

Bringing back the Gandhian Philosophy

As the world observes the International Day of Non-Violence on October 2 to commemorate the 139th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, we stand at a point in time when the world needs his ideals of non-violence and peace more than ever.

Who will bring back the value of non-violence to this troubled world? One name emerges as a universally accepted ambassador of peace. Over the last few decades, His Holiness Sri Sri Ravi Shankar has been working to show the world that there is strength in ahimsa; there is strength in peace. On the foundation of these principles, Sri Sri has developed practical and long-lasting solutions to achieving peace. He has traveled to troubled zones to encourage people to give non-violence a chance; to prevail upon leaders to explore non-violent ways of combating violent conflicts.

This philosophy has been welcomed with open arms in even war-ravaged Iraq. Often he reminds the world that it is through non-violence that India got independence from the only superpower of the time not so long ago. "Mahatma Gandhi brought freedom with the same principle of truth and non-violence. We can apply the same to all the conflicts zones of the world," is his appeal.

On his public addresses around the globe, Sri Sri has been emphasizing the need for inculcating a culture of non-violence. "Violence is neither our true nature nor the basis of any civilisation. However, of late there has been a tendency to attach pride in being violent and aggressive. We need to bring back the pride in being non-violent," he says.

Sri Sri believes that "Unless every member of our global family is peaceful, our peace is incomplete." As Gandhi did to win freedom for India, Sri Sri is spreading the weapon of non-violence to free the world from stress and violence.

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