



IV. SUSTAINABILITY THROUGH PEACE -- A GLOBAL PEACE INITIATIVE — BY ATMANIRBHAR BHARAT IN THE YEAR OF AZADI KA AMRIT MAHOTSAV

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IV.1 INTRODUCTION:

India holds a vast diversity in culture, traditions, with people following various religions. Sustainability is ancient, so also is Peace & Conflict. If the ancients had not thought about sustainability, we wouldn't have been here on the planet, and some other species on this Planet or another Planet may be studying about us under the classification of "Extinct Species on Earth". Ofcourse, there could have been flaws in ancient sustainable models, that force us to concentrate on sustainability now. Attention is sought to UN Sustainable Goal 16. **Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels.** The Goal 16 Targets at <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/peace-justice/> look good on paper and it is only 8 years more to 2030. We need to introspect whether we have been able to fulfil the Goal 16 Targets to a considerable level in reality, though everything may look good on paper. Media reports Conflicts at multiple levels, including National Conflicts. We have everything in place, all of us are working together on the UN 2030 sustainability agenda, but somewhere, we seem to be missing the big picture. One of the main difficulties in Conflict is that, there could be a valid reason for a Conflict to arise, but over time or circumstance or situation, the Conflict itself may die away or the parties to the Conflict may even die, but the Conflict may remain and continue in aimless endless fashion. It does require a Peace Mission that enforces Peace by inclusivity & dialogue instead of relying on arms to enforce Peace, for a war cannot end war. Only Peace can end Conflicts, supported by an inclusive fair just and equitable platform. The IJBST Journal Group as a Peer Reviewed Scientific Publishing Group serving Free on Open Access by virtue of its June 2022 amendment to Editorial Policy concentrates its activities on Sustainability and hence is immensely humbled to propose the following activity. This proposal as part of its #LaudatoSi Action Plan will first be submitted to the Vatican & then communicated to the Govt. of INDIA via accessible channels. The Vatican & the Govt. of India may be pleased to modify as suitable, so that this proposal may see the light of the day.

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A Global Peace Mission can inherently initiate from India, due to its plurality & diversity. By virtue of its ancient roots & civilization inclusive of the fact that every sixth person in the world is an Indian (https://zeenews.india.com/news/nation/every-sixth-person-on-earth-is-indian-census-2001_10611.html last accessed Nov. 30, 2022), India can play a major role in a Global Peace Initiative. However, even Charity needs to begin at Home. Consequently, India may be pleased to initiate a National Peace Initiative in collaboration with other Peace advocating organizations, individuals, etc., for instance, the Vatican, the Human Fraternity Initiatives of the Grand Imam of Al Azhar, the Dalai Lama, inclusive of all other Organizations and eminent individuals who will be pleased to collaborate in this Peace effort,

Post Independence, this may be a concrete step taken by India to end divisiveness, discrimination, etc. & follow the path of peace, love, fraternity & unity, attempting a convergence of the East & the West, in principle and in practicality too.

IV.2 TENTATIVE ITEMS ON AGENDA:

- Initiation of Activity on Christmas 2022 at Chennai with respect to #YaadhumOoreYaavarumKelir, with a Peace & Reconciliation lamp/torch, presided over by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu
- The Peace & Reconciliation lamp/torch will touch base at the Vatican w.r.t. #FRATELLITUTTI + #LAUDATOSI & Al Azhar w.r.t. #HUMANFRATERNITY & then travel all over the world, receiving the blessings of religious heads of all religions, all spiritual leaders, and the grace, support and patronage of all Heads of State.
- Suitable efforts may be initiated in the UN & EU to garner the support of all Nations via diplomatic channels.
- The Peace & Reconciliation lamp/torch will return to Delhi on Christmas 2023, for a grand event attended by religious & spiritual heads and heads of state, UN, EU & other international level organizations, wherein an International Body or Group may be effected to carry out the Global Peace Initiative.
- In the meantime, there will also be a huge intellectual forum formed from among Scientists, Professors & Domain Experts for the purpose of providing knowledge base support & further suggestions.

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- Over a period of evolution, this Global Peace Initiative by the Govt. of India in collaboration with its Partners/Collaborators will sustain all efforts to secure Peace in the World, through Dialogue at multiple levels, so that Goal 16 of the UN Sustainable Agenda will bear fruit at its maximum.

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