

Welcome to the  
**9<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL/3<sup>rd</sup> GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION**  
**PORBANDAR, GUJARAT**

**From 30 January to 1 February, 2023**

Venue:  
**Mohanbhai Kotecha (Tajawala Wadi), Porbandar, Gujarat**



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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- ★ Inspiring talks by experts from India and other countries
- ★ Sharing of experiences of working for peace by activists
- ★ Young people who share their dreams of a peaceful world
- ★ Group discussions and interactions by participants across the world
- ★ Cultural programs: Dance and songs.

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## Message From the President

# WELCOME TO THE 9<sup>th</sup> NATIONAL/ 3<sup>rd</sup> GLOBAL PEACE CONVENTION

From 30th January to 1st February 2023 at Porbandar, Gujarat



People of all faiths and countries dream of a world of peace, friendship and fellowship. Everyone is praying and longing for peace. Yet every day we witness conflicts, violence, bomb blasts and destruction. On one side people pray for peace and on the other side we see revenge, anger, bitterness and tears. While some pray to God for peace, others question and blame Him for death of innocents and destruction.

'It is better to light a candle instead of cursing the darkness'. Instead of blaming God and delegating our work to God in prayer we need to do our proactive role of bringing healing to the wounded humanity. The more the darkness, the greater should be our determination to be the light.

This proactive spirit was the motivation behind launching of National Peace Movement. A small group of Rotarians of Indore resolved to organize the first National Peace Convention in 2015. They resolved to hold this unique event on 30 January, the day Mahatma Gandhi was assassinated, to keep up the legacy of the great champion of peace and forgiveness. The landmark event was held in Hotel Radisson Blu, Indore, with 285 delegates from 12 states of India from 30 Jan to 1 Feb 2015.

The success of the first National Peace Convention gave birth to National Peace Movement which took up the responsibility of holding similar conventions every year in different parts of India: Nagaland, Goa, Kerala, Delhi and Bangalore.

The peace pilgrimage became popular every year. People from all walks of life and faiths from all parts of India became partners. Though pandemic Corona virus prevented people to gather, Peace Conventions were held virtually in 2021 and 2022. Since they were held virtually it was converted into Global Peace Convention which enabled both speakers and participants join from more than twenty countries.

Inspired by the convention several activities of promoting peace and fellowship started at local and state levels. Young people organized Peace Clubs in several educational institutions across the country.

The 9th National / 3rd Global Peace Convention will be held in Porbandar, the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi from 30 Jan to 1 Feb 2023. It is an opportunity for all who make a pilgrimage to the birth place of Gandhiji in whose honour we organize this peace convention.

All who believe in a world of peace, pluralism and universal values are welcome to be partners in this mission. Let us make a pilgrimage to the birth place of Mahatma Gandhi.

Register yourself today to ensure your participation in this peace pilgrimage.

**Rtn Fr. Varghese Alengaden**  
President, National Peace Movement

# Monday 30th January, 2023

## INAUGURAL SESSION: PART - 1

- 15.00 : Homage to Mahatma Gandhi and inter-faith prayer at Kirti Mandir, the birth place of Gandhiji
- 16.00 : Fellowship tea at the Venue of the Peace Convention
- 17.17 : Keeping silence (time when Gandhiji was shot dead on 30th January 1948)

## INAUGURAL SESSION: PART - 2

- : **Four Way Test:**  
: Rtn. C.L. Vakade  
*Treasurer, National Peace Movement*
- : **Traditional Folk Songs: Baul Madhu Sudan**  
Co-ordinated by Captain. Satish Vyas



- : **Welcome address:**  
**Rtn. Dipak Chaudhari**  
*Convenor, Local Organizing Committee*



- : **Greetings from Rotary Club of Porbandar :**  
**Rtn. Harshit Rughani**  
*President, Local Organising Committee*



- : **Rotary Song:**  
Make me a channel of your Peace ....
- : **Key note address:**  
**Mahatma Gandhi, the Harbinger of Active Citizenship**  
**Ms. Anuradha Shankar IPS**  
*ADGP, Bhopal, M.P.*



- : **Felicitation:**  
**Rtn. Shrikant Indrani**  
*Governor, RI Dist 3060.*



- : **Felicitation:**  
**Rtn. Jinendra Jain**  
*Governor, RI Dist. 3040*

- : **Interfaith Song:**  
**Address by Chief Guest:**  
**Swami Nihileswaranandji**

*Adhyaksh, Sri Ramakrishna Math, Rajkot, Gujarat*







: **Vote of Thanks:**

**Rtn. Dr. Sangeeta Jain**

*Secretary, National Peace Movement*

20.30

: Fellowship Dinner

## Tuesday 31 January 2023

07.30

: Breakfast

09.00

: **FIRST SESSION**

: **Song for Peace**

: **Welcome and Introduction of the Chairperson and Speakers:**

: **Relevance of Gandhian Economy Today:**

**Dr. Sudarshan Iyengar**

*Former Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth,  
Ahmedabad, Gujarat*

: **Working for Peace in an Atmosphere of Hate:**

**Shri Tushar Gandhi**

*Great Grandson of Mahatma Gandhi*

: **Peace Ethics**

**Dr. Jose Nandhikkara**

*Professor of Philosophy, Dharmaram College,  
Bangalore, Karnataka*

: **Interactive Session**

: **Words from the Chair:**

**Rtn. Ritu Grover**

*DGE, R.I. Dist 3040*

: **Vote of Thanks:**

10.30

: Tea Break

11.00

: **SECOND SESSION**

: **Song for Peace**

: **Welcome and introduction of Chairperson and Speakers**

: **Gandhi, Science and Education:**

**Prof. Anamik Shah**

*Former Vice Chancellor, Gujarat Vidyapeeth, Gujarat*



**Global Peace Foundation :**

**Dr. Markandey Rai**

*Chancellor, IGTAMS University, Arunachal Pradesh  
and The Global Open University Nagaland*

**Peace Through Service:**



**Rtn. Dharmendra Joshi**

*R.I Dist. 3054, Ahmedabad, Gujarat*

**: Interactive Session**

**: Words from the Chair:**



**Dr. Victor Paul**

*HOD, Christ University, Bangalore, Karnataka*

**: Vote of Thanks**

13.00

**: Fellowship Lunch**

14.30

**: THIRD SESSION**

**: Song for Peace**

**: Introducing Chairperson and Speakers:**



**Mahatma Gandhi, A Role Model for Young People in Peace Building:  
Bhavika Jain**

*Manipal University, Jaipur, Rajasthan*

**Inclusion of the Differently Aabled for Peaceful Society:**



**Rtn. Advocate Gyanendra Purohit**

*Founder, Anand Service Society, Indore, M.P.*

**Role of Non-violence in Promoting Peace According  
to Mahatma Gandhi:**



**Ruju Apurva Shah**

*Carmel of St. Joseph School, Malad, Mumbai, M.S.*

**Unity in Diversity, Essential for World Peace  
According to Gandhiji:**



**Radhika Garg**

*Holy Angel's School, Muzafurnagar, UP*

**Gandhian Concept of Antyodaya and Peace Building  
in the Context of India Today:**

**Ved Phansalkar**

*Pragnya Bodhini High School, Goregaon East,  
Mumbai, M.S.*







## Women and Peace Building from Gandhian Perspective

Sharayu Shirish Shinde

Chavara School, Nandurbar, MS

: **Words from the Chair:**

Rtn. Dhiran Datta

PDG, RI Dist 3040



: **Vote of Thanks**

16.30

: Tea Break

17.00

: **FOURTH SESSION**

: **Song for Peace**

: **Introducing Chairperson and Speakers:**

: **Gandhi as Leader for Peace:**

Prof. Mathai M.P

Editor, 'Gandhi Way', Gandhi Peace Foundation



: **Peace through Enterprise Education:**

Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Wagh

Secretary, Development Education (International) Society (DEIS),  
Counsellor PEACE, RID3131.



: **How to Reduce Road Accident Fatalities:**

Rtn. Dr. K.A. Kuriachan

PDG, RID 3201, Coimbatore, T.N.



**Interactive Session**

**Words from the Chair:**

Rtn. Dr. Bindu Shirsath

RI Dist 3132.



: **Vote of Thanks**

18.30

: **FIFTH SESSION**

: **Preparing Action Plan in Groups**

20.00

: Fellowship Dinner

## Wednesday, 1st February 2023

07.30

: Breakfast

09.00

: **SIXTH SESSION**

: **Song**

09.15

: **Introducing Chairperson and Speakers:**



**Media Assassination of Mahatma Gandhi:**

**Shri Shravan Garg**

*Senior Journalist, Former Group Editor of 'Dainik Bhaskar'. Indore, MP*

**Gandhi: What is Next?**

**Dr. Sujan Baranth**

*Trustee, Nai Talim Samiti, Sewagram, Wardha, M.S.*



: **Interactive Session:**

: **Words from the Chair:**

**Rtn. Advocate S. N. Lathi**

*PDG, RI Dist 3040, Sonkatch, M.P.*

: **Vote of Thanks:**

11.00

: Tea

11.30

: **VALEDICTORY SESSION**

: **Song for Peace**

: **Welcome Address:**



**Mrs. Annie Pawar**

*Vice President, National Peace Movement*

: **Peace Declaration 2023: Report and Action Plans**

**Jacob Peenickaparambil CMI**

*Chairman, Drafting Committee*



: **Address by Guest of Honour:**

**Role of Kasturba in Independence**

**Dr. Bharat Chhapparwal**

*Former Vice Chancellor, DAVV, Indore, M.P.*

*Former President, Indian Medical Association*



: **Address by Chief Guest:**

**Rtn. Subramanian TN**

*Rotary International Director*



: **Presidential Address:**

**Rtn. Varghese Alengaden**

*President, National Peace Movement*



: **Vote of Thanks:**

**Rtn. Dr. Renu Singh**

*Joint Secretary, National Peace Convention*



: **National Anthem**

13.00

: Fellowship Lunch



## Information about accommodation and registration

Registration fee Rs. 2500/- (till 31 October 2022):  
(After 31 October Rs. 2800/-)

*(Registration fee includes dinner from 30th January to lunch on 1 February. It does not include accommodation)*

Please click this link to register yourself

<https://rzp.io//NPC2023>

Registration fee and accommodation charges at the venue can be also paid by DD in favour of SANJEEVANI TRUST by registered post or via online method through the link given above. Letters and DDs may be sent to the following address:

### Universal Solidarity Movement

R-847, Mahalaxmi Nagar, Indore – 452 010, M.P., India  
Mob: 078692-39496, E-mail: usmindore93@gmail.com

### Details for Bank Transfer:

Account Holder : Sanjeevani Trust  
Bank : Axis Bank, Bombay Hospital Branch, Indore, M.P.  
Account No. : 9220-1003-3369-150  
IFSC : UTIB-000-3029

### ACCOMMODATION FACILITIES

Shared rooms with 4 beds and 8 beds are available.

Rs. 200/- per day per person to be paid to SANJEEVANI TRUST.

**There are hotels near the venue. Details are available in pages 9 and 10**  
(Hotel accommodation shall be made by the participants)

### Places of Sight Seeing and Pilgrimage:

- \* Kirti Mandir, a memorial of MK Gandhi (birthplace of Mahatma Gandhi),
- \* Tara Mandir (one of the oldest planetariums of India)
- \* Shree Sudamaji Mandir: One of the few temples built in India in his name
- \* Chowpati beach: one of the cleanest in coastal Gujarat
- \* Porbandar Bird Sanctuary (birds like teals, fowls, flamingos, ibis, curlews can be seen)
- \* Barda Hills Wildlife Sanctuary (about 15 km from Porbandar, ideal for trekking)
- \* Bileshwara Shiva temple (built in the seventh century)
- \* Dwarka Krishna Temple (150 kms)
- \* Girnar Rope Way (125 kms)
- \* Somnath Temple (125 kms)
- \* Diu (215 kms)
- \* Sasan Gir (125 kms)
- \* Rajkot (185kms) school in which M.K. Gandhi studied



## DETAILS OF HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

(Hotel accommodation shall be made by the participants)

Room Type	Air Conditioned		Non Air conditioned	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
<b>Lord's Hotels and Resorts (+91-286-2253300/400/600)</b>				
<b>Email : fomlip@lordshotels.com</b>				
Deluxe Room	3049.00	3649.00		
Sea view Superior Room	3449.00	4049.00		
Studio Room	3849.00	4449.00		
Seaview Studio room	4249.00	4849.00		
Suit Room	5099.00	5099.00		
Sea View Suit Room	5499.00	5499.00		
<b>Hotel Kaveri International, (+91-286-2247520/22, 9925047523)</b>				
<b>Email : hotelkaveriporbandar@gmail.com</b>				
Executive	1295.00	1495.00		
Club Select	1495.00	1795.00		
City View	1795.00	2195.00		
Suite	2195.00	2895.00		
<b>Hotel Harmony (+91-286-2244230, 2244231)</b>				
<b>Email: hotelharmoniportbandar@gmail.com</b>				
Classic Deluxe	2499.00			
Executive suite	3000.00			
Harmony Suite	3500.00			
Extra Person	500.00			
<b>Hotel Kuber (+91-9825619788, 7069841025)</b>				
<b>Email : kuberinn@outlook.com</b>				
Standard	900.00			
Superior	1300.00			
Executive	2000.00			
Executive suite	2600.00			
Presidential suite	3000.00			
<b>Hotel Indraprasth (+91 286 2242681, 2242682 , 7874772070)</b>				
<b>Email ; hotelindraprasth@hotmail.com</b>				
Non AC	400.00	500.00		
Standard	700.00	1100.00		
Deluxe	900.00	1300.00		
Suite	1000.00	1500.00		
Indraprasth suite	1700.00	2500.00		

**Hotel Azura (+91 286 2244900, 9586244900)****Email : hotelazura2014@gmail.com**

Standard		1300.00		
Comfort		1600.00		
Executive Deluxe		2000.00		
Superior		2300.00		
Royal Suite		2800.00		

**Hotel Atithi (+91 286 2251171, 7383737393)****Email ; hotelatithi.pbr@gmail.com**

Executive	700.00	900.00		
Economy Suite	1100.00			
Family suite (3 bed)	1500.00			
Suite	1800.00			
Studio suite	3000.00			

**Hotel Natraj (+91 286 2215658, 2215659, 9925333399)****Email : hotelnatraj\_porbandar@hotmail.com**

Standard	700.00	990.00	500.00	
Deluxe	1400.00			
Executive Deluxe	1990.00			
Executive suite	2490.00			
Suite (3 beds)	3000.00			
Royal suite	3700.00			

**Local Organizing Committee***Convenor:***Rtn. Dipak Chaudhari, Veraval  
M: 092259-01625***President:***Rtn. Harshit Rughani, Porbandar***Members:***Rtn. Durgesh Khorava, Veraval  
Rtn. Purnesh Jain, Porbandar  
Rtn. Anilraj Singhvi, Porbandar  
Rtn. Bharatbhai Shah, Veraval  
Rtn. Bharat Vekariya, Jetpur  
Rtn. Punit Sarda, Jetpur  
Rtn. Bhavesh Sheth, Jamnagar  
Rtn. Jinal Shah, Jamnagar  
Rtn. Jaydeep Bhanvadiya, Gondal  
Fr. Thomas Mathew, Rajkot****National Executive:***President:***Rtn. Varghese Alengaden  
M: 098930-31981***Vice President:***Ms. Annie Pawar***General Secretary:***Rtn. Dr. Sangeeta Jain***Joint Secretary &  
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Rtn. Ashish Trivedi,  
Rtn. Dr. Pradeep Wagh,  
Rtn. Navin Goyal,  
Rtn. B.L.Jajodia,  
Rtn. Jeffrey C. Pereira.**



## 8th National / 2nd Global Peace Convention

From 30th January to 1st February 2022

The eighth National/2nd Global Peace Convention of 2021 was organized both online and offline from January 30 to February 01, 2022 in Indore. While two dozen individuals participated physically at USM Indore, 150 to 550 people participated online in various sessions.

The objective of the Global/National Peace Convention was to create awareness among people about the threats to peace at different levels and reflect on the ways and means of building peace.

The participants of the Peace Convention listened to more than two dozen persons belonging to different sections like professionals, academicians, social activists, students and teachers. Seven young people shared with the participants their perception of the threats to peace and the role of the youth in building peace.

In the context of India, an inclusive approach of involving everyone to contribute his/her share in the building of society/nation is essential for peace building. It will create a sense of belonging in all people of India because welcoming all and accepting them as friends and brothers/sisters have been the millennial heritage of India.

The participants were enlightened on the role of religion in peace building. According to Mahatma Gandhi religion is a path to connect oneself with God and it should lead to truth, spirituality, self-realization, *sarvadharmā samābhav* and service to humanity. Gandhiji internalized the best of all religions, although he was a staunch Sanathani. As a result, Gandhiji was inclusive and universal in his approach. Today India and the world need Gandhi's approach to religions in order to nurture peace.

The need for creating understanding and harmony among the followers of different religions, especially in the context of India, was emphasized in order to create an environment of peace. People are to be seen first and foremost as human beings, and not belonging to a particular religion. As humans, we must fight against the issues affecting all of us like poverty, illiteracy, unemployment, corruption etc. instead of fighting in the name of religion and caste.

Some speakers and participants shared their positive experience of promoting interfaith dialogue, as it helps to understand different faiths in a better way and it can reduce conflicts between the followers of different religions.

Mahatma Gandhi demonstrated to the world that non-violence was more powerful than the military power of the British Empire. That is why the British had to leave India, but India and the Great Britain remained close friends despite the atrocities Indians had to undergo during the British rule.



## Action Plan Proposed

The Peace Convention was not limited to listening to talks alone. One session was set apart solely for proposing action plans to be implemented at the personal and community levels. Some prominent action plans proposed by the participants and the speakers to be implemented by them and to be recommended to others are the following.

- + As home ambience helps to inculcate spirituality in children, create a 'sacred space and time' in families by sharing with them the core values of one's own religion as well as the universal values found in other religions.
- + In order to promote harmony among religions, follow a policy of Sarva Dharma Sambhav and study all religions and learn from them. Do not send or forward or spread hate messages. Instead, create peace messages and spread them through social media platforms in order to create an environment of peaceful and harmonious coexistence.
- + Spread goodness around us by expressing solidarity, empathy and compassion with people who are in distress and crisis situations. Make choices in personal and professional life by focusing on the core values like honesty, justice, respect for human persons and sensitivity to the environment. Allot a particular percentage of time and financial resources for social causes as an expression of giving back to society.
- + Introduce a programme in schools for promoting critical thinking and creating an atmosphere of happiness. As part of value education for peace, display inspiring quotes on peace in school premises, organize peace clubs, promote interfaith prayer and pluralism and teach students ways and means of conflict resolution.
- + Respect the earth and its resources through sustainable use of resources by following a policy of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle.
- + Organize regional peace conventions in order to spread the message of peace and promote peace building. When a peace convention is organized the delegates may stay in houses of the people of different faiths.
- + Send the report of the Peace Convention to the United Nations with a suggestion to rename the Security Council as PEACE COUNCIL and constitute two chambers in the place of the UN General Assembly, equivalent to Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha in India. The lower house may consist of the representatives of the member nations and the upper house may consist of representatives of different faiths, scientists, artists, social activists, literary figures etc.
- + A clarion call that reverberated through all sessions of the 8th National and 2nd Global Peace Convention was, "Make peace building a top priority".

*- Report prepared by  
Jacob Peenikaparambil*



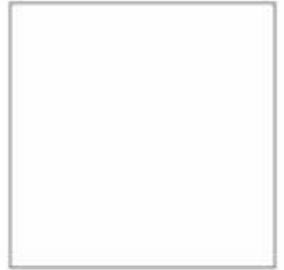
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**30 JANUARY - 1 FEBRUARY 2023**

## REGISTRATION FORM

(Please use capital letters)



Name of the participant: .....

Designation: .....

Residence Postal Address: .....

Pin Code: ..... State: .....

Mobile No: ..... Whatsapp No.....

Date of Birth: .....

E-mail (Capital letters): .....

Organization / Club: .....

Rotary District No: ..... State: .....

Profession / Business: .....

Have you participated in the previous Peace Conventions: .....

### Details for bank transfer:

Account Holder : Sanjeevani Trust  
Bank : Axis Bank, Bombay Hospital Branch, Indore, M.P.  
Account No. : 9220-1003-3369-150  
IFSC : UTIB-000-3029

Signature of the participant