

Representation from
International Association for Religious Freedom
(IARF) since 1900 - to

Shri Yediyurappaji,
Honourable Chief Minister of Karnataka

Peace Greetings .

IARF is one of the oldest international organizations with UN accreditation and General Consultative status. International Association of Religious Freedom (IARF) acts, accentuates and augments the international good will for global peace and communal harmony.

IARF upholds dignity in diversity and enhances internal calmness.

This time, IARF initiative is in the field of community building and neighborhood development. IARF voluntarily opens the doors of interfaith dialogue and strengthens national solidarity. In India, IARF has been instrumental in imparting human rights education with higher zeal and the project (HRE) has prepared more than 2000 youths in their localities.

May I request your kind attention to the social rifts in Karnataka, I hope, we can render immediate support in healing the wounds. I think you have proved as a vibrant administrator within a very short period and as such the time will bestow upon you something more and some thing special. Let this sort of interaction will ensure solace and strength to many and will enhance your position in national history.

I extend our full support for your innovative development programmes.

“Harmony exists in Nature”. Harmony evolves from Nature, but human nature suppresses the harmony instincts and urges for disintegration. Harmonious development of human beings in a technology driven era is significant as the management of digital age is cardinal for modern man.

Harmony is essential for progress and development. Communal Harmony should exist in the State Development and Peace is complementary as the State upholds its noble values in the field of cultural preservation, civic efficiency and concordant growth. Consistent Action should be imparted in preserving the culture. All over the world, International Association for Religious Freedom offers the *richness* in youth development, interfaith dialogue, neighborhood development and innovative interaction.

India is a land of different faiths and different religions. The simultaneous existence of different cultures and subcultures strengthen the diversity components. We, as members of the polity should protect and preserve these diversity components and foster pluralism.

Homogenization and social shaping create rifts in the society. This in turn create paradoxical dilemma in Society. Efforts should be taken in curtailing the inhuman activities and intentional homogenization. We need to have a profound understanding about the web of relationships exist in our society. Stereotypes must be sidelined. Through our efforts, action and agenda, we can reduce the impacts of rote homogenization and its rigid and rude structures.

As has been stated by Sir Visweswaryya, 'we should extend the homely abode to the masses' and there by evolve "vasudeivakudumbakom" (World is a Family). Synchronized agenda and action are essential in strengthening the *networking* among members of society.

As Harmony exists in Nature, the state should take initiatives in preserving the order of the Nature. Joint action can be initiated for ameliorating any type of unnatural social as well as political phenomena. A socio political awakening is inevitable for curbing the *fear psychosis* among various segments of the Society. Two aspects are proposed for these efforts.

Time diffuses problems. Time flows through our lives with the accumulated inputs of knowledge. The State stands aloof in the midst of human action, reflection and refinement on the one hand and tenets and trends of transformative praxis on the other. It is believed that reflection is the prerogative for Action. Reflective thoughts prepare ourselves for timely action and preparedness for assimilation.

Assimilation implies grasping and generation of different viewpoints. Today, we are moving beyond the speculative sequences of arms and nuclear weapons. The digital divide aggravates the terrorism as the former creates an upper layer of *haves* and advanced accessibility. At the same time the *have nots* are the plenty. They cannot even look into their own life with a reflective mind and refinement.

Time allows us to mediate. This is the high time to mediate and to engage more able hearted people as the peace making processes. Time remembers us to interact meaningfully in the global scenario with local issue and parochial problems.

Here arise some problems regarding alienation, economic divide, social rifts and political apartheid (propaganda influencing and aggravating the divide). Dealing with these factors is significant and we are expected to lead the society through our action – more precisely, networking.

Networking implies enhancing cohesiveness among our societies. In other words, togetherness and sense of belongingness must be increased for societal mediation both inter faith mediation and intra faith action.

Let this initiative reduce the distance between haves and have nots. Let this fellowship strengthen our intentions for global amity. Let this fraternity extend our heart's desire to will this and to achieve this through ever expanding motives. Peace be with us and peace be within us.

We are called to be neighbours. In spite of the diverse interest and intentions, we must rally behind the common goals of prosperity and development. We should not forget the cultural heritage and the civilizations development over the centuries of our gigantic nation. With new pledges and revitalized commitment we should serve this nation to the fullest extend. Let our efforts in bringing communal harmony be fruitful.

“Called to be Neighbours”

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