

CIPE – INDIA 2007

Peace Education for all in India- introducing Community Based Institute on Peace Education (CIPE) was held on the 2nd to 4th December, 2007 in Gandhi Bhavan, University of Delhi. It was convened by Centre for Peace Education Manipur(CFPEM) and supported by SANSRISTI, NFI (National Foundation for India) , NCCI (National Council of Churches in India) Gandhi Bhavan University of Delhi, PERC (Peace Education Resource Centre), UNMM(United NGO Mission Manipur) International Global Education , IPE, International Institute of Peace Education (IPE) ,Global Education Associates (GEA) & PEC Teacher College Columbia University (U.S), AMAN public charitable trust, Frontier School (Arunachal Pradesh)and Henry Martyn Institute (Hyderabad).

On the inaugural day, the speech of Tony Jenkins was read out and the CIPE, organizers manual- a Peace Education planning, developed by him was also presented to each of the panelists. The Chief Guest of the day, Prof Monoranjan Mohanty- spoke of Peace Education as human agenda is an arduous, difficult yet a great enterprise, he also emphasized that – “Peace is a human condition for dignified living”. Prof Asha Hans also spoke on the need to create “islands of peace with people and communities” all over the country. There were panel discussions on the various issues of- Peace Education in India; Women and Peace building; Caste, Ethnicity; Violence and Militarization; Need of Teachers training for Peace; The way forward for CIPE in India.



Participatory workshop sessions were held in Miranda College, St.Stephen College and Gandhi Bhavan in the University of Delhi, Campus. The panelists and presenters included - Richard Schneider for Institute of Global Education , Ms. Evangeline Odyuo(Nagaland) , Prof Subhadra Channa, Rev Awala Longkumer, Fr.Tom Mangathuzhe, Dr. Leiren Singh , Prof Asha Hans, Urvashi Butalia, Prof Anuradha Chenoy, Prof. Ksh Bimola Devi, Nisha Bala Tyagi and Dr. Tint Swe a Burmese Member of Parliament of the NLD.Participatory workshops were conducted by Ms.Meenakshi Chhabra a Fulbright Scholar and Shreya Jani ,a graduate of UPEACE, Costa Rica; highlights of the CIPE was given by Leban Serto .

On the last day, during the final session on what to do next ? The group charted the role for Peace educators in India to collectively carry out after the conference. In the group’s exercise that followed, the vision collectively expressed was –to build a non violent society in India and the Globe; appreciate diversities and respect; promote equality in mind and equality in living. Some actions resolved to be taken up immediately was – not to promote war toys; promote peace literatures, peace clubs, peace game focusing from competition to co-operation; observe peace day; promote peace around; and create scholarships for peace; to lobby with Government officials at all level; get media’s attention and influence political parties and business groups; to increase networks ; hold annual national conference; create newsletters; conduct peace concerts and encourage peace theatre.

A beginning for CIPE has been made in India. Peace Education will now see the growth of a vibrant movement.

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