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Speech of the Hon'ble Governor of Andhra Pradesh
Sri Biswa Bhusan Harichandan,
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Today's Guest of Honour Dr. Varsha Das, Former Director of National Book Trust and National Gandhi Museum, Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, Founder and Chief Patron, MIT Pune, President of MIT World Peace University and President, World Parliament of Peace, Religion and Philosophy, Shri Rahul V. Karad, Managing Trustee & Executive President, MAEER's ([Maharashtra Academy of Engineering Education and Research](#)) MIT and MIT World Peace University, Pune.

At the outset, I would like to congratulate Dr. Vishwanath D. Karad, President of MIT World Peace University, Pune, for successfully organizing the 6th World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy.

I have been informed that every year this Parliament takes place at the Saint Dhyaneshwara World Peace Dome at Loni Kalbhor, Pune, which is considered as the largest dome in the world. I am sure that this is a very auspicious place and will also become a tourist landmark once the people in other countries come to know more about this unique structure. I am impressed by the description of this monument.

It is befitting to organize the conference commencing from 2nd October, coinciding with the 151st Birth Anniversary of Rashtrapita Mahatma Gandhi who led the freedom movement and brought Independence to the country. Gandhiji is also addressed as 'Father of the Nation', an ideal father who guided the people of the country to lead a truthful, ethical and peaceful life. His greatness and contribution to the nation shall always be remembered for generations to come.

Mahatma Gandhi is a guiding force for the nation and today's youth can learn and benefit immensely from his teachings. Gandhiji sought truth and non-violence and pursued these principles with throughout his life. Gandhiji was greatly inclined towards Indian traditions and encouraged youth to be self-reliant. Gandhiji viewed youth as the agents of social transformation and his advice to youth was:

"Your beliefs become your thoughts. Your thoughts become your words. Your words become your actions. Your actions become your habits. Your habits become your values. Your values become your destiny."

I am happy to note that the 'World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy' has seen unique sessions on various thought-provoking topics where several eminent personalities from different walks of life have participated and shared their thoughts.

Indian Philosophy consists of philosophies of Hinduism, Buddhism and Jainism. For Indian thinkers the philosophy has always been a practical discipline and its goal is to improve human life.

All schools of Indian philosophy recognize the reality of the world and all of them believe in the law of Karma. As we sow, so we reap. There is no escape from the consequences of actions. The fruits must be reaped in this life or in future life. Indian philosophy is characterized by initial pessimism and ultimate optimism. Indian thinkers hold the view that ignorance of reality is the cause of our bondage and sufferings and liberation from these cannot be achieved without knowledge of reality.

I wish success to the future endeavours of this Parliament and I am optimistic that it will achieve its objectives.

While the world moves ahead at an astounding pace, it is also leaving chaos, confusion, bloodshed, massacre and discrimination in its wake. The solution to this chaos lies within the age-old Indian tradition of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' – the world is one family.

The COVID-19 pandemic has created difficult times for the entire humanity and posed a challenging situation for the world. We are fighting against an invisible enemy. But these are the times when the whole world must unite as one and find a quick solution to end the menace of COVID 19.

The solution to all this chaos, confusion and bloodshed lies in able leadership. Leadership that keeps peace at the forefront, a leadership that is sensitized towards the suffering of the people and a leadership which embraces welfare of the people as an utmost priority.

I am happy to know that Shri. Rahul V. Karad has come up with the idea of MIT School of Government, where future political leaders will be nurtured. I personally think that the educated youth must join active politics and should bring in their expertise and skill-set in the field of politics and governance. Present day youth has the synergy required to bring the desired change in our system of governance. New and innovative ideas are important for the development and strengthening of a democracy.

I am happy to address the Valedictory Session of the 6th World Parliament of Science, Religion and Philosophy organised by MIT World Peace University, Pune and I congratulate Shri. Rahul V. Karad Ji for his good initiative.

I have been briefed about the World Peace Dome which happens to be the largest dome in the world. My attention has been drawn to the fact that such a huge and beautiful landmark monument was planned and executed by Dr. Vishwanath Karad Ji from the stage of conception to its completion, without the help of an architect or a civil engineer and I congratulate Dr. Vishwanath D Karad for his inspiring achievement.

I am happy to know that his son Shri Rahul V Karad is carrying forward the legacy of his father with a progressive outlook.

I look forward to meeting you all in person and visit the magnificent structure of the World Peace Dome, as soon as it is permissible to travel.

Jai Hind