

*Amidst its differences,
humanity very often finds itself
working as one. Examples of
cooperation, generosity and
selflessness touch the heart,
and the differences fade. In its
pages One World One
Humanity brings highlights
of the association between
Shri Ram Chandra Mission
and UN DPI
communicating that ideal
of oneness.*

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One World One Humanity



Photo: SRCM 2013 Mrs. Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman, Director, UNIC India and Bhutan, Guest of Honor at the prize distribution for NCR Zone held at Gurgaon Ashram on 24 February 2013

Address at 2012 All-India Essay Writing Event Prize Distribution

Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman, Director, UNIC for India and Bhutan, Delhi, India, February 2013;
edited for publishing

It is indeed a pleasure for me to be here with you today. The United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan is proud to be associated with the Shri Ram Chandra Mission. The interest and enthusiasm shown by this essay contest is staggering! Consider the impact of 200,000 children from 10,000 institutions, with an age range from fifteen to twenty-five, discussing moral values with at least one member of their family, one member of the faculty and one friend. You can see what outreach and visibility this has brought.

Congratulations are in order to all the participants. You have all shown that there is no dearth of ideas and talent in this beautiful country. Young people can be change-makers and spur actions and initiatives that result in a value based world. "The Future We Want" is the United Nations' Global Initiative envisioning what we want our lives and communities to be like. In your essays you have written about your personal goals and aspirations, and the vision that drive you – your dreams for the future. We now need you to use your strengths and direct your energies towards *building* a better future!

Shri Ram Chandra Mission is associated with the Department of Public Information of the United Nations (UN DPI)

How can we make a world free from want, secure, equal and tolerant, where the human rights of each person are respected? Challenges of inadequate food and water, lack of access to education, climate change, unemployment, prejudice, inequality, discrimination, terrorism, HIV AIDS, women's safety and rights, and rapid urbanisation – these are global problems and everybody's concern. Secretary General Ban Ki Moon has said, "The way people have been abusing this planet Earth, it seems they believe we have more than one planet Earth. But we should know, and we know, that we only have one. Let's turn our energy towards protecting that one planet." He added, "We need a new course that truly balances economic growth, social development and environmental stewardship. This is the recipe for long-term stability and well-



Photo: SRCM 2013 Mrs. Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman (center), with brothers Rishabh Kothari, (left) and Dr. Satya N. Mandal, ZIC, NCR (right)

being. That is the future we want."

Recent events have shown that we cannot afford to sit back and pretend that all is right with the world today or that someone else will fix it. Youth in India have shown that they care. You are aware of the terrible incident – rape and murder of a young woman in the heart of this city. Similar incidents occur across the country and we saw strong expressions of protest

and anger by young people. This anger must be transformed to deal with and resolve the root of the problem and bring about *real change*. The world now looks to youth to be catalysts of that change, and that means *you*.

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Photo: SRCM 2013, Mrs Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman, Director, UNIC India and Bhutan, Guest of Honor at the prize distribution for NCR Zone held at Gurgaon Ashram 24 February 2013, distributes award to All-India Winner Category 1, Satyarth Sharma

The United Nations *needs* your views, ideas and suggestions. Do keep track of all that the United Nations does through our websites and increasingly through social media. Send us your thoughts and, most importantly, do not stop believing in yourselves and in the fact that you *can* make a difference! Make your moment in history memorable!

Congratulations to all of you and thank you very much. (Applause) ‡

Sahaj Marg Around the World

2012 Annual Essay Writing Event Results



Photo: SRCM 2013, All-India Essay Writing Event 2012, Prize Distribution Ceremony

NATIONAL AWARD WINNERS : ALL INDIA ESSAY EVENT 2012

Award Name of Winner Name of Institution, Place

Category 1 (Class 9 to 12)

Across all languages Winner (All India Level)

SATYARTH SHARMA Halwasiya Vidya Vihar Senior Secondary School, Bhiwani (HR)

Language: English

1st Prize	Devyani Sharma	J.K.G. International School, Ghaziabad (UP)
2nd Prize	Shweta Gusain	Mayur Public School, Delhi
3rd Prize	Manjit Kour	Chinmaya Vidyalaya(E.M.), Chhend Colony, Rourkela (OR)

Language: Hindi

1st Prize	Satyarth Sharma	Halwasiya Vidya Vihar Senior Secondary School, Bhiwani (HR)
2nd Prize	Prikshit	S.C.S.D Sarvodaya Vidyalaya, Rohini, Delhi
3rd Prize	Shivanand Pandey	Guru Nanak Inter College, Mirzapur (UP)

Language: Telugu

1st Prize	B. Swetha	Narayan Junior College, Dega Campus, Nellore (AP)
2nd Prize	Madhu Babu Kurra	St. Joseph's High School, Guntur (AP)
3rd Prize	Y. Durga	Narayana Junior College, Yanam (PY)

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Photo: SRCM 2013, All-India Winner Category 2, Vivian Andrews, receives his award from Director, UNIC, Mrs Kiran Mehra-Kerpelman

Category 2 (UG/PG)**Across all languages Winner (All India Level)**

VIVIAN ANDREWS Divyadaan', Salesian Institute of Philosophy, Nashik (MH)

Language: English

1st Prize	Vivian Andrews	Divyadaan', Salesian Institute of Philosophy, Nashik (MH)
2nd Prize	Prarthana P	Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur (UP)
3rd Prize	Priyam Kotwal	Jaypee Institute of Information & Technology, Noida (UP)

Language: Hindi

1st Prize	Gautam Pratap Bhagor	Steni Memorial P.G.College, Mansarovar, Jaipur (RJ)
2nd Prize	Gulnar Bano	Din Dayal Upadhyay Snatakottar Mahavidyalaya, Sitapur (UP)
3rd Prize	Deepa Solanki	Bankey Bihari Kanya Mahavidyalaya, Ujhani, Badaun (UP)

Language: Telugu

1st Prize	K. Pavan	Andhra University, (Sanskrit Department), Visakhapatnam (AP)
2nd Prize	E. Swamy Naik	Vidya Jyothi College of Engineering, Hyderabad (AP)
3rd Prize	Pesala Jyothi	Sri Padmavathi Women's Degree & P.G.College, Tirupati (AP)

Invitation to Participate



“When we want one humankind, one humanity, one world, perhaps one universe someday, we have to find the uniting factor, not the dividing factor! And that is what I think spirituality is all about.”¹

“In our aims we have the highest. It is the oneness of all humans and a human brotherhood in which there is no separation, no alienation, no differentiation.”²

¹ (P. Rajagopalachari, *Thus Speaks Chariji*, Chapter ‘Spirituality’, p. 25)

² From a speech given by Rev. Master on 23rd July, 2008 at Lucknow, UP, India <<http://www.sahajmarg.org/literature/online/speeches/oneness-of-all-humans>>



Shri Ram Chandra Mission (SRCM)

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United Nations Information Centre for India and Bhutan

invite you to participate in

ALL-INDIA ESSAY WRITING EVENT - 2013



Category 1 » Classes 9 to 12

Minds are opened only when hearts are opened.

Something to think about : Change of heart alone can bring about change in the way we think.

Prejudices about race, caste, creed, religion, nationality etc. are the cause of a divisive, narrow minded approach to interpersonal, social and international relations. This can change only by opening up our hearts to accept humanity as one.

Category 2 » UG and PG

“It is not what you look at that matters, but what you see.”
- H. D. Thoreau

Something to think about : It is easy to look at anything but the important thing is to be able to see beyond external appearance.

We can look at something with our eyes but can really “see” or get to know it only through inner experience.

Last date for submission of Essays : 25th August, 2013

For detailed Guidelines, Brochure and Evaluation Criterion, please log on to:

www.sahajmarg.org/essay-event

Whispers from The Brighter World

*My Beloved Master
Revered Babuji Maharaj*

*Whispers from
The Brighter World
A Fourth Revelation*



Wednesday, November 17, 1999 - 8:00 a.m.



Yes, our comments yesterday can be extended to racism. There is nothing sadder, in this period of time when men believe civilisation has reached its highest level, than seeing them tearing each other apart because of differences in races, and ethnic groups being sacrificed because they disturb.

"When will we see wisdom reigning on the Earth and men respecting each other whatever their colour of skin? It is time for an immense mixing to take place and for people from all the continents to mix and learn how to know each other. An enormous work remains to be done even if people's minds have opened up well compared to the last century.

"See in any other person your own brother; learn how to understand his culture, his habits which are not yours. All this should not create barriers. You should be able to see in him what you have in common, what can bring you closer and unite you. Each population group has its own treasures; it is up to you to discover them and to respect them.

"If you manage to admit all this, you will have taken a step towards peace and harmony. It is the frame of mind which must change; tolerance and respect for the other must be established to unite all people."

Babuji

World Environment Day, June 2012



Photo: SRCM 2013 World Environment Day 2012, Oceania

Australia- Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane, New Zealand- Dunedin, Fiji-Lautoka

"The Future We Want" was the World Environment Day 2012 theme commemorated across SRCM Oceania and in support of the UN Conference on Sustainable Development, Rio de Janeiro.

The highlight event of the region was held in Fiji, in partnership with the University of South Pacific at Lautoka. Sister Pramila Devi, Director of USP, welcomed everyone; Sister Sashi Kiran facilitated the event. The keynote speaker, Mr Iosefa A. Maiava, Pacific Office Head of the UN Economic & Social Commission

for Asia and the Pacific addressed the topic 'A Life in Harmony with Nature – A UN Perspective.' Mr Epeli Nasome, Fiji's former Government Director of the Environment, brought unique perspective from fifteen years of experience to his topic, 'Forging A Common Understanding: the Role of the Academic.' Mrs Danielle Smith spoke for Shri Ram Chandra Mission on the topic of 'The World, an Inner Expression of our Inner State.'

A series of presentations on the theme reflecting a variety of experience and information were conducted by students from area

secondary and tertiary schools. The interactive event with 150 participants, 130 of them students, included a lively question and answer session. The day's events resulted in students forming a club for follow up on both the material and spiritual sides of the topic.

One of the attendees commented that from their experience at the session, "I have this strong feeling that the mind can effectively change anything that needs changing if the mind is tuned in to it."

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Sahaj Marg Around the World

International Youth Day 2012

Australia, Singapore, South Africa

SRCM Centre, Perth, Australia commemorated the United Nations International Day of Youth using the theme, "Youth, A Time of Promise." A call for global action to develop and engage in partnerships with and for youth was made. Forty people of all ages attended the event at the Bull Creek Community



Photo: SRCM 2013 International Youth Day 2012, Singapore



Photos: SRCM 2013 International Youth Day 2012, Singapore

Hall. Youth from Perth Centre coordinated and organised the activities. Youth, children and the young at heart came together creating an enjoyable, fun-filled and purposeful day. A silent prayer began the programme, followed by power-

point presentations and a question and answer session. Children recited poems they wrote and gave musical performances. Two young at heart adults gave a music recital and sang a very beautiful bhajan followed by a flute recital.

Singapore

SRCM Singapore centre celebrated The United Nations International Youth Day 2012 with the theme 'Building a Better World: Partnering with Youth', at Singapore Management University. Thirty-one dynamic youths from local universities

and educational institutions, and youth from National Volunteer and Philanthropic Centre, SG Cares participated together in the commemoration.

Workshops focused on activities ranging from treasure hunts to personal and collective exploration, and silent reflection, culminating in a workshop titled 'The Change Begins Within.' The day was an exercise helping participants refocus their attention from the world outside to the world within, and to experience the concept that as you change, the world changes with you.



Photos: SRCM 2013 Singapore, International Youth Day 2012

Sahaj Marg Around the World

International Youth Day 2012



Photo: SRCM 2013 International Youth Day 2012, Singapore

South Africa

Mission youth hosted the 2012 South Africa International Day of Youth Commemoration at the Jacaranda Primary School in Laudium. A prayer programme was arranged to generate support for young people and to encourage awareness of the efficacy of prayer and meditation in creating a better world for future generations.

Youth held a discussion entitled 'The Urgency and Importance of Youth's Role in Moulding the

Future.' We are always happy to support the UN Commemora-

tive Days and the values they uphold. ‡



“ Unless the foundation of peace is made to rest on a spiritual basis, no better prospects can be expected”

Shri Ram Chandra (8th July 1957)
Founder President of Shri Ram
Chandra Mission (1945-1983)

Sahaj Marg Around the World

International Day of Peace 2012



Photo: SRCM 2013 International Day of Peace 2012 Children's Choir Sydney, Australia

Oceania International Day of Peace 2012 Commemorations took place from Sydney and Toowoomba Australia, to Wellington and Dunedin, New Zealand and Lautoka, Fiji. 'This Way of the Heart' was the theme at the highlight event hosted in Sydney, emphasising the difference that one person can make by effectively using the heart and mind to achieve daily peace. One hundred-fifty SRCM members with their children attended a national weekend seminar at Leura, in the Blue Mountains. The public, family members and friends were invited to join the programme and hold positive thoughts and goodwill for peace.

An opening song set the mood for the presentation, followed by the UN Secretary's message on YouTube and readings from Sahaj Marg literature. Children's points of view on the subject were presented with remarkable attitude and humour through song and drawings on display for viewing. At the end of the afternoon, all joined together as one with a prayer for peace.

South Africa

South Africa commemorated International Day of Peace 2012 with the hope that more people will recognise the value and efficacy of prayer in helping to create a compassionate, tolerant and peaceful world for all human beings. Prayer programmes were held on the International Day of Peace in Lenasia and Port Elizabeth.



PHOTO: SRCM 2013 South Africa. A group of delegates in Aliwal North participate in the Universal Prayer on the International Day of Peace 2012

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International Day of Peace 2012



PHOTO: SRCM 2013 International Day of Peace 2012 Athens, Alabama, USA

North America Athens, Alabama, USA

SRCM Athens, Alabama celebrated International Day of Peace 2012 with a programme organised by the children. Youth's presentation expressing the need for positive change in our communities offered a solution of change from within each person. The role of youth in accomplishing the goal of positive change was an important discussion during the programme.

Children took turns reading excerpts from SRCM literature and quotes from leaders and proponents of universal love and brotherhood. The teens exhibited great clarity of thought and strength of character both through their presentations and in working together cohesively as a group.

It was heartening and rewarding to all to experience the Value Based Spiritual Education students well on their way to becoming the beacons of light Master wants them to be.

Detroit, Michigan, USA

Sahaj Marg Detroit commemorated the International Day of Peace 2012 with a program for family, friends and colleagues. Following light refreshments and a warm welcome, was an introduction to SRCM and our relationship with the UNDP, transitioning into a talk on 'Togetherness.' Videos from the International Day of Peace website were shown, there was a children's dance on the theme of peace, and two songs, "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" and "Colours of the Wind" were



PHOTO: SRCM 2013, SRCM Detroit Invitation for International Day of Peace 2012

sung. There was a wonderful talk on 'Peace' followed by the Universal Prayer.

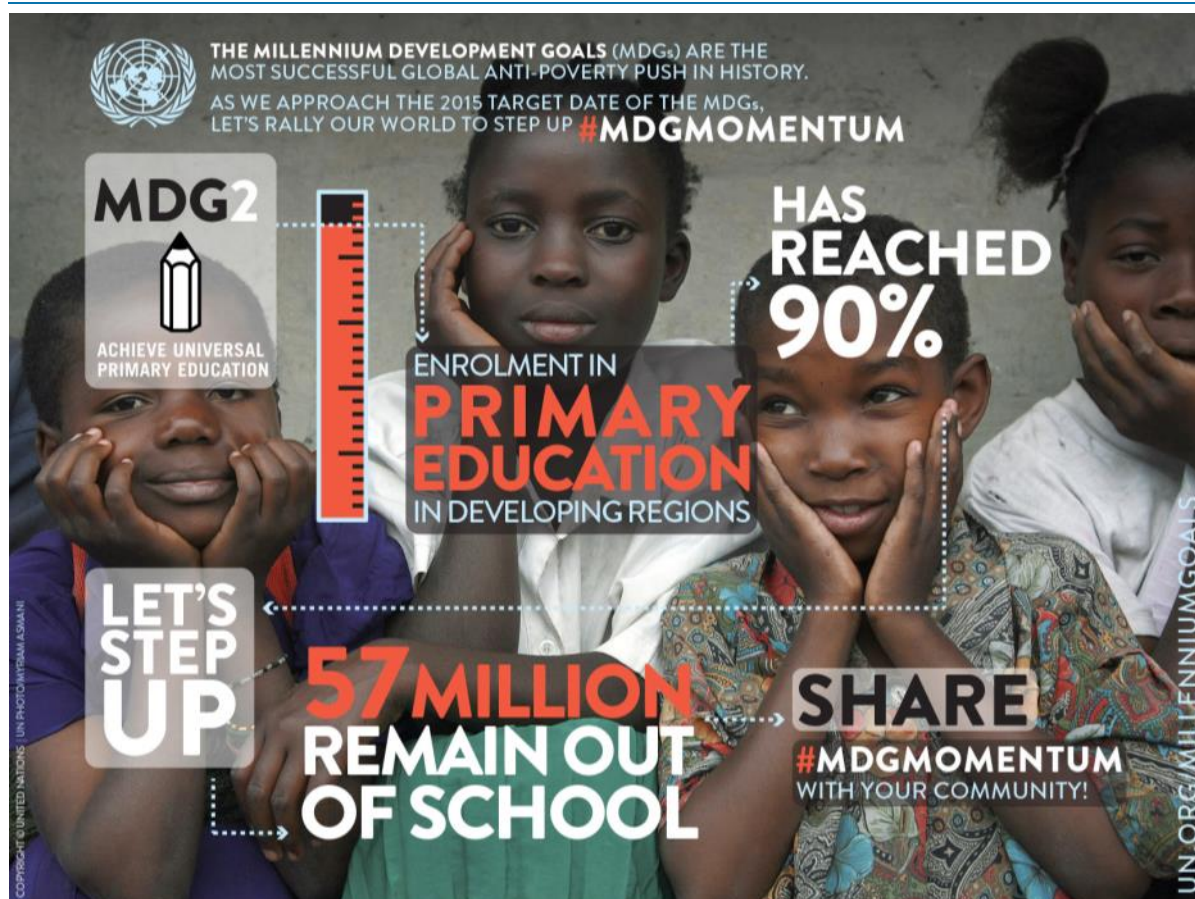
B.C., Canada

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A group of fifteen abhyasis from as far away as India and including Vancouver and the Fraser Valley B.C., gathered together in Ft. Langley B.C. to commemorate the UN International Day of Peace. In a loving and sharing atmosphere of a brother and sister's home we enjoyed watching a DVD of Master speaking on the roots of Sahaj Marg. We were brought to a state of remembrance and harmony that only Master can transmit through his words and voice in a DVD. At 9 p.m. we observed the Universal Prayer, followed by Master's Friday 9:15 PM sitting. This allowed us to sink deeper into the feeling of brother/sisterhood and connection to all souls in the world. A condition of peace and harmony with all humanity was present. We can be grateful for these special tools given to us by our Master, to assist our spiritual growth, not only for ourselves but for all creatures everywhere. The evening ended with sharing food and laughter and an exchange of thoughts and understandings of Sahaj Marg and topics that Master spoke of in the video. We had a feast not only for the body but also for the soul. ‡

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UPCOMING COMMEMORATIONS, 2013-2014

- 12* AUGUST, UN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY
- 21* SEPTEMBER, INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
- 20* NOVEMBER, UN UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY
- 15* MAY, UN INTERNATIONAL DAY OF FAMILIES

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