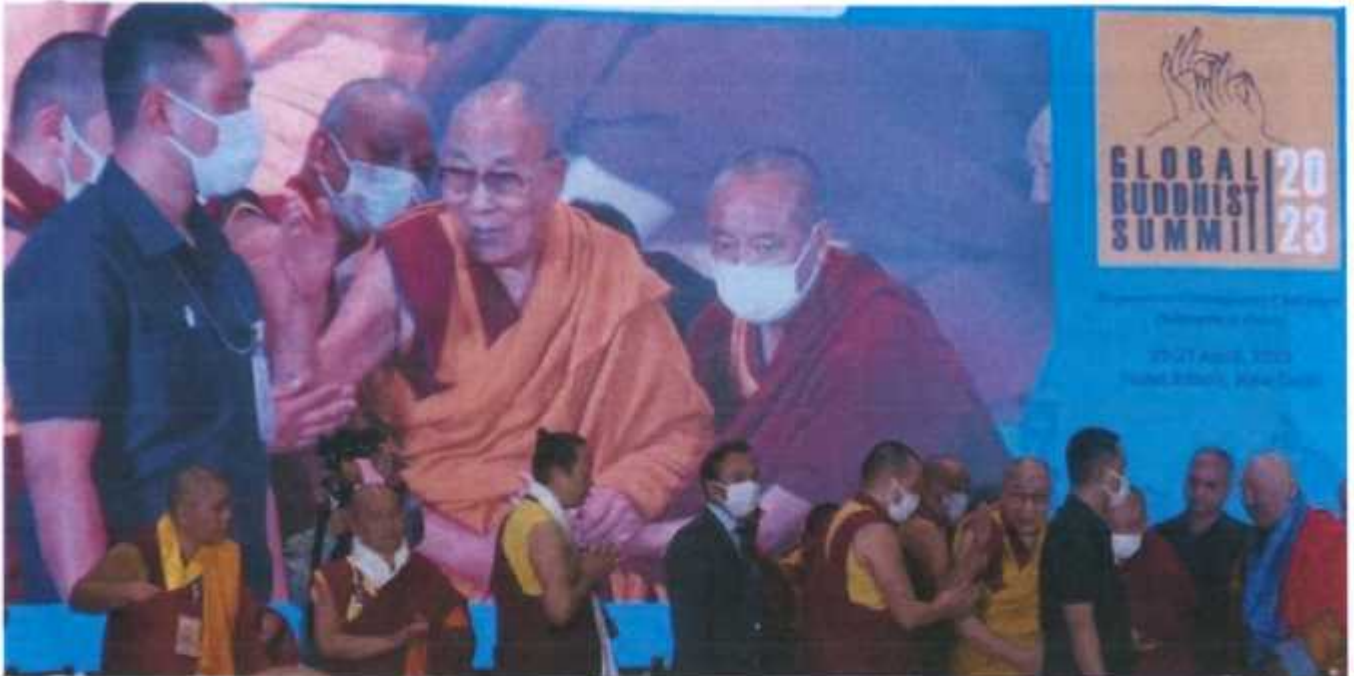


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His Holiness Dalai Lama being greeted by dignitaries attending the Global Buddhist Summit upon his arrival. Credit: L Kooi Fong

Modi and Dalai Lama Helm Global Buddhist Summit Promoting Peace

By Lim Kooi Fong

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NEW DELHI, 23 April 2023 (IDN | Buddhist Channel | Buddhistdoor) — A major Buddhist gathering in the Indian capital held on 20 and 21 April designed to emphasise human solidarity and global peace was helmed with major speeches by the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Tibetan Buddhist spiritual leader His Holiness the Dalai Lama.

The two-day Global Buddhist Summit organised by the Delhi-based International Buddhist Confederation (IBC) was themed "Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis." Attended by over 500 delegates from India and overseas, it had panel discussions and workshops that explored how the Buddha Dhamma's (teaching's) fundamental values can provide inspiration and guidance in contemporary settings.

When he walked into the hall, PM Modi—a Hindu—paid homage to the Buddha by offering flowers to a statue of Gautama Buddha before taking his seat alongside IBC Secretary General Venerable Dr Dhammapiya, Union Minister for Culture Kishan Reddy and Union Minister for Law and Justice

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< Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing the Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi. Credit: Lim Kooi Fong

In a keynote speech which was delivered off the cuff, Modi showed his dedication and keenness in sharing India's ongoing efforts towards preserving Buddhist heritage sites in

the country and establishing centres of Buddhist learning and research. He also emphasized the importance of promoting values such as compassion, non-violence, and peaceful co-existence, which are at the core of Buddhism, to address global challenges and create a better world for future generations.

He said, "The noble teachings of Gautam(a) Buddha have impacted countless people over centuries", and inspired by these teachings "India is taking new initiatives for global welfare".

The Prime Minister credited the teachings of the Buddha for the inherent empathy in India with regard to humanitarian issues. He mentioned peace missions and India's whole-hearted efforts in rescue work for disasters like the recent earthquake in Türkiye. Platforms like IBC, he continued, are giving the opportunity to like-minded and like-hearted countries to spread Buddha Dhamma and peace.

The government has lavishly funded the IBC and sees this event as an excellent opportunity to develop its "soft power" by embracing the positive values of Buddhism. With its image as a rising world superpower, India also has the advantage of being the land of the Buddha. These are advantages which other prominent Buddhist countries such as Thailand and Sri Lanka do not have.

About 170 International Delegates from more than 30 different countries of the world participated in the Global Buddhist Summit. But there were no delegates from China, which claims to have the world's biggest Buddhist population numbering over 200 million.

On the second day of the Summit, the Dalai Lama was an honoured guest who gave a keynote address. Earlier on the first day, the conference was told that his presence was uncertain because of ill health. But he did turn up with Ven Dr Dhammapiya extending a warm welcome to His Holiness.

Before introducing the Dalai Lama, Ven Dr Dhammapiya highlighted the previous day's discussions, which covered various Buddhist traditions that have evolved worldwide, comparing these traditions to different coloured flowers that grow from the same stalk. He said that this is the teaching of Buddha Shakyamuni, pointing out that the Buddha gave different teachings to different people based on their capacity and location.

In a half-an-hour address at the summit, the Dalai Lama focused on the concepts of compassion, wisdom, and dependent origination as espoused by the Buddha. "One thing that defines the Buddha's teaching," he declared, "is his explanation of dependent arising. This gives us an insight into reality. Everything is dependent. Nothing is independent. Things arise in dependence on other factors. Since nothing is independent, everything comes about through dependent relationships".

"Why is understanding dependent arising important?" asked the Dalai Lama, and then answered the question himself. "(It is) because when we don't have this insight, we grasp at self as something substantial and real. This, in turn, can lead to our drawing distinctions between 'us' and 'them' that feed conflict. We develop an attachment to those like us and aversion to others who we see as different".

He emphasised that compassion is at the heart of the Buddha's teaching. "The heart of the Buddha's teaching is a combination of compassion and wisdom, and as Buddhists, our task is to cultivate these two qualities", he advised, adding, "Many of the problems we face are to do with how we view reality. As Buddhists we need to pay attention to the process by which we grasp at the reality of things".

"Rituals are not important," he continued. "What we need is the cultivation of resting and analytical meditation, an understanding of reality and the practice of compassion". He pointed out that compassion enables one to transform adversity into opportunity, and it is important that study and investigation drive human endeavour and not dependence on blind faith.

Venerable Dr Ashin Nyanissara speaking virtually from Myanmar, also emphasized the significance of nurturing a benevolent heart that embodies qualities of love, compassion, and forgiveness. He observed that if people lack inner peace, it will be impossible to achieve peace in the world. He recommended the cultivation of insight meditation as a path towards world peace.

Prof Robert Thurman, a former student of the Dalai Lama, representing the academic study of Buddhism, recalled Modi's statement during the summit that India has a history of commitment to 'ahimsa', or non-violence. This concept is vital in understanding why individuals may choose to die instead of taking life.

The approach to education developed by great Indian universities such as Nalanda allowed individuals to understand the nature of reality and how to transform the mind. The core curriculum of Nalanda has been preserved in monasteries such as Ganden, Drepung, and Sera, which have been re-established in South India, he pointed out.

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Global Buddhist Summit calls for a Paradigm Shift in Human Attitude to Nature

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Global Buddhist Summit calls for a Paradigm Shift in Human Attitude to Nature

BRUSSELS, BELGIUM, April 25,

2023/[EINPresswire.com/](https://einpresswire.com/) -- Drawing upon the teachings of the Buddha the Global Buddhist Summit (GBS) gave a call for a paradigm shift in human attitude towards

nature. Participants at the two-day meeting which concluded with a Delhi Declaration, observed that the members of the Sangha, Buddhist leaders, distinguished Buddhist scholars, practitioners and institutions can play a significant and effective role in addressing the multiple crisis the world is faced with today.

“We urge governments and individuals to take action to reduce carbon emissions, protect biodiversity, and preserve natural resources for future generations”, the



India has a rich philosophical and spiritual heritage where one can find solution to all problems and Buddhism is part of this overall ecosystem.”

— *Arjun Ram Meghwal*

New Delhi Declaration stated.

Reinforcing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's message at the Summit a day earlier, the Summit recognized that environmental degradation was one of the most pressing challenges facing humanity today. The members committed to protect the environment and promote sustainable development.

The Summit which was organised by International Buddhist Confederation and the Ministry of Culture, saw the participation of more than 500 delegates, around 175 were from overseas representing 31 countries. As the theme, “Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis” generated informed and intense discussions, it was decided to host the Global Buddhist Summit annually, to take the dialogue on several of the challenging issues forward.

The texts, doctrines and philosophy of Buddha Dhamma were best guide for inter-faith dialogue, harmony and universal peace, the Declaration noted, in the context of the present world scenario. “The human race has been in great need to be free from conflict, ill-feeling, greed, selfishness and uncertainty of life. We are in dire need of peace and harmony both, in our personal life and at the global level”, the Buddha most suited to show the path.

The focus of the GBS was on modes of disseminating and internalizing universal values and to find ways to work together, to address the burning challenges both within and globally and offer a sustainable model for future of the world.

Peace being the foundation for human happiness and well-being, and that conflicts and violence were a significant threat to it, the Summit called upon all nations, organizations and individuals to work towards creating a world free from conflict, violence and war.

There was general agreement that the Buddha's message could provide inspiration and guidance for Peace, Well-being, Harmony and Compassion, this needed to be highlighted and worked upon.

The Declaration also called upon governments to preserve and protect the sacred sites of Buddhism and promote their accessibility to people of all backgrounds. Buddhist pilgrimage was a living heritage promoting spiritual growth, cultural understanding and social harmony.

Minister of State for Culture Mr Arjun Meghwal, while referring to the speech by the Honourable Prime Minister the previous day, mentioned that India had given the world the Buddha and not war or conflict. He referred to the several ways and means of attaining happiness as explained by the Buddha and emphasised on the need for people to focus on one's bare necessities rather than aspire for more, which is at the core of all problems. He mentioned about climate change and the need for every individual to consciously try and realise as to how he can help in preventing damage to the environment. In this connection, Mr Meghwal mentioned that he often rides a bicycle to send a message to people. Sh Meghwal also highlighted India's rich philosophical and spiritual heritage where one can find solution to all problems and Buddhism is part of this overall ecosystem. He thanked all the delegates for coming to the event and making the event a major success.

Members of the Sangha, the diplomatic community, distinguished Buddhist

scholars, dhamma practitioners all participated in the Summit. “All the presentations were very enlightening and revealed the various facets of Buddha Dhamma in very simple and lucid manner, said His Eminence Kyabje Yongzin Ling Rinpoche Tenzin Lungtok Thinley Choephak in his concluding remarks.

He emphasized that it is the responsibility of each one of us to spread the teachings of the Buddha, especially to the youth of today. Education should be imparted on the universal truth of the dhamma that was taught in the ancient Mahaviharas, like Nalanda.

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Magnificence, Magnanimity and Morality in action: The maiden Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi

Buddhism and India have shared a long-standing relationship since its very beginning starting 5th century BCE. In a long and complex history in India, religion has had a significant impact on Indian culture and society.

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During the early years of Buddhism, it was mainly practised in India, and many of the religion's key teachings were developed and refined in this region.

Many Indian rulers, such as Ashoka, were proponents of Buddhism and helped to spread the religion throughout the country. Buddhist temples and monasteries were established throughout India, and religion played an important role in shaping Indian art, literature, and philosophy.

Today, Buddhism continues to be an important part of India's cultural heritage, and many Buddhist pilgrimage sites are located throughout the country.

Over the centuries, Buddhism spread across Asia and beyond, but it has remained an important part of India's cultural heritage.

In an attempt to reconnect with the cultural aspects and better integrate Buddhist ideas, the maiden Global Buddhist Summit will be held on April 20-21 in New Delhi in a collaborative setup between the Ministry of Culture and the International Buddhist Confederation (IBC).

As part of the commemorations under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, the maiden edition of the International Global Buddhist Summit is being organised in India with prominent Buddhist monks from different countries taking part in the summit.

In fact, multiple roundtable conferences are being organised to discuss how best society can deal with contemporary challenges, with the help of Buddhist philosophy and thought.

In better ideating how contemporary challenges can be dealt with Buddhism, the summit shall serve as a medium to enhance the cultural and diplomatic relationships with other countries as well with 171 delegates from 30 countries participating in the same.

Most discussions aim to understand today's pressing global issues and find answers in the Buddha Dhamma based on universal values.

A major reason for the same is that Buddhism as a culture and religious system has been firmly rooted in the ideas of peace and non-violence.

Its teachings emphasize the importance of compassion, kindness, and respect for all living beings. In today's era of war and conflict, Buddhism's message of peace and non-violence is more relevant than ever.

Religion offers a unique perspective on dealing with violence and conflict, emphasizing the importance of dialogue and understanding rather than aggression and force.

The principles of Buddhism also denote that violence and suffering inflicted on others ultimately come back to harm the oppressor as well.

Buddhism encourages society to take a broader view of their actions and to consider the impact their actions might have on others, rather than just focusing on one's own desires and interests.

Therefore, the four carefully curated themes for the summit are 'Buddha Dhamma and Peace', 'Environmental Crisis, Health and Sustainability', 'Preservation of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition and Pilgrimage', and 'Living Heritage and Buddha Relics: a resilient foundation to India's centuries-old cultural links to countries in South, Southeast and East Asia'.

Through these, the vision of the summit is to better understand the teachings of the Shakyamuni Buddha that have been continuously enriched over the centuries with the practice of Buddha Dhamma.

This summit comes close on the heels of a recently-held successful international meet of experts from the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) nations, aimed at re-establishing transcultural links, seeking out commonalities, between Buddhist art of Central Asia, art styles, archaeological sites and antiquity in various museums' collections of the SCO countries as well.

This summit is a similar effort towards engaging the global Buddhist dhamma leadership and scholars on matters of Buddhist and universal concerns, and coming up with policy inputs to address them collectively.



PM Modi

With the powerful message of hope in the face of conflict that Buddhism philosophy propounds advertently and inadvertently, its teachings have constantly focused on the importance of compassion and forgiveness, even in the face of the greatest adversity.

By embracing these values, Buddhism advocates for a break in the cycle of violence resulting in a more peaceful and just world. It is expected that the deliberations at the summit will successfully explore how the Buddha Dhamma's fundamental values can provide the necessary inspiration and guidance to individuals, leaders and society in general in today's day and age to grapple with technological advancements, consumerism and the constant aggrandisement that societies and nations continue to profess and practice.

The maiden edition of the Global Buddhist Summit that is held in New Delhi marks a significant moment in the history of Buddhism, highlighting its relevance and potential in contemporary times. With its focus on the philosophy of compassion, sympathy and mutual understanding.

The summit offers a unique perspective on how to deal with the pressing global challenges we face today. Through its carefully curated themes and roundtable conferences, the summit aims to create a platform for Buddhist leaders, Monks, and interfaith dialogue scholars to engage in meaningful discourse and explore ways to address common concerns.

The summit also serves as a medium to enhance cultural and diplomatic relationships with several countries, promoting peaceful coexistence and global peace, serenity and harmony.

With its message of hope and the importance of magnificence, magnanimity and morality, Buddhism offers a golden path towards a more peaceful and just world.

The Global Buddhist Summit provides an opportunity to learn from this ancient philosophy and apply it in our lives and society, ensuring a more sustainable future for all of us.

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DALÁI LAMA

Dalai Lama: ¿qué dijo al reaparecer después de besar a un niño?

Es el primer evento público al que asiste desde que pidiera a un niño que chupara su lengua



Reapareció el Dalái Lama en Nueva Delhi. ¿Ahora qué hizo? Créditos: Especial

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Tras la polémica situación en la que se vio envuelto el **Dalái Lama**, este viernes reapareció en la Cumbre Budista Global, que se efectuó en la capital de la India, Nueva Delhi, siendo el primer evento público al que asiste desde que [pidiera a un niño que chupara su lengua](#). En el evento estuvieron presentes líderes espirituales y eruditos.

Acompañado de varios miembros de su equipo, quienes lo apoyaban mientras respondía a los saludos de bienvenida de los asistentes y otros líderes budistas, Lhamo Dhondup, nombre del máximo líder budista tibetano de 87 años de edad, llegó al evento.

Durante su participación en la **Cumbre Budista Global en Nueva Delhi**, el **Dalái Lama** compartió con los asistentes sus reflexiones de "espiritualidad", además de aportar a la discusión budista sobre el medio ambiente, la preservación de la tradición de Nalanda, la legendaria universidad budista, y la paz mundial.

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¿Fue broma el "chupa mi lengua" del Dalai Lama a menor de edad?



DALAI LAMA

¡Otra vez el Dalai Lama! Muestran video en que toca inapropiadamente a menor de edad

"No creamos ingenuamente ni corramos tras la proyección de que somos experimentados a través de nuestra percepción", dijo el presunto pedófilo a la audiencia.

Si logramos evitar esto, "eso nos liberará de un fuerte anhelo y apego. El anhelo se elimina no simplemente porque desees

que desaparezca, sino al obtener una idea de la naturaleza de la realidad", continuó el tibetano para dar guía sobre la búsqueda de la "elevación espiritual".

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DALAI LAMA

Dalai Lama: Beso a niño, nexos con NXIVM y ahora resurge video de acoso a Lady Gaga

"Cuando eres capaz de eliminar el anhelo, la mente se vuelve pura y esa pureza de la mente es el nirvana, el nirvana es un estado mental", agregó el Dalái Lama como parte de sus reflexiones.



Desde que hace más de una semana se difundiera en redes sociales un video en el que se le ve besando a un niño en los labios para acto seguido preguntarle si podía "chupar" su lengua, en un acto público y en presencia de otros adultos, el **Dalái Lama** ha sido reprendido y criticado fuertemente por la opinión pública.

Como acto de disculpa, la oficina del **Dalái Lama** emitió un comunicado en el que aseguró que el líder budista "a menudo toma el pelo a las personas que conoce de forma inocente y traviesa, incluso en público y ante las cámaras". Mientras que algunos de los líderes tibetanos exiliados en la

India, acudieron a su auxilio, aseverando que China era la culpable de difundir el video con intención de dañar la reputación del líder religioso.

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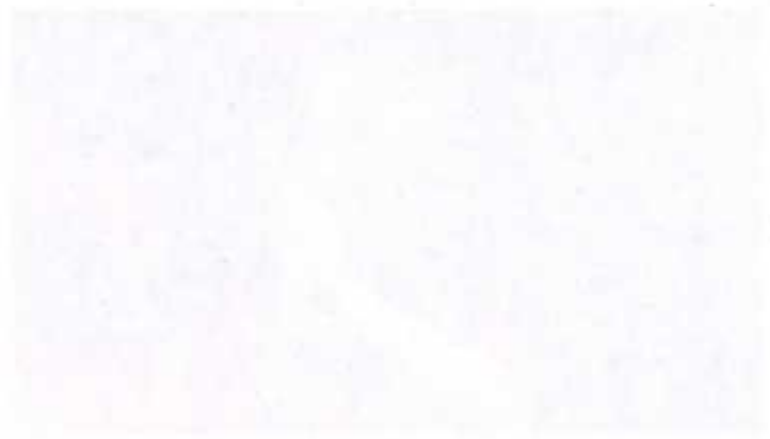
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EL DALÁI LAMA REAPARECE EN UNA CUMBRE BUDISTA TRAS ESCÁNDALO

Agencias | LA PRENSA DE LARA.- El Dalái Lama participó este viernes en la **Cumbre Budista Global**, que se celebró en **Nueva Delhi** con la presencia de líderes espirituales y eruditos, en su primera aparición pública **desde el escándalo desatado por un video en el que le pidió a un niño que «chupe» su lengua.**

Lhamo Dhondup, el nombre de nacimiento del **máximo líder budista tibetano**, llegó al evento acompañado de varios miembros de su equipo que le sostenían mientras el religioso de 87 años respondía a los saludos de bienvenida de los asistentes y otros líderes.

El Dalái Lama hizo está aparición para ofrecer sus reflexiones de espiritualidad, así como para discutir las respuestas budistas al medio ambiente, la preservación de la tradición de **Nalanda**, la legendaria universidad budista y la paz mundial.



para dar guía sobre la **búsqueda de la elevación espiritual**.

De acuerdo con la reflexión del Dalái Lama, «cuando eres capaz de eliminar el anhelo, la mente se vuelve pura y **esa pureza de la mente es el nirvana**, el nirvana es un estado mental».

Hasta ahora unos de los líderes más populares del mundo, **el religioso ha sido sometido a un fuerte escrutinio** desde que hace más de una semana comenzó a circular por las redes sociales un video que muestra cómo besó a un niño en los labios para acto seguido preguntar si podía «chupar» su lengua, durante un acto público y en presencia de otros adultos.

La oficina del Dalái Lama emitió una disculpa y afirmó que el líder budista «a menudo toma el pelo a las personas que conoce de forma inocente y traviesa, incluso en público y ante las cámaras», mientras que líderes del gobierno tibetano en el exilio salieron en su defensa y calificaron lo sucedido de una campaña de desprestigio motivada por **China**.

El decimocuarto **Dalái Lama** vive en el norte de la India desde que huyó junto a miles de compatriotas a principios de 1959 tras la dura represión china contra el fallido levantamiento popular de **Lhasa**, capital del Tíbet.

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In keeping with the longstanding camaraderie between India and Bhutan, Ugyen Dorji, the Home Minister of Bhutan, reacted to the International Buddhist Confederation hosting the first-ever two-day Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi.

Buddhist practitioners and experts from around the world.

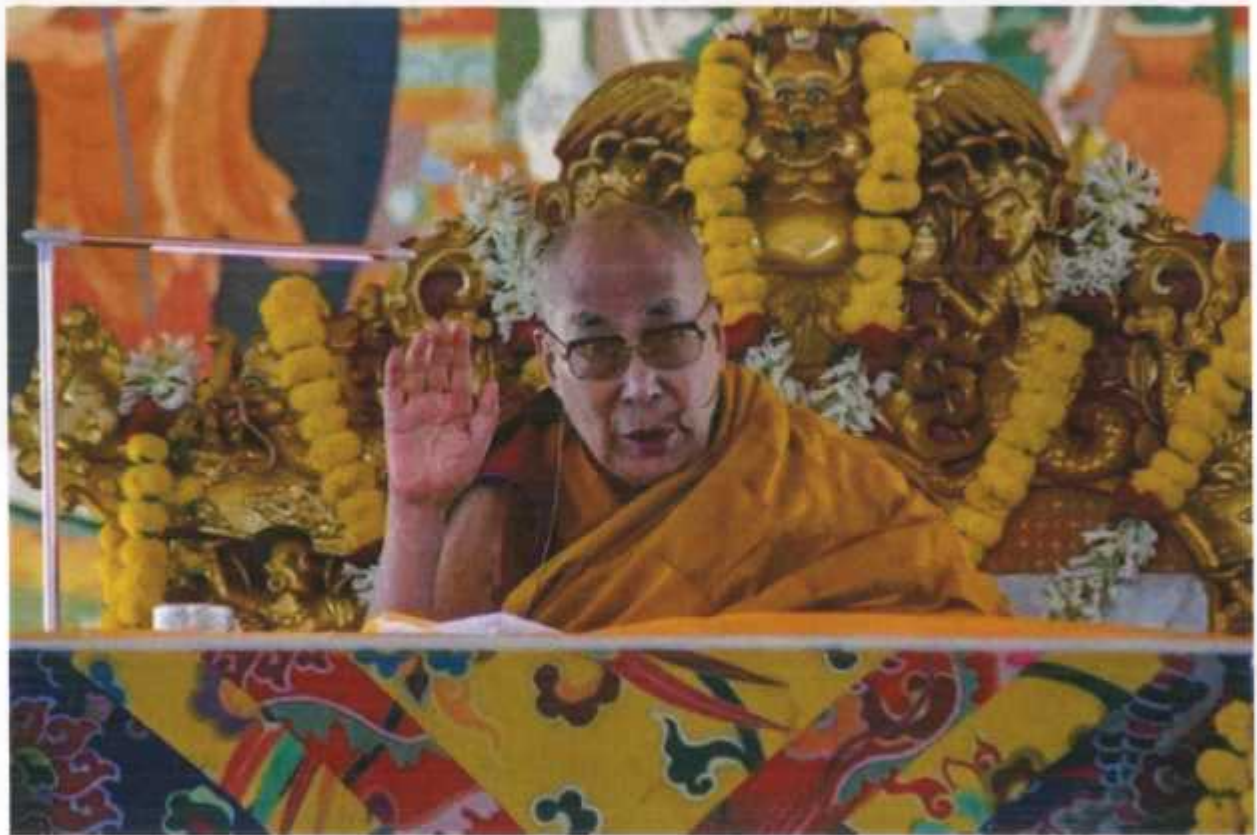
What the Indian Prime Minister Said

In his speech, centered around Buddhism and climate change, the Indian Prime Minister also added that the Buddha preached abandoning war, defeat, and victory for eternal peace. On climate change, he said: "The path of Buddha is the path of the future and the path of sustainability. Had the world followed Buddha's teachings, it would not have faced the problems of climate change."

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"The Global Buddhist Summit is being hosted at a time when India has completed 75 years of its independence and is celebrating the 'Amrit Mahotsav' of its independence. India also has huge goals for its future as well as new resolutions for global welfare in this 'Amrit Kaal'. Today, India has taken new initiatives on several issues in the world. And our biggest inspiration behind those initiatives is Lord Buddha," Modi added.

Lozang Sangay, Dr. Damenda Porage, Prof. Chandima Wijebandara, and Prof. Victor Wee Eng Lye. Among the foreign Sangha leaders were Ani Namgyal Lhamo from Bhutan, The Padma Acharya Karma Rangdol from Bhutan, Dr. Yon Seng Yeath from Cambodia, Acarya Surnati Sunyo from Nepal, Ihamillewe Rathanapala Nayake Thero from Sri Lanka, Domyung from South Korea, Dr. Pornchai Pinyapong from Thailand, and Dr. Thich Giac Dung from Vietnam.



Tibetan spiritual leader Dalai Lama is pictured gesturing during his first day of teaching session at the Kalachakra Ground on December 29, 2022 in Bodh Gaya, India. The Dalai Lama addressed the Global Buddhist Summit on the second day.

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Home Minister of Bhutan Reacts

Speaking exclusively to *Newsweek*, Ugyen Dorji, Minister of Home Affairs, Bhutan, reacted to the first-ever Global Buddhist Summit organized by the International Buddhist



Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays floral tribute to the Buddha statue at the Global Buddhist Summit (Courtesy PIB, Government of India)

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Sharing details about the event, the organizers told *Newsweek*: "The summit aimed to address significant global issues and generate policy recommendations through discussions between eminent scholars, Sangha leaders, and Dharma practitioners from various regions, based on the universal values of Buddha Dhamma."

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The 14th [Dalai Lama](#) arrived and addressed the summit on the second day. "A total of 615 delegates from 30 countries, including 170 foreign delegates, participated in the event. The discussions centered around finding Buddhist solutions to contemporary challenges. Overall, the first-ever Global Buddhist Summit in 2023 was considered a great success in both qualitative and quantitative terms," the organizers added.

worldwide) saying, "India is the birthplace of Buddhism, and it is only fitting that the first Global Buddhist Summit is being hosted in and by India."

"Programs such as this help promote the Buddhist principles of compassion, peace, harmony, and interdependence, which might offer a fresh approach to solving global challenges like climate change, war, and conflicts. The Buddhist way of life will survive as long as the principles remain relevant. I would like to congratulate the IBC for organizing the first-ever Global Buddhist Summit. As a country that prides itself in being the last bastion of Mahayana Buddhism, we are immensely happy to know that India, our closest friend, is organizing this summit," the minister added.

The summit, which was organized around the theme "Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis," was seen as a success



Ugyen Dorji, the Home Minister of Bhutan, reacted to the International Buddhist Confederation hosting the first-ever Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi.

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(VOVWORLD) - Scholars, Sangha leaders, and Dharma practitioners from 30 countries attended the first Global Buddhist Summit in India on Thursday to discuss contemporary Buddhism.



Supreme Patriarch leads Vietnam's Buddhist Sangha delegation to the Global Buddhist Summit in India. (Photo: VOV)

The theme of the 2-day summit is "Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis", which will address Buddhist concerns and come up with policies.

According to the event's official release: "Discussions will be held on four topics: Buddha Dharma and Peace; Buddha Dharma: Environmental Crisis, Health and Sustainability; Preservation of Nalanda Buddhist Tradition; Buddha Dharma Pilgrimage, Living Heritage and Buddha Relics: a resilient foundation for India's centuries-old cultural links to countries in South, South-East and East Asia."

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Most Venerable Thich Tri Quang, Supreme Patriarch of Vietnam's Buddhist Sangha, will be among the summit's main speakers.



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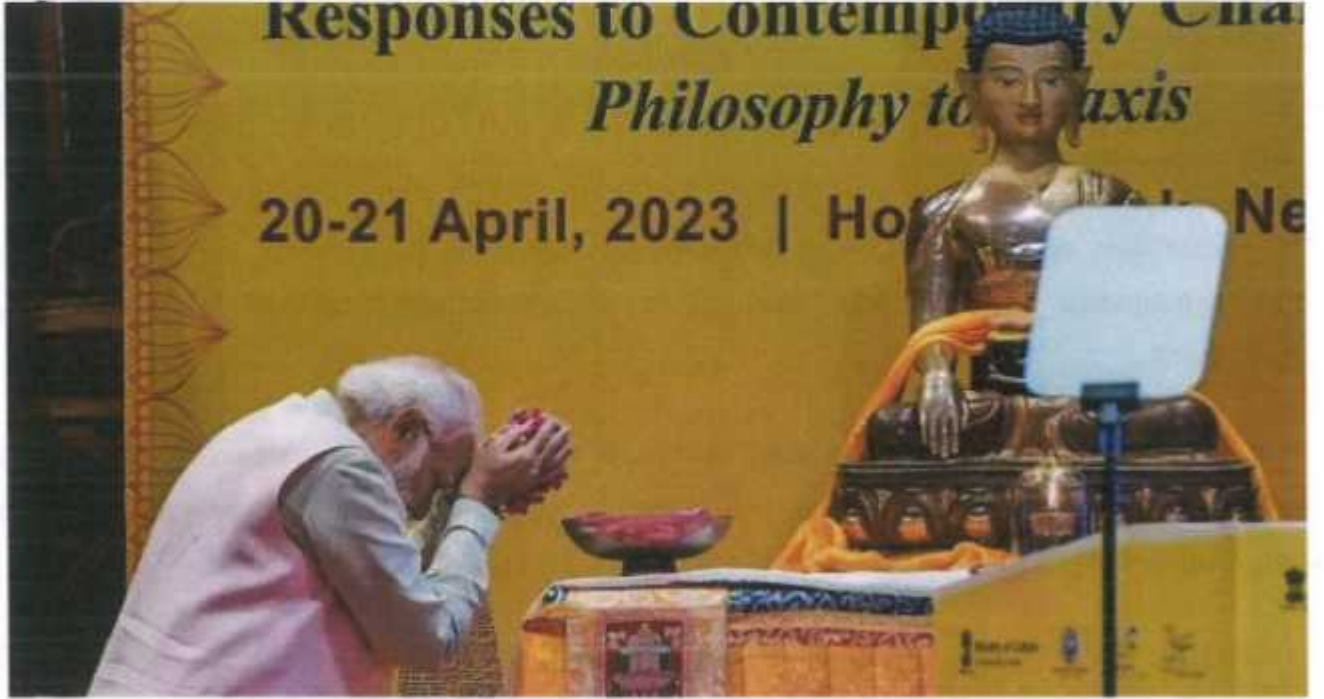


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...ரி கடந்த ஒன்பது ஆண்டுகளில் இந்தியா பாரிய தமர் நரேந்திர மோடி தெரிவித்தார்.

புதுடில்லியில் நடைபெற்ற 2023-ஆம் ஆண்டுக்கான உலக பௌத்த உச்சி மாநாட்டில் உரையாற்றும் போதே அவர் இவ்வாறு தெரிவித்தார்.

அவர் அங்கு உரையாற்றும் போது, புத்தரின் கோட்பாடு, நடைமுறை மற்றும் உணர்தல் ஆகிய வழிகளை இந்தியா பின்பற்றி வருவதாகக் கூறினார்.

இந்த மூன்று புள்ளிகளிலும் இந்தியா வேகமாக முன்னேறியுள்ளது என குறிப்பிட்டார்.

'அமிர்த மஹோத்சவ' கொண்டாடும் வேளையில், இந்தியா சுதந்திரம் அடைந்து 75 ஆண்டுகள் நிறைவடைந்துள்ளது.

இந்நிலையில் தான் உலக பௌத்த உச்சி மாநாடு நடைபெறுகிறது என்றும் அவர் குறிப்பிட்டார்.

இந்தியா ஒரு வளர்ந்த நாடாக முன்னேறி வருகின்றமை மட்டுமின்றி, முழு உலகத்தின் நலனுக்காகவும் இந்தியா அர்ப்பணிப்புடன் செயற்படுகின்றது என்றும் பிரதமர் மோடி கூறினார்.

'வெற்றி, தோல்விகள், சண்டைகள், போர்கள் ஆகியவற்றின் உணர்வைத் துறந்தால் மட்டுமே நாம் மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தழுவ முடியும். புத்தபெருமான் இவற்றைக் கடக்கும் வழியைக் கற்றுக் கொடுத்துள்ளார்.

பகைமையை விடுத்து அன்பினை வெளிப்படுத்த வேண்டும். உண்மையான மகிழ்ச்சி அமைதியுடன் வாழ்வதில் உள்ளது என்று புத்தபெருமான் போதித்துள்ளார்.

உலகம் மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமானால், புத்தரின் கோட்பாடுகள் தான், முக்கியமாகின்றன.

குறுகிய நோக்கம் கொண்ட கோட்பாட்டுச் சிந்தனையை விட்டு வெளியேறுவதற்கான ஒரே வழி, அவற்றைப் பின்பற்றுவது தான் என்றும் அவர் கூறினார்.

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அதாவது, கடந்த நூற்றாண்டில், சில நாடுகள் மற்றவர்களைப் பற்றி, எதிர்கால தலைமுறையைப் பற்றி சிந்திக்கவில்லை. அதேவே நெருக்கடியான நிலைமைகள் உருவாகுவதற்கு காரணமாகின்றது.

உலகின் பல்வேறு நாடுகளில் அமைதிப் பணிகளாக இருந்தாலும் சரி, துருக்கியில் நிலநடுக்கம் போன்ற பேரிடர்களாக இருந்தாலும் சரி... ஒவ்வொரு நெருக்கடியான காலத்திலும் இந்தியா தனது முழுத் திறனை வெளிப்படுத்தி மனித நேயத்துடன் உடன் நிற்கிறது என்று குறிப்பிட்டார்.

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- These two historical events that occurred in the 3rd century BCE marked the commencement of Buddhist civilization in Sri Lanka

Marking the 75th anniversary of the establishment of Indo-Lanka diplomatic relations, which falls this year, two photographs of Arahat Mahinda and Theri Sangamitta were unveiled at the office of the State Minister of External Affairs and Culture of India at the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi, a statement from the Sri Lankan Embassy said.

The photographs, which were installed at the office of the State Minister of External Affairs and Culture Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi, feature two murals painted by the eminent Sri Lankan painter Soilas Mendis in the Kelaniya Rajamaha Vihara.

The first mural depicts Arahat Mahinda, delivering the message of the Buddha to King Devanampiyatissa upon arriving in Sri Lanka. The second mural depicts the arrival to Sri Lanka of Theri Sanghamitta, bearing the right-hand branch sapling of the Sri Maha Bodhi tree.

These two historical events that occurred in the 3rd century BCE marked the commencement of Buddhist civilization in Sri Lanka and epitomize the strong and unbreakable civilizational bonds that exist between Sri Lanka and India.

The photographs were ceremonially unveiled by State Minister Smt. Meenakshi Lekhi and Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda in the presence of the Venerable members of the Maha Sangha from Sri Lanka led by the Most Venerable Waskaduwe Mahindawansa Maha Nayaka Thera who were in New Delhi to attend the Global Buddhist Summit.

Director General of the Department of Archaeology of Sri Lanka Prof. Anura Manatunga, Director General of the International Buddhist Confederation Abhijit Halder and senior officials of the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi were also present on this occasion. Prof. Manatunga gave a brief description of the temple murals depicted in the photographs at the unveiling ceremony.

Previously, in October 2021, the High Commission of Sri Lanka in New Delhi presented two photographs depicting the same murals, to be installed at the newly inaugurated international airport in Kushinagar. Similar photographs were installed at the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) Headquarters in Nagpur in February 2022, and at the Ahmedabad International Airport in July 2022. As part of an ongoing programme to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Indo-Lanka diplomatic relations, action has also been initiated to install similar photographs at other locations in India, including at the international airports in Buddha Gaya and Varanasi shortly, enhancing Sri Lanka's cultural footprint at the level of the States of the Union of India.

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கௌதம புத்தரின் போதனைகளைப் பின்பற்றி இந்தியா முன்னேறி வருகிறது என்று இந்தியப் பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.

இந்தியா கடந்திரும் அடைந்து 75 ஆண்டுகள் நிறைவடைந்துள்ள நிலையில், புது டெல்லியில் நேற்று வியாழக்கிழமை ஆரம்பமான உலகளாவிய பொளத்த உச்சி மாநாட்டில் பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி, கௌதம புத்தரின் உன்னத போதனைகளை எடுத்துரைத்தார்.

"கௌதம புத்தரின் உன்னத போதனைகள் பல நூற்றாண்டுகளாக எண்ணற்ற மக்களை செம்மைப்படுத்தியுள்ளது. புத்தபெருமானின் போதனைகளால் ஈர்க்கப்பட்டு, உலக நலனுக்காக இந்தியா புதிய முயற்சிகளை எடுத்து வருகிறது" என்று பிரதமர் மோடி கூறினார்.

"புத்தர் என்பது நபருக்கு அப்பாற்பட்ட ஒரு புரிதல், புத்தர் என்பது வடிவத்திற்கு அப்பாற்பட்ட ஒரு சிந்தனை. புத்தர் உருவத்திற்கு அப்பாற்பட்ட ஒரு உணர்வு, மேலும் புத்தரின் இந்த உணர்வு நித்தியமானது மற்றும் நிலையானது. இந்த எண்ணம் நித்தியமானது, இந்த புரிதல் மறக்க முடியாதது" என்று பிரதமர் மோடி கூறினார்.

இந்தியப் பிரதமர் மேலும் கூறுகையில், 'அமிர்த காவில்' இந்தியா ஒரு வளர்ந்த நாடாக முன்னேறி வருவதாகவும், அதற்குப் பின்னால் உள்ள மிகப்பெரிய உத்வேகம் புத்த பகவான் என்றும் கூறினார்.

"இந்த அமிர்த காவில், இந்தியா பல விடயங்களில் புதிய முயற்சிகளை எடுத்துள்ளது. இதற்கு எங்களின் மிகப்பெரிய உத்வேகம் கௌதம. இந்தியாவின் முன்னேற்றம் மட்டுமன்றி, முழு உலகத்தின் நலனுக்காகவும் இந்தியா உழைத்து

வருகிறது" என்று மோடி கூறினார்.



"வெற்றி, தோல்விகள், சண்டைகள், போர்கள் ஆகியவற்றின் உணர்வைத் துறந்தால் மட்டுமே நாம் மகிழ்ச்சியைத் தழுவு முடியும். புத்தபெருமான் இவற்றைக் கடக்கும் வழியைக் கற்றுக் கொடுத்துள்ளார். பகைமை அன்பினால் ஒழியாது. உண்மையான மகிழ்ச்சி அமைதியில், அமைதியுடன் வாழ்வதில் உள்ளது" என்று மோடி தெரிவித்தார்.

உலகம் மகிழ்ச்சியாக இருக்க வேண்டுமானால், கௌதம புத்தரின் போதனைகளைப் பின்பற்ற வேண்டும். உலகம், குறுகிய சிந்தனையை விட்டு வெளியேறுவதற்கான ஒரே வழி இதுதான்" என்று பிரதமர் மோடி தெரிவித்தார்.

ரஷ்யா-உக்ரைன் போரை மையப்படுத்தியே பிரதமர் இதனைத் தெரிவித்தார்.

"கௌதம புத்தரின் பாதை எதிர்காலத்தின் பாதை. நிலைத்திருக்கும் பாதை. புத்தரின் போதனைகளை உலகம் பின்பற்றியிருந்தால், பருவநிலை மாற்றம் போன்ற நெருக்கடி கூட வந்திருக்காது. இவற்றை பின்பற்றாததால், இந்த நெருக்கடி ஏற்பட்டது. ஏனெனில், கடந்த நூற்றாண்டில், சில நாடுகள் மற்றவர்களைப் பற்றி, எதிர்கால தலைமுறையைப் பற்றி சிந்திக்கவில்லை," என்று அவர் கூறினார்.

இந்தியா, புத்தர் போதனைகளைப் பின்பற்றி கடந்த ஒன்பது ஆண்டுகளில் பெரிய அளவில் முன்னேறி வருகிறது.

உலகின் பல்வேறு நாடுகளில் அமைதிப் பணிகளாகட்டும், துருக்கியில் நிலநடுக்கம் போன்ற பேரிடராகட்டும், ஒவ்வொரு நெருக்கடியிலும் இந்தியா தனது முழுத் திறனை வெளிப்படுத்தி மனித நேயத்துடன் பணியாற்றி வருகிறது; என்று இந்தியப் பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி இரண்டாம் தடவை தெரிவித்தார்.

இந்தியத் தலைநகர் புதுடில்லியில் நேற்று உலக பௌத்த உச்சிமாநாடு ஆரம்பம்

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உலக பௌத்த உச்சிமாநாட்டை இந்தியப் பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி நேற்றுக் காலை 10 மணிக்கு தலைநகர் புதுடில்லியில் உள்ள அசோக் ஹோட்டலில் ஆரம்பித்து வைத்தார். உலக பௌத்த உச்சி மாநாடு நேற்று ஆரம்பமாகி இரு நாட்கள் நடைபெறுகின்றது. இன்று இம்மாநாடு நிறைவுறுகின்றது. இந்திய கலாசார அமைச்சு சர்வதேச பௌத்த கூட்டமைப்பும் (IBC) இணைந்து இம்மாநாட்டை நடத்துகின்றன.



பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி நேற்றுக் காலை உச்சிமாநாட்டை ஆரம்பித்து வைத்து உரையாற்றினார். இந்நிகழ்ச்சியில் முக்கிய பேச்சாளர்களாக அமெரிக்கப் பேராசிரியர் ராபர்ட் தர்மன், திபெத்திய பௌத்த சமய முக்கியஸ்தர் திசுட்ரை குவாங் ஆகியோர் பங்கேற்றனர்.

பேராசிரியர் தர்மன் தனது பணிக்காக 2020 இல் பத்மஸ்ரீ விருது பெற்றவர்.

உலகளாவிய பௌத்த தர்மத்தின் தலைமைத்துவத்துக்கு இந்தியா அதிக பங்களிப்பை வழங்க வேண்டுமென்பதே இந்திய அரசாங்கத்தின் கொள்கையாக உள்ளது. அந்த நோக்கத்துக்காகவே இம்மாநாட்டில் அரசாங்கம் கூடுதல் அக்கறை எடுத்துக் கொள்கின்றது என்பது குறிப்பிடத்தக்கது.

பௌத்த தம்மத்தின் அடிப்படை விழுமியங்கள் சமகாலத்திற்கு உத்வேகத்தையும் வழிகாட்டுதலையும் வழங்க முடியும் என்று இம்மாநாடு தொடர்பாக இந்தியப் பிரதமரின் அலுவலகம் தெரிவித்துள்ளது.

இந்த உச்சி மாநாட்டில் உலகின் தலைசிறந்த அறிஞர்கள், பௌத்த அமைப்புகளின் தலைவர்கள் மற்றும் தர்மகர்த்தாக்கள் பங்கேற்கின்றனர்.

தெற்கு, தென்கிழக்கு நாடுகளுடன் இந்தியா பல நூற்றாண்டு காலமாக பௌத்த மதரீதியிலான பழையமையான கலாசார நல்லுறவுகளைப் பேணி வருகின்றது. உலகளாவிய ரீதியில் பௌத்தம் பரவுவதற்கு இந்தியா பண்டைக் காலத்தில் பெரிதும் பங்காற்றியுள்ளது என்று நேற்றைய மாநாட்டின் அங்குரார்ப்பண வைபத்தில் உரையாற்றியோர் குறிப்பிட்டனர்.

உலக பௌத்த உச்சிமாநாட்டில் கலந்து கொள்வதற்காக உலகின் பல்வேறு பகுதிகளில் இருந்தும் பௌத்த பிக்குகள், அறிஞர்கள் மற்றும் பிரதிநிதிகள் பெருமளவில் நேற்று வருகை தந்திருந்தனர். நேற்றைய அங்குரார்ப்பண விழாவில் 30 இற்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளைச் சேர்ந்த பிரதிநிதிகள் கலந்து கொண்டனர்.

பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி நேற்று உச்சிமாநாட்டை ஆரம்பித்து வைத்து உரையாற்றுகையில், "போர் போன்ற சவால்களை உலகம் கடந்து கொண்டிருக்கிறது" என்று குறிப்பிட்டார்.

"பொருளாதார ஸ்திரமின்மை, பயங்கரவாதம், மத தீவிரவாதம் மற்றும் பருவநிலை மாற்றம் போன்ற சவால்களை உலகம் வெற்றி கொள்ள வேண்டியிருக்கின்றது. புத்தர் பெருமானின் கருத்துக்கள் உலகின் இன்றைய பிரச்சினைகளுக்குத் தீர்வைத்

தருகின்றன. கௌதம புத்தரின் உன்னத போதனைகள் பல நூற்றாண்டுகளாக எண்ணற்ற மக்களை நல்வழிப்படுத்தியுள்ளன. புத்தர் பெருமானின் போதனைகளால் ஈர்க்கப்பட்ட இந்தியா, உலக அளவில் புதிய முயற்சிகளை மேற்கொண்டு வருகிறது" என்றும் பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி தனது உரையில் தெரிவித்தார்.

"உலகம் இன்று போராலும் அமைதியின்மையாலும் பாதிக்கப்பட்டு வருகிறது. பல நூற்றாண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு புத்தர் பெருமான் அதற்கான ஒரு தீர்வைக் கொடுத்தார். இந்தியா உலகிற்கு 'யுத்தத்தை' வழங்கவில்லை, உலக அமைதிக்கும் கருணைக்குமான புத்தர் பெருமானையே வழங்கியது" என்று பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி தனது உரையில் மேலும் கூறினார்.

உலகளாவிய பௌத்த உச்சி மாநாட்டின் கருப்பொருள் 'தற்கால சவால்களுக்கான பதில்கள்' என்பதாகும். அதாவது இன்றைய சவால்களுக்கு அமைதி வழியில் தீர்வைத் தேட வேண்டுமென்பதே இதன் பொருள் ஆகும்.

இலங்கை, வியட்நாம், அமெரிக்கா, லாவோஸ், பிரேசில் உள்ளிட்ட 30 இற்கும் மேற்பட்ட நாடுகளைச் சேர்ந்த பிரதிநிதிகள் இம்மாநாட்டில் பங்கேற்பதாக இந்திய மத்திய கலாசார அமைச்சர் ஜி கிஷன் ரெட்டி தெரிவித்துள்ளார்.

இருநாள் உச்சிமாநாட்டை அங்குரார்ப்பணம் செய்து வைத்து பிரதமர் நரேந்திர மோடி உரை

'சர்வதேச அமைதிக்கும்

கருணைக்குமென புத்தர் பெருமானை உலகுக்கு வழங்கிய நாடு பாரதம்'



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Unveiling the historic first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi: Rediscovering India's rich legacy and reclaiming an ancient mandate

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Conventional wisdom has a habit of attributing a fair share of the world's evils to religion. This social institution, which is supposedly premised on faith and thrives on unquestioning obedience of its doctrines, is seen as an anathema to scientific and rational thinking. Thus, the proposition that religious ideas can come to the succour of a troubled world should appear as a paradox to the ardent votaries of secularism.

Traditional Indian thinking, however, holds an altogether different view in this regard. Dharma, the Indian equivalent of the term Religion, is derived from the Sanskrit root word Dhri, which means to hold together. Thus, Dharma is that which holds. It is the ethical, moral and spiritual glue that holds the society together and prevents it from dissolving into chaos. India, from time antiquity, has been the cradle of lofty religious and spiritual ideas that have served as guiding lights to humankind afflicted with myriad miseries of existence. Of these ideas or Dharmas, undoubtedly the most impactful, in terms of its adherents, has been the message of Lord Buddha. From the freezing snows of Siberia to the lush forests of Sri Lanka, from the arid steppes of Central Asia to the picturesque islands of Japan, about one third of the human race have, for centuries, lived and died under the tenets of the great sage from India.

The doctrine of Gautama Buddha, in many ways does not conform to the standard definition of a religion. Within the core concepts of Buddhism there is no provision of the God. Buddha spoke of no heaven, hell or afterlife. As a matter of fact, he sidetracked metaphysics altogether. The sole concern of the enlightened one was the alleviation of misery. It was this tireless quest for the answer to miseries of life which brought enlightenment to Prince Siddhartha and transformed him into the Buddha. The truth that he had realized some six centuries before the birth of Christ, came to constitute the essence of his religion. Ever since Buddha promulgated his formula of cessation of Dukkha (misery), countless souls, from murderous highwaymen to contrite Emperors, have sought refuge in the Buddha, Sangha and the Dharma, the three jewels of Buddhism and have conducted themselves from darkness to light.

The world as such, is primarily governed by ideas. Every dimension of human existence, be it social, political, economical or ethical, needs a set of guiding principles in order to smoothly transact the businesses of life. In recent past, many a belief system which gained international prominence and significantly influenced a large section of thinking minds, promised to change the world. Religion was described as ε JOIN TO WHATSAPP NEWS ti intellectuals were trained to regard it as the very antithesis of scientific thinking and piC It became fashionable to ridicule faith and scorn spirituality. The prophesied social revolution never came to pass and the ideologies in question, along with their grandiose claims were

subsequently consigned to the scrap heap of history. Yet, a serious damage that they had inflicted on the collective consciousness of the human mind remained unrepaired. A sizeable fraction of the human race was induced to alienate itself from its innate religiosity. Nevertheless, as evinced by history, no individual or society can survive indefinitely in an atmosphere of absolute materialism. The spiritual vacuum that is becoming increasingly conspicuous all over the world today will not be there for long. An intensely authoritarian and dogmatic ideology can soon take over and transform the familiar world of ours beyond recognition. In that case, the world will no more remain so free and liberal as it is today. There is no surety, that this is not the picture of tomorrow.

Twenty-first Century, is a strange epoch in the history of the mankind. It is so far the best and yet the worst of times. On one hand, scientific and technological advancement has brought every form of luxury and comfort within the reach of modern man and yet various forms of environmental crises are threatening the very existence of the planet. Machines have begun to think like intelligent human beings while young men and women are losing interest in life and sinking in the abyss of despair. Medieval barbarism is baring its fangs to sophisticated and yet impotent civilizations. Leaders and intellectuals are prioritizing political correctness over the truth. A moral, ethical and spiritual paralysis is fast spreading all over the world. We are in urgent need of a sharp and suitable medicine.

It was this imperative that was operational behind the convention of the first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi on 20-21 April 2023. This grand event was organized in tradition of the Buddhist councils that were convened in ancient India under the patronage of emperors like Ajatasatru Kalashoka, Ashoka and Kanishka etc. Addressing the inaugural session of the convention, the Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi spoke about the relevance of Buddha's teachings as regards the problems that plague the world today. He also explained how India, in pursuance of Buddhist ideals, have always strove to harmonize her own interests with those of the entire world. What Mr. Modi was actually elaborating upon was the Mahayana Buddhist ideal of Bodhisattva. According to this philosophy, the enlightened soul, in the Bodhisattva state of existence, forsakes his own salvation for the emancipation of his fellow sentient beings. As a nation, India has indeed steadfastly remained true to this ideal. As if under the mandate of a mysterious principle of eternal recurrence, the stage is once again set for India to assume the leadership role in the global Buddhist discourse. As the confused world reels between the Scylla of absolute spiritual anomie and the Charybdis of dogmatic fanaticism, it is the most appropriate time to react JOIN TO WHATSAPP NEWS M of the middle path of the Buddha. So let us revive the glorious heritage of Dharm Nagarjuna, Dipankara and other illustrious Buddhist masters of yore. Only a fraction of their

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India taking new initiatives based on Buddha's teachings: PM Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the noble teachings of Gautama Buddha at the Global Buddhist Summit inaugurated here in New Delhi on Thursday.

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"The noble teachings of Gautama Buddha have impacted countless people over centuries. Inspired by the teachings of Lord Buddha, India is taking new initiatives for global welfare," said PM Modi. He said, "Buddha is an understanding beyond the person, Buddha is a

thought beyond the form, Buddha is a consciousness beyond the image, and this consciousness of the Buddha is eternal and constant..."

"This thought is eternal, this understanding is unforgettable," said PM Modi.

PM Modi further said that India is moving ahead in 'Amrit Kaal' towards becoming a developed country, and the biggest inspiration behind the same is Lord Buddha.

"In this Amrit Kaal, India has taken new initiatives on many subjects and our biggest inspiration for this is Lord Buddha. India is moving ahead in the 'Amrit Kaal' towards becoming a developed country. India has resolved for the welfare of not only India but also for the whole wide world," Modi said.

The two-day Global Buddhist Summit is being held at a time when India is celebrating 75 years of her independence when India is celebrating the 'Amrit Mahotsav'.

PM Modi said that India has continuously spread the values of Lord Buddha. "The path of Buddha is Pariyakti, Patipatti and Pativedha. Means Theory, Practice and Realization. In the last 9 years, India has progressed rapidly on all these three points," he said.

The Prime Minister further stressed that when many people come together with a vision for a better future, "the future will indeed be magnificent".

"India has had its firsts in so many fields, and it has derived great inspiration for the same from Lord Buddha. That's why today people from different countries, and different geographical-cultural environments are present here together," Modi said while adding that this is the extension of Lord Buddha which unites the entire humanity in one thread.

PM Modi underscored the importance of the path of Buddha adding that his path is of the future, the path of sustainability.

He also said that India has not given war to the world, but 'Buddha'.

"The war and unrest that the world is suffering from today, centuries ago Lord Buddha had given a solution. The journey of solving problems is the journey of Buddha. India considers the sorrow of every human being as its own sorrow," PM Modi said.

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Modi said that the world can embrace happiness only if "we renunciate realisations of Defeats, Fights, Wars".

"Lord Buddha has taught the path to overcome these. Enmity can not vanish with enmity but with Love. Actual happiness lies in peace, in living together with peace. If we want to make the world happy, then this Buddha mantra of inclusiveness is the only way by leaving the self, the world, the narrow thinking," PM Modi said.

Referring to the earthquake in Turkey, PM Modi said, "Be it peace missions in different countries of the world or a calamity like an earthquake in Turkey... India stands with humanity in times of every crisis, with 'Mum Bhav', by putting its full potential."

He also informed how India played a key role in improving the Buddha Circuit.

"We improved the Buddha Circuit in India and Nepal. Be it Kushinagar International Airport or Lumbini, where India International Centre for Buddhist Culture is being established; India is working holistically in this direction," said PM Modi.



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ඉන්දියා අගමැති නරේන්ද්‍ර මෝදි මහතා ඊයේ (20) නවදිල්ලි නුවර අගෝස්ත් හෝටලයේ පැවති ගෝලීය බෞද්ධ සමුළුවේ සමාරම්භක සැසිවාරය ඇමතීය. සමුළුව ආරම්භයේදී බුද්ධ ප්‍රතිමා වහන්සේ වෙත මල් පූජා කළ අගමැතිවරයා, ප්‍රකට භික්ෂූන් වහන්සේලා දහනව දෙනෙකුට සිවුරු පිරිකරද පිරිනැමීය. අනතුරුව එහි රැස්ව සිටි පිරිස ඇමතු අගමැතිවරයා, ගෝලීය බෞද්ධ සමුළුවේ සමාරම්භක සැසිවාරය වෙත ලෝකයේ විවිධ ස්ථානවලින් පැමිණි සියලු දෙනා පිළිගත්තේය. ‘

අනිති දේවෝ භව’ එනම්, ආගන්තුකයන් දෙවියන්ට සමාන බවත්, මෙය බුද්ධ දේශයේ සම්ප්‍රදායක් බවත්, බුදුරදුන්ගේ පරමාදර්ශය තුළ ජීවත් වූ බොහෝ පුද්ගලයන් සිටීම නිසා බුදුන් වහන්සේ “අප වටා” වැඩ සිටීමේ අත්දැකීම “අපට දැනෙන” බවත් ඔහු අවධාරණය කළේය. “බුද්ධ යනු පුද්ගලයාට ඔබ්බෙන් සවිනිත්තනි එය සංජානනයකි” අගමැතිවරයා

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පැවසීය. බුදුන් වහන්සේ යනු පුද්ගලයා අභිබවා යන
සංවේදනයක් බවත්, උන්වහන්සේ රූපය ඉක්මවූ
චිත්තනයක් බවත්, බුදුන් වහන්සේ ප්‍රකාශනයට
ඔබ්බට ගිය විඥානයක් බවත් අගමැතිවරයා ප්‍රකාශ
කළේය.

ලෝක සුබසාධනය සඳහා ලොව පුරා සිටින කෝටි
සංඛ්‍යාත බුදුරජාණන් වහන්සේගේ
අනුගාමිකයින්ගේ සාමූහික කැමැත්ත සහ
අධිෂ්ඨානයේ ශක්තිය ද ඔහු අවධාරණය කළේය.
මෙම අවස්ථාව පිළිබඳව සඳහන් කළ අගමැතිවරයා,
මංගල ගෝලීය බෞද්ධ සමුළුව සියලු ජාතීන්ගේ
ප්‍රයත්නයන් සඳහා ඵලදායී වේදිකාවක් නිර්මාණය
කරනු ඇතැයි විශ්වාසය පළ කළ අතර, මෙම
සුවිශේෂී අවස්ථාව සඳහා සංස්කෘතික
අමාත්‍යාංශයට සහ අන්තර්ජාතික බෞද්ධ
සම්මේලනයට ස්තූතිය පළ කළේය.

තමා ප්‍රධාන බෞද්ධ මධ්‍යස්ථානයක් වූ වඩිනගර් සිට
පැමිණ ඇති බැවින් බුදුදහම සමඟ තමාට ඇති
පෞද්ගලික සම්බන්ධය අගමැතිවරයා අවධාරණය
කළේය. ඉන්දියාව සිය 75 වැනි නිදහස් සිංය සමරන
වසරේදීම ගෝලීය බෞද්ධ සමුළුව පවත්වෙන බව
සඳහන් කළ අගමැතිවරයා, ඉන්දියාවට එහි
අනාගතය සඳහා ප්‍රධාන ඉලක්කයක් සහ ගෝලීය
යහපත සඳහා නව යෝජනා ඇති බව

පෙන්වාදුන්නේය. ඉන්දියාව මනුකාලීනව විවිධ ක්ෂේත්‍රවල ගෝලීය සන්ධිස්ථාන කරා ළඟාවීම පිටුපස ඇති ආභාෂය බුදු රජාණන්වහන්සේම බව ඔහු අවධාරණය කළේය.



“ප්‍රශ්නයේ සිට විසඳුම කරා යන ගමන බුදුන් වහන්සේගේ සැබෑ ගමනයි” යැයි අගමැතිවරයා පෙන්වාදුන්නේය. බුදු රජාණන් වහන්සේගේ ගමනට ආලෝකයක් ලබාදෙමින් අගමැතිවරයා යළිත් ප්‍රකාශ කළේ, උන්වහන්සේ මාලිගා සහ රාජධානිවලින් පිරුණු ජීවිතය හැර ගියේ අන් අයගේ ජීවිතවල වේදනාව අවබෝධ කරගත් නිසා බවයි.

සෞභාග්‍යවත් ලෝකයක අරමුණ සාක්ෂාත් කර ගත හැකි එකම මාර්ගය වන්නේ, තමන් යන අදහස සහ පටු අදහස් අත්හැර දමා ලෝකය යන අදහස ඇති කර ගැනීමේ බුද්ධ මන්ත්‍රයේ සම්පූර්ණත්වය අවබෝධ කර ගැනීම බව උන්වහන්සේ අවධාරණය කළ ආකාරයද අගමැති මෝදි සිහිපත් කළේය. වඩා හොඳ සහ ස්ථාවර ලෝකයක් සාක්ෂාත් කර ගත හැක්කේ, සම්පත් හිඟයක් සමඟ කටයුතු කරන ජාතීන්ට උපකාර කරමින් කටයුතු කළහොත් පමණක් බවද ඔහු අවධාරණය කළේය.

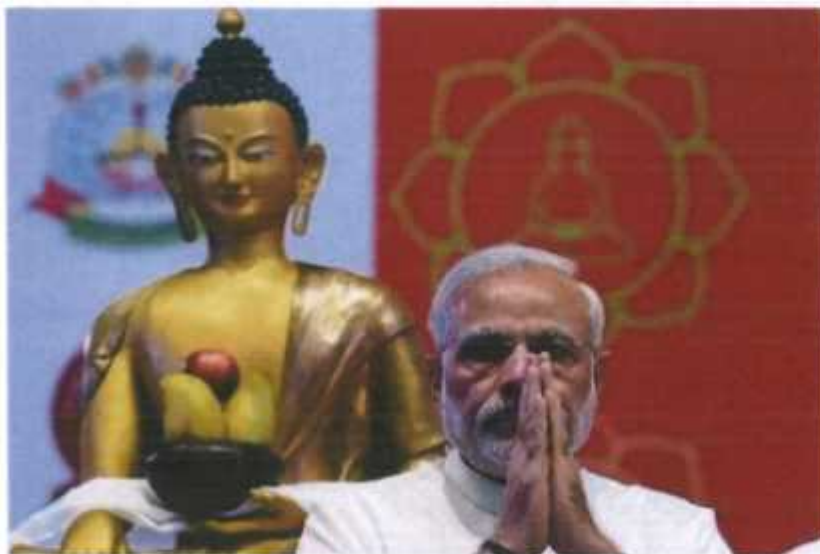
යුද්ධය, ආර්ථික අස්ථාවරත්වය, ත්‍රස්තවාදය සහ
ආගමික උමතුව අඛණ්ඩව පවතින අතර, ජීවී විශේෂ
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සිටින බව ඔහු පෙන්වා දුන්නේය.

“මේ බලාපොරොත්තුව, මේ විශ්වාසය මේ
පොළොවේ ලොකුම ශක්තියයි. මේ
බලාපොරොත්තුව එකමුතු වූ විට බුද්ධ ධර්මය ලෝක
විශ්වාසය බවටත් බුද්ධාවබෝධය මනුෂ්‍යත්වයේ
විශ්වාසය බවටත් පත්වෙනවා.” යැයි අගමැතිවරයා
ප්‍රකාශ කළේය.

අගමැති මෝදි බුදුන් වහන්සේගේ ඉගැන්වීම්
අදාළත්වය අවධාරණය කරන ලද්දේ, නූතන යුගයේ
සියලු ගැටලු බුදුන් වහන්සේගේ පුරාණ ඉගැන්වීම්
තුළින් විසඳුම් ලබා දෙන බව පවසමිනි. සදාකාලික
සාමය සඳහා යුද්ධය, පරාජය සහ ජයග්‍රහණය
අත්හරින ලෙස බුදුරජාණන් වහන්සේ දේශනා කළ
බව අගමැතිවරයා පැවසීය. සතුරුකම කිසිවිටෙක
සතුරුකමෙන් පිටුදැකිය නොහැකි බවත් සතුට
ඇත්තේ සමඟිය තුළ බවත් පෙන්වාදුන් ඔහු, අත්
අයට දේශනා කිරීමට පෙර තමාගේ හැසිරීම දෙස
බැලිය යුතුය යන බුදුරජාණන් වහන්සේගේ
ඉගැන්වීම බවත්, අද ලෝකයේ බහුලව පවතින්නේ

නම මතය අත් අය මත පැටවීමේ උවදුර බවත්
සඳහන් කළේය.

අගමැතිවරයා සඳහන් කළේ “බුද්ධ මාර්ගය අනාගත
මාවන සහ තිරසාර මාවතයි. ලෝකය බුදුන්ගේ
ඉගැන්වීම් අනුගමනය කළේ නම්, දේශගුණික
විපර්යාස පිළිබඳ ගැටලුවට ලෝකය මුහුණ නොදෙනු
අත.” යනුවෙනි. එසේම, ජාතීන් අත් අය ගැන සිතීම
සහ ඉදිරි පරම්පරාවන් ගැන සිතීම නැවැත්වූ නිසා
වත්මන් ලෝක ගැටලු නිර්මාණය වී තිබෙන බවද
අගමැතිවරයා පැහැදිලි කළේය. බුදුන් වහන්සේ
යහපත් හැසිරීමක් දේශනා කළේ පෞද්ගලික ලාභ
ප්‍රයෝජන නොතකා එවැනි හැසිරීම් සමස්ත
යහපතට හේතු වන බැවින් බවද අගමැතිවරයා
සඳහන් කළේය.



ජීවන රටාව, ආහාර ගැනීම හෝ ගමන් බිමන් යනාදී
වශයෙන් එක් එක් පුද්ගලයා පෘථිවියට එක්
ආකාරයකින් හෝ වෙනත් ආකාරයකින් බලපාන
ආකාරය පෙන්වා දුන් අගමැතිවරයා, දේශගුණික

විපර්යාසවලට එරෙහිව සටන් කිරීමට සෑම කෙනෙකුටම දායක විය හැකි බව පෙන්වා දුන්නේය. බුදුන් වහන්සේගේ ධර්මයේ මගපෙන්වීමට අනුව ඉන්දියාව ආරම්භ කර ඇති මූලපිරීමක් වන 'පරිසරය සඳහා ජීවන රටාව' පිළිබඳව පැහැදිලි කරමින් අගමැති මෝදි සඳහන් කරන ලද්දේ, මිනිසුන් දැනුවත් වී ඔවුන්ගේ ජීවන රටාව වෙනස් කරන්නේ නම්, දේශගුණික විපර්යාස පිළිබඳ මෙම දැවැන්ත ගැටලුවට ද මුහුණ දිය හැකි බවයි. සිය දේශනය අවසන් කරමින් අගමැතිවරයා 'භවතු සබ්බ මංගලම්' එනම් බුදුන් වහන්සේ සංකේතයක් පමණක් නොව ප්‍රතිබිම්බයක් ද බවට පත් කර ගත යුතු බව අවධාරණය කළේය.

අන්තර්ජාතික බෞද්ධ සම්මේලනය හා එක්ව ඉන්දිය සංස්කෘතික අමාත්‍යාංශය විසින් සංවිධානය කරන මෙම දෙදින සමුළුව අප්‍රේල් 20-21 යන දිනවල පැවැත්වේ. ගෝලීය බෞද්ධ සමුළුවේ තේමාව වන්නේ "සමකාලීන අභියෝගවලට ප්‍රතිචාර: ප්‍රායෝගිකත්වය වෙත දර්ශනය" යන්නයි. මෙම සමුළුව බෞද්ධ හා විශ්වීය අවශ්‍යතා පිළිබඳ ගෝලීය බෞද්ධ දහම් නායකත්වය සහ විද්වතුන් සම්බන්ධ කර ගැනීමටත්, ඒවා සාමූහිකව ආමන්ත්‍රණය කිරීමට ප්‍රතිපත්තිමය එකඟතා ඉදිරිපත් කිරීමටත් දරන ප්‍රයත්නයකි. බුද්ධ ධර්මයේ මූලික හරයන් සමකාලීන පසුබිම තුළ ආශ්වාදයක් සහ මග පෙන්වීමක් ලබාදෙන්නේ කෙසේදැයි සමුළුවේ සාකච්ඡාවේදී ගවේෂණය කරනු ලැබේ.



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Conventional wisdom has a habit of attributing a fair share of the world's evils to religion. This social institution, which is supposedly premised on faith and thrives on unquestioning obedience of its doctrines, is seen as an anathema to scientific and rational thinking. Thus, the proposition that religious ideas can come to the succour of a troubled world should appear as a paradox to the ardent votaries of secularism.

Traditional Indian thinking, however, holds an altogether different view in this regard. Dharma, the Indian equivalent of the term Religion, is derived from the Sanskrit root word Dhri, which means to hold together. Thus, Dharma is that which holds. It is the ethical, moral and spiritual glue that holds the society together and prevents it from dissolving into chaos. India, from time antiquity, has been the cradle of lofty religious and spiritual ideas that have served as guiding lights to humankind afflicted with myriad miseries of existence. Of these ideas or Dharmas, undoubtedly the most impactful, in terms of its adherents, has been the message of Lord Buddha. From the freezing snows of Siberia to the lush forests of Sri Lanka, from the arid steppes of Central Asia to the picturesque islands of Japan, about one third of the human race have, for centuries, lived and died under the tenets of the great sage from India.

The doctrine of Gautama Buddha, in many ways does not conform to the standard definition of a religion. Within the core concepts of Buddhism there is no provision of the God. Buddha spoke of no heaven, hell or afterlife. As a matter of fact, he sidetracked metaphysics altogether. The sole concern of the enlightened one was the alleviation of misery. It was this tireless quest for the answer to miseries of life which brought enlightenment to Prince Siddhartha and transformed him into the Buddha. The truth that he had realized some six centuries before the birth of Christ, came to constitute the essence of his religion. Ever since Buddha promulgated his formula of cessation of Dukkha (misery), countless souls, from murderous highwaymen to contrite Emperors, have sought refuge in the Buddha, Sangha and the Dharma, the three jewels of Buddhism and have conducted themselves from darkness to light.

The world as such, is primarily governed by ideas. Every dimension of human existence, be it social, political, economical or ethical, needs a set of guiding principles in order to smoothly transact the businesses of life. In recent past, many a belief system which gained international prominence and significantly influenced a large section of thinking minds, promised to change the world. Religion was described as ϵ JOIN TO WHATSAPP NEWS ti intellectuals were trained to regard it as the very antithesis of scientific rationality and piC. It became fashionable to ridicule faith and scorn spirituality. The prophesied social revolution never came to pass and the ideologies in question, along with their grandiose claims were

subsequently consigned to the scrap heap of history. Yet, a serious damage that they had inflicted on the collective consciousness of the human mind remained unrepaired. A sizeable fraction of the human race was induced to alienate itself from its innate religiosity. Nevertheless, as evinced by history, no individual or society can survive indefinitely in an atmosphere of absolute materialism. The spiritual vacuum that is becoming increasingly conspicuous all over the world today will not be there for long. An intensely authoritarian and dogmatic ideology can soon take over and transform the familiar world of ours beyond recognition. In that case, the world will no more remain so free and liberal as it is today. There is no surety, that this is not the picture of tomorrow.

Twenty-first Century, is a strange epoch in the history of the mankind. It is so far the best and yet the worst of times. On one hand, scientific and technological advancement has brought every form of luxury and comfort within the reach of modern man and yet various forms of environmental crises are threatening the very existence of the planet. Machines have begun to think like intelligent human beings while young men and women are losing interest in life and sinking in the abyss of despair. Medieval barbarism is baring its fangs to sophisticated and yet impotent civilizations. Leaders and intellectuals are prioritizing political correctness over the truth. A moral, ethical and spiritual paralysis is fast spreading all over the world. We are in urgent need of a sharp and suitable medicine.

It was this imperative that was operational behind the convention of the first Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi on 20-21 April 2023. This grand event was organized in tradition of the Buddhist councils that were convened in ancient India under the patronage of emperors like Ajatasatru Kalashoka, Ashoka and Kanishka etc. Addressing the inaugural session of the convention, the Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi spoke about the relevance of Buddha's teachings as regards the problems that plague the world today. He also explained how India, in pursuance of Buddhist ideals, have always strove to harmonize her own interests with those of the entire world. What Mr. Modi was actually elaborating upon was the Mahayana Buddhist ideal of Bodhisattva. According to this philosophy, the enlightened soul, in the Bodhisattva state of existence, forsakes his own salvation for the emancipation of his fellow sentient beings. As a nation, India has indeed steadfastly remained true to this ideal. As if under the mandate of a mysterious principle of eternal recurrence, the stage is once again set for India to assume the leadership role in the global Buddhist discourse. As the confused world reels between the Scylla of absolute spiritual anomie and the Charybdis of dogmatic fanaticism, it is the most appropriate time to react JOIN TO WHATSAPP NEWS ❖ of the middle path of the Buddha. So let us revive the glorious heritage of Dharm Nagarjuna, Dipankara and other illustrious Buddhist masters of yore. Only a fraction of their

India is progressing by following Buddha's teachings, says PM Modi

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India, in the last nine years, has been making big strides following Buddha teachings, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

Speaking at Global Buddhist Summit 2023 in New Delhi, Modi said that India has followed Buddha's teachings including the path of Theory, Practice and Realisation. India has progressed rapidly on all these three points.

The Global Buddhist Summit is being held at a time when India is celebrating 75 years of her independence when India is celebrating the 'Amrit Mahotsav'.

"India is moving ahead in the 'Amrit Kaal' towards becoming a developed country. India has resolved for the welfare of not only India but also for the whole wide world," PM Modi said.

"We can embrace happiness only if we renunciate realisations of Victory, Defeats, Fights, Wars. Lord Buddha has taught the path to overcome these. Enmity cannot vanish with enmity but with Love. Actual happiness lies in peace, in living together with peace," he said.

If we want to make the world happy, then this Buddha's mantra of inclusiveness is the only way by leaving the self, the world, and narrow thinking, he said.

Prime Minister also mentioned the Russia-Ukraine war in his speech.

"The path of Buddha is the path of the future, the path of sustainability. If the world had followed the teachings of Buddha, then even a crisis like a climate change would not have come in front of us. This crisis came about because, in the last century, some countries did not think about others, about future generations," he said.

Be it peace missions in different countries of the world or a calamity like an earthquake in Turkey... India stands with humanity in times of every crisis, with 'Mum Bhav', by putting its full potential, he said. (ANI)

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India being peacemaker, should get permanent seat in UNSC: Padma awardee Thurman

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Supporting India's candidature for a permanent seat in the United Nations Security Council, Professor Robert AF Thurman, Co-founder and President of the Tibet House in New York, said that the five permanent members of the UNSC are unable to resolve conflicts diplomatically and engaged in wars while India has the potential to bring peace in the world.

He said, "Today in the United Nations, the five permanent security council members are the five big arms dealers on the planet so they naturally will not make peace and that has to change for example India, a huge country should be in the permanent member of the Security Council. Brazil, you know, Germany, Japan and not just the five people who think they won the world war."

He asserted that India has every right to be the centre for the congregation of all the Buddhists as it has been following the principle of non-violence and shown the path of peace to the world rather than the war which some countries have been adopting to invade another country.

He is also a recipient of India's Padma Shri Award.

Terming India as the land of Lord Buddha, Lord Mahavira and Mahatma Gandhi, Professor Robert AF Thurman said that India has been promoting peace through Buddhism.

"Well, I see it in the terms that Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid out earlier yesterday where he mentioned that India has the principle of non-violence and peace rather than war or as many countries, their major effort or expense is defence and which they call it defence and then one of them invades another country for eg United States foolishly invaded Iraq the second time and Afghanistan occupied."

He went on to say that attacking the enemy in another country to defend your country is admissible but to invade a country or occupy the country is "terrible".

He said, "They (US) had a right to attack their enemies in Afghanistan who bombed in New York but after that to occupy a country was a terrible mistake as obviously...and now Russia has invaded Ukraine and that is really terrible," He made the remarks as he came to attend the Global Buddhist Summit in New Delhi.

The two-day summit is being hosted by the Ministry of Culture in collaboration with International Buddhist Confederation (IBC). The theme of the Global Buddhist Summit is 'Responses to Contemporary Challenges: Philosophy to Praxis.'

He said that India is a land where Buddha took birth and it has every right to be the centre to assemble all the Buddhists. Speaking to ANI, he said, "India has never done an invasion

on anybody not perfect of course but they had to defend themselves of course on the other hand and so India has a right because of Gandhi, Buddha, Mahavira, Jains to say non-violence is the principle of the country and that makes sense. And also it happens to be the land on the subcontinent where Buddha took birth although the modern country of India ofcourse didn't exist at that time, there were many small countries. So, they have every right to be the centre to assemble all the Buddhists and to stand for the principle and even not to give up the hope that the world can be the world at peace."

Speaking about the Dalai Lama's remarks at the Global Buddhist Summit, he said, "His Holiness The Dalai Lama who also blessed this conference enormously by coming today. He always says and has been saying for 30 years that the 20th century was the century of terrible violence as the world wars marked the end of colonialism worldwide and the 21st century has to be a century of peace. Unfortunately, in the first 23 years of this century, there have been terrible wars and the US is guilty to some extent and my country (US) is guilty of unprovoked wars."

He said that every person in the world needs freedom and called India a free country. He said, "Freedom is a thing that people need, that is what human people need, human beings need. India is a free country, a bit chaotic like the US is, but we have to be partners in seeing that the whole planet is like that."

Responding to a question regarding China following expansionist policy, he termed dictatorship dangerous as the dictator has to suppress their own people but the Chinese nationals like freedom.

"Well, you see that the danger of dictatorship is that the dictator has to suppress their own people because it is not true that Chinese people are not the same human beings who do not like freedom because they are. There are some theories.... that Chinese people don't want democracy and they pretend some Western... or some nonsense like that. Actually, Chinese people are just people and every people even in a family like to be free," he told ANI.

"They don't want to be completely under one person and also their talent can't come out unless they are free and they won't be creative...So, the point is I see that dictatorships are dangerous because their own people resent being bossed around by the dictator. So, the dictator has to push that there is an enemy out there, they try to deflect resentment of the people against them, against some foreigner and they awake a war and that is an age-old principle that people that everyone can observe in history. So, we don't need governance where people can have their say right at home and if you are free to say it, they will disagree, and there will maybe be local squabbles and fights because humans are like that. But, overall they are not estranged to an enemy, to a neighbour that's really important," he added.

He emphasized that Buddhism can play a part in spreading peace and harmony in the world.

"Buddhism can do that, Dalai Lama has a slogan in which he says 'world peace through inner peace' which means that if people learn to control themselves and be friendly and loving and peaceful with each other. Then, they won't have violence and conflict." Professor Robert AF Thurman further said that if the world sees other people of the world as a family, then there would get along and will not have issues with each other. (ANI)

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