



**ONE-DAY INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR
ON
HIROSHIMA DAY FOR PEACE IN GANDHIAN PERSPECTIVE**

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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

In Collaboration With

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GANDHI-KING FOUNDATION, HYDERABAD, INDIA**

**ABOUT THE STATE OF
ARUNACHAL PRADESH:**

Arunachal Pradesh, known as the 'The Land of the Rising Sun', is also called the Orchid state of India. It is a state of mountainous terrains, valleys and highland plateaus reaching about the height of 23,280 feet from the sea level. It is in the extreme north-eastern part of the Country and shares borders with certain Indian states and the Kingdom of Bhutan in the West, Tibet Autonomous Region of China to the North, Myanmar (Burma) to the east. The state has been mentioned in ancient Hindu literary works such as the Kalika-Purana and the epics- the Mahabharata and the Ramayana. During the British colonial era it was known as

the North East Frontier Agency (NEFA). The state enjoys a subtropical and humid climate receiving one of the highest rainfall and is filled with evergreen rainforests. Distinct ethnic groups officially designated as Scheduled Tribes have different social structures and speak about 50 plus different languages along with the Indo-Aryan languages like Assamese and Hindi and English. People generally practice indigenous faiths and also Hinduism, Buddhism and Christianity with different cultural practices.

ABOUT THE UNIVERSITY:

Rajiv Gandhi University (formerly Arunachal University) is the premier institution for higher education in the state of Arunachal Pradesh, India.

Since its establishment on 4th February, 1984 in the posh campus on the top of Rono Hills at Doimukh, it has been striving to achieve excellence in the field of education.

Its Centre for Bio-diversity has got the distinction of having the potential for excellence.

The University offers under graduate, post graduate, M.Phil. and Ph.D programmes with different professional courses for training and certificate programmes. Many faculty members, researchers and eminent speakers of the country and abroad visit this University for research, delivering lectures and other academic works. The University is 25 Km away from the state capital city Itanagar and located atop the Rono Hills on a picturesque tableland of 302 acres.

ABOUT THE DEPARTMENT:

The Department of English was established in July, 1990 and since then it has been imparting teaching and research at M.A., M.Phil. and Ph.D programme levels in British Literature, World literatures in Translation, ELT and Literary Criticism. Many eminent speakers visit the Department to deliver their lectures at different times of the year during seminars, conferences and special or series lectures. Many students after the completion of their study have been able to secure employment in Government and Private sectors

ABOUT THE COLLABORATION

The present one-day International Webinar is the result of a very meaningful collaboration of Rajiv Gandhi University, Arunachal Pradesh; Gandhi-King Global Initiative, Stanford University Centre, USA & Gandhi-King Foundation, Hyderabad.

NOTE ON HIROSHIMA DAY:

Hiroshima Day is observed on 6th August in memory of the dropping of atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima. This day is observed across countries every year to promote 'Peace' throughout the world paying our obeisance to the dead and extending sympathy for the people who suffered horrible burns and radiation. The Second World War ended with the bombings on Hiroshima and Nagasaki and it has left an indelible impression on humanity.

INTRODUCTION:

Nations across the world observe Hiroshima Day as anti-war or anti-nuclear day on 6th August. This eventful day of 1945 is commemorated to

pay our obeisance to the victims of atomic explosion at Hiroshima. Hiroshima Day reminds us of the causes and effects of global conflicts, and essentializes peace as a fundamental prerequisite to settle the differences and divisions in international relations. This age of materialism and individualism seems to have encouraged self-centeredness and human propensities for profit. This poses a threat to the global peace and harmony and reminds us of the relevance of Gandhi. At this crucial juncture of history, Gandhi becomes both metaphor and metonymy for peace and non-violence to check the possible repetition of history. His concept of '*ahimsa*' (non-violence) is based on the teachings of different religious and wisdom traditions. He has inspired Martin Luther King Jr., Nelson Mandela and His Holiness Dalai Lama and many more with his peaceful methods of conflict resolution and overcoming pessimism in history with grace. The observation of this day makes the humanity aware of the significance of non-violence to resolve global conflict and to initiate global peace. The recurrence of Gandhian ethics and aesthetics of love and mutual respect holds the key to global pacifism against the contemporary unrest. The Webinar therefore intends to meditate upon the need for peace and resistance to war. It also aims at foregrounding the necessity and urgency of Gandhian ethics as the most inevitable therapeutic to the contemporary global conflict.

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES:

- ✦ Hiroshima Shrine: A Learning Centre for the Warmongers and Peace Entrepreneurs
- ✦ Peace and Conflict: A Conundrum in Global Politics
- ✦ Necessity of Experimenting and Essentialising Gandhi
- ✦ Importance of making Gandhi a therapeutic healer.
- ✦ Gandhian Peace as an observable, achievable and tested essence

OUTCOME:

- ✦ Remembering Hiroshima as a historical fact as well as a lesson for mankind
- ✦ Realisation of making nuclear energy for progress and not for destruction of mankind
- ✦ Endeavour for Peace in international politics and international diplomatic consciousness
- ✦ Non-violence can weave and induct peace for the safety of the world
- ✦ Arms control think-tanks can serve as conscience keepers and peace missionaries

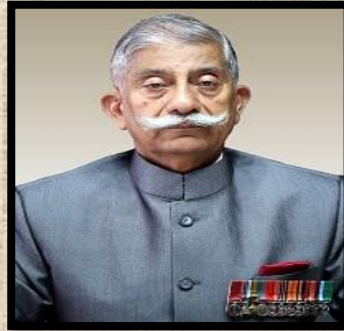
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