



REPORT OF NATIONAL YOUTH SUMMIT

राष्ट्रीय युवा शिखर सम्मेलन

(Inter-Generation Exchange Programme on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav)

8th - 10th March 2022

YOUTH HOSTEL, PURI, ODISHA, INDIA



Jointly Organised By:

GANDHI GLOBAL FOUNDATION (GGF) NEW DELHI

GANDHI SMRITI & DARSHAN SAMITI (GSDS) NEW DELHI

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Introduction :

Youth is the most important and dynamic segment of the population in any country. Almost 34 percentage of Indian population consists of Youth. They have the power to change the nation. The young mind is will be more fresh and innovative which helps in the progress of the nation. But adequate opportunities should be given to them to represent their ideas and policies for the upliftment of the society.

India is now observing 75th years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. The Prime Minister of India has set a vision of New India 2022: A 'new, inclusive India' for poor, middle class and women. Unless the participation of Youth of India, the new India vision becomes a distant dream.

Mahatma Gandhi had immense faith in the Indian Youth as a powerful regenerative force through his Magazine Young India . Gandhi was continuously reminding the educated youth about their duty to the country and community. The thousands of youth who left their schools and colleges became the spearhead of the freedom movement. The generation that grew up with Gandhi is sturdily disappearing. Thus there is a need to familiarize the youth of today with Gandhi's holistic worldview.

The idea of the summit was to inculcate the philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi among younger generation and transmitting the education and knowledge by the legend Gandhian leaders to live in a peaceful society.

Programme :

National Youth Summit 2022 is an inter-generation exchange program on Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav jointly organized by Gandhi Global Foundation (GGF) New Delhi, Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti (GSDS) New Delhi (An autonomous body under Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India) in association with Youth United for voluntary Action (YUVA), Bharatiya Alternative Research Growth & Diversity (BARGAD), Pali Cultural Foundation(PCF) & Vinoba Seva Pratisthan (VSP) held on 8th to 10th March 2022 at Youth Hostel, Puri, Odisha, India.

The program began on 8th March in the morning with an assembly of youths from different State and raising patriotic slogans and proceeded for sea beach cleaning. The youths have a bigger role to realize the goal of clean and green India. Young volunteers actively participated in the cleaning activities. The message was spread through various communicative Medias throughout the country.

In the morning session international women day was celebrated with discussion and views of guests and participants. International women's day celebration upheld the theme "Gender equality today for a sustainable tomorrow" which was jointly organized by Gandhi Global Foundation, Gandhi Smriti & Darshan Samiti, Human Rights Front India, Kasturba Welfare Trust. The dignitaries of day stressed upon the role of women in the current scenario. Both youth and women consist of major population of the country hence both groups should go each other to contribute in nation building. Mrs. Prantasini Jena, the chairperson of Kasturba Welfare Trust presided over the programme, Sister Bhavini Parekh (Vinoba Ashram, Wardha), Sushree Maithili Bisi, chairperson of Gitai Mission, Wardha, Ms. Shalini Ghumare Pekhale, NSS officer of Navjeevan Law College, Nashik Mr. Vishnugupt Shreenivas Vaidya, Social Activist Nagpur were the eminent speakers. Volunteers like Ms. Muskan (Madhya Pradesh), Mr. Rahul (Bihar), Mr. Amit (Haryana) recited poem on the importance of women empowerment and vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Athira R (Kerala).

The inaugural ceremony began at 4:30pm in Sanskruti Bhawan Auditorium, Puri with participants of youths from different States and some eminent persons of the Odisha. Honourable guests were welcomed to the stage to light up the lamp and garland the photograph of Mahatma Gandhi. All participants were stood up for silent prayer for them who lost their life in the Russia & Ukraine war. The guests including Dr Karan Singh ,Hon'ble MP (Rajya Sabha) Dr. Nitin Shukla, IAS, Sub divisional magistrate Andaman-Nicobar, Dr, Ramesh Prasad, Dean of Sanskrit University, Varanashi joined virtually along with physically Mr. Braja Kishore Tripathy, Ex. union minister, Mr. Jayanta Kumar Sarangi, MLA, Puri, Mr. Madhu Sudan Padhi, Additional chief secretary, Govt. of Odisha and Principal Secretary department of Culture & Language, Sushree Bhavini Parekh, Vinoba Ashram, Wardha. The function was presided by Mr. Manoj Jena, chairperson of Gandhi Global Foundation who introduced the guests and highlighted the ideas of the program. The welcome speech was delivered by Mr. Hardayal Kushwaha , Secretary General of Gandhi Global Foundation. He spoke about GGF and shared about the objectives of the Youth Summit. All the guests who were present in the ceremony were honoured by khadi Sutmala. The ceremony was officially inaugurated by the chief guest Honourable Member of Parliament Dr. Karan Singh. He was given importance to dialogue and mediation to resolve any major problems. He had also given a clarion call to youths to be the change agent of development which was advocated by Gandhiji. Mr. Braja Kishor Tripathy, former union minister had briefed in his speech how the youths of today are facing the various challenges including unemployment and bad governance, Mr. M. S Padhi additional chief secretary who emphasized the

constructive role of youth and encouraged to read the autobiography of Mahatma Gandhi “ My Experiments with Truth “ Mr. Jayant Kumar Sarangi MLA, Purispoke on how the youths can contribute for the betterment of the society and reform the impunity exist in our system . Ms. Bhavini Parekh of Vinoba Ashram, Wardha pointed out the importance of harmony among people and the current day challenges before Indian youth which hinders them from enjoying the real freedom and what Mahatma Gandhi conveyed through his entire life , Ms. Maithili Bisi (Gitai mission), Mr Sanjiv Kumar, (Entrepreneur and Youth promoter) , Mr. Vishnugupt Vaidya (social activist), Ms. Shalini Ghumare Pekhale(NSS Officer) Ms Jesal Kava (Social Activist)MrsPrantasini Jena(Women Activist) Narottam Kushwaha (Phd Researcher) were felicitated on this occasion . A website of Gandhi Global Foundation was launched by guests to connect the youth across the world.

After the inaugural ceremony the cultural program began with the classical dance performance of Andhra Pradesh Kuchipudi, later on different dance forms and folk songs were exhibited by volunteers from different parts of India including Mohiniyattam (Kerala), Kuchipudi (Andhra Pradesh) Odishi (Odisha) Bhangra (Punjab), Bharatanatyam (Tamil Nadu) and so on.

The day two of National Youth Summit was dedicated to explore the history and beauty of Odisha. Volunteers got the opportunities to visit temple of historical importance. The places include Konark sun temple which has an important relation with the logo of National service scheme. The symbol of the NSS is based on the 'Rath' wheel of the Konark Sun Temple situated in Orissa. These giant wheels of the Sun Temple portray the cycle of creation, preservation and release, and signify the movement in life across time and space.

The second site visited was Lingaraja Temple which was a mesmerizing experience for volunteers. Lingaraja Temple is a Hindu Temple dedicated to Shiva and is one of the oldest temple in Bhubaneswar the capital of the Indian state of Odisha, India. The temple is the most prominent landmark of Bhubaneswar city and one of the major tourist attractions of the state.

The third site seen was Dhauli Stupa (Peace Pagoda) situated in the bank of river Daya. The place was famous for historical Kalinga War. The Emperor Ashoka transferred from Chandasoka to Dharmasoka and renounced the path of violence and embraced the philosophy of Non-violence by Lord Budha. Later he became the propagator of peace and Bhudhist religion. The details has mentioned in pali script there.

The youths also visited various handicraft sites and shops which was amazing to see the works of artisans and also the ample opportunities for large employment which was advocated by Gandhiji through cottage industries.

The day three of the summit began with the peace march to stop war between Russia and Ukraine. The march started from youth hostel to Mahatma Gandhi statue in sea beach of Bay of Bengal. The volunteers with holding placards in different peace and harmony messages marched to the statue of Mahatma Gandhi and offered their deep tribute. All religion prayer (sarva dharma prathana) sung by Maithili Tai and recited by all. The volunteer planted saplings there and remembered Mahatma Gandhi's words and works for the peace and harmony and shared the thoughts on how to implement it.

The first session on the concluding day began with lighting the lamp. The youths from different state had collected the soil from the birth place of freedom fighters which was a task given to them to collect 75 freedom fighters birth place soil on the occasion of 75 years of Independence as Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. GGF has initiated the campaign titled as "Aye Miti He Balidan Ki" . The Young volunteers narrated about the freedom fighters and handed over the soil to the Chairperson and Secretary General of Gandhi Global Foundation. They delivered facts about the sacrifice of the unsung heroes including Tanneti Viswanathan (Andhra Pradesh) Maharshi Kalita (Assam) Udharn Singh(Punjab), Bindeshwari Prasad Singh (Bihar) Mahasaya Paramanand Yadav (Haryana) Chakhi Kunita (Odisha) Chandrashekar Azad (Madhya Pradesh & Uttar Pradesh) BR Ambedkar & Veer Savarkar (Maharashtra), Komaram Bheem (Telangana), Sree Narayana Guru (Kerala) Purushottam Pednekar (Goa)AnaberiPrabhakarRao, Chakalillamma etc. and in return volunteers were given with the drawing pictures of freedom fighters. And the platform provided the young volunteers with the opportunity to speak about how they work for the society in the upcoming days by taking the inspiration from the summit. The summit put forward the action plan to work for the coming six months by adopting and working for the development of the nearby villages of the volunteers. The organizer advised the youths to adopt one village or Gram Panchayat in their locality as "Kasturba Adarsh Gram" to fulfill the dream of Bapu's Gram Swaraj and Prime Minister of India's mission of Model Village. The volunteers came up with the ideas of how to get rid of poverty, unemployment, child marriage, women molestation, untouchability etc and promotes constructive activities like blood donation, plantation, village development and promotion of village industries for self-reliance.The various subjects discussed at the seminar were i) Roles and Responsibilities of Youths in Nation Building ii) Youth as ambassador of socio-cultural change & exchange iii) Self-reliance through Gandhian Economy(Make in India) iv) Opportunities & Challenges before Youths in the present context v) Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat : Role of Young India vi) Youth as agent of peace and development. The resource person who shared their views on the said topics were Mrs Manju Gupta, Maithili Bisi, Jesal Kava, Ms. Shalini Ghumare Pekhale, Neelam Sarangi, Manoj Jena, Hardayal Khuswaha, Gouranga Parida etc. In the concluding session youth shared the three days experience.

The valedictory ceremony began on 10th March at 5PM with the welcome song. Welcome speech was delivered by the Ms. Muskan volunteer from Madhya Pradesh. The presidential address was delivered by Mr, Manoj Jena, Chairperson of GGF. After then the guest speaker Mr. Jayashankar Joshi, District Youth Officer Nehru Yuva Kendra, Puri, Mr. Sudipta Kumar Ray, Director of Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Mr. Jayant Kumar Sarangi, MLA of Puri, Mr. Rabi Narayana Senapati, Manager of Youth Hostel, , Ms. Bhavini Parekh, Vinoba Ashram, Wardha and Mr Jagannath Bastia, Senior Journalist spoke on the roles and responsibilities of youths in present context. They encouraged the young volunteers to fulfill the dream of a New India which was expounded by Mahatma Gandhi. The participants cum appreciation certificates were given to state wise by the hon'ble guests. Mr. HardayalKushwaha, General Secretary of Gandhi Global Foundation delivered vote of thanks to all participants, supporter& state holders. A special thanks was given to GSDS and it's office bearer who supported the programme from proposal to successful implementation of the event. The program came to end with National Anthem.







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