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## Australia Award Fellowship Stakeholders Symposium at Vidya Bhawan



**Udaipur:** To ensure that every citizen receives adequate and wholesome drinking water, and that the water needs of nature, irrigation, and industry are met, water self-reliance is essential. Collective and collaborative actions by diverse stakeholders, as well as adopting traditions and techniques from India, Australia and around the world, can truly achieve water self-reliance. The state government's Water People Campaign is a significant initiative in this

direction.

These thoughts were expressed at a symposium held on Friday at the Vidya Bhawan Polytechnic Seminar Hall, with participation from the Watershed Development, Water Supply Department, and Municipal Corporation.

The symposium was organized under the aegis of the Australia Award Fellowship partner institutions: Vidya Bhawan Society, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and

Technology, Development Support Center, Western Sydney University, and IFSD. It was presided over by Pragna Saxena, Additional Chief Engineer of the Watershed Development Department. At the beginning of the symposium, Polytechnic Principal Dr. Anil Mehta, Head of CTAE Water Department Dr. Manjeet Singh, and Head of VBRI's Zoology Department Dr. Sushma Jain shared their experiences with the

Australia Award Fellowship, stating that due to the Catchment to Tap approach, drinking water quality in Australia is excellent. The quality of water is ensured at every level, right from the catchment of the lakes from which drinking water is drawn, to the citizens' homes.

This is why everyone from ministers to common people, even in five-star hotels, drinks water from the water supply departments and agencies, despite the fact that the water filtering process is similar to that of Udaipur.

The aquifers from which water is taken for drinking are also well protected in Australia. To manage stormwater, the entire city in Australia is divided into small watersheds, and water-focused urban development plans are made.

Due to the Catchment to Street approach, there is control over floods and waterlogging, and the water entering rivers and the sea is clean. Mehta, Singh, and Jain stated that fundamen-

tally, it is India's water culture and traditions that the entire world is acknowledging. However, we have forgotten them. Mukesh Pujari, Additional Chief Engineer of the Municipal Corporation, and Akhil Goyal, Executive Engineer, stated that efforts are being made to improve water quality by installing aerators in drinking water lakes. Akhilesh Sharma, Executive Engineer of the Water Supply Department, mentioned that the department is committed to delivering pure water to every individual. M.S. Atri and Narendra Soni, Executive Engineers from the Watershed Development Department, said that the government is implementing numerous schemes in the catchment areas of village water sources to not only ensure water availability but also to conserve the ecosystem and biodiversity. Representatives of voluntary organizations present at the seminar, including Leeladhar Paliwal from Arpan Seva Sansthan,

Aman Jain from Mahan Seva Sansthan, Vishnu Yadav from Srishti Seva Samiti, Chetan Pandey from Gayatri Seva Sansthan, and Suresh Jat from Renovarse Foundation, stated that the CSOs are working to bring about positive changes in thoughts and behaviors for the judicious use of water and water conservation at the individual level.

Such efforts will certainly make the state self-sufficient in water. Mohan Sharma provided information about the Marvi Scheme, initiated by Prof. Basant Maheshwari of Western Sydney University. In the presidential address, Pragna Saxena mentioned that mutual coordination and a participatory approach are the primary foundations of water self-reliance. Harish Mathur and Revti Raman Shrimali, Executive Committee members of Vidya Bhawan management, also shared their thoughts. Gopal Bamb, Honorary Secretary of Vidya Bhawan, expressed thanks and gratitude.

## Samvad Se Samadhan: A National Call for Peace and Non-Violence

**Lok Sabha Speaker and Chief Minister to Grace the Event in Mumbai**

In a time when the world is grappling with escalating violence, unrest, and deepening divisions, the eternal principles of non-violence taught by Lord Mahavira offer a beacon of hope and clarity. Recognizing the urgent need for dialogue and collective solutions to global challenges, the Mahavirayatan Foundation, under the visionary guidance of revered Jain spiritual leader Swami Devendra Brahmachari, is set to host a landmark national symposium titled 'Samvad se Samadhan' (Solutions Through Dialogue). The grand event is scheduled for 23 June 2025 at 2 PM at the iconic Yashwantrao Chavan Auditorium, Nariman Point, Mumbai.

This distinguished occasion will witness the gracious presence of Hon'ble Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla as the Chief Guest and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra Shri Devendra Fadnis as the Special Guest. Adding further eminence to the gathering,

Union Minister Shri Ramdas Athawale, Maharashtra Legislative Assembly Speaker Shri Rahul Narvekar, Cabinet Minister Shri Mangalprabhat Lodha, and Rajya Sabha MP Shri Milind Deora will also attend the event alongside other influential leaders.

This unique initiative, inspired by the profound teachings of Lord Mahavira, aims to ignite a powerful national discourse rooted in the principles of non-violence (Ahimsa), compassion, and spiritual harmony. Participants will include a wide array of religious leaders, social reformers, academicians, entrepreneurs, artists, activists, and media professionals, with enthusiastic participation expected from followers of Jainism from across the nation. Together, they will delve into meaningful conversations around concepts such as 'Live and Let Live' and 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (The World is One Family), offering practical frameworks to promote harmony in a fragmented world.

Swami Devendra Brahmachari, an ardent advocate of spiritual and social upliftment, shared that 'Samvad se Samadhan' is not merely an event, but the genesis of a national platform that envisions solutions through meaningful dialogue. The symposium will address pressing global concerns like terrorism, war, and social unrest, while also exploring pressing socio-humanitarian issues. Highlights of the event include a screening of a powerful documentary, seminars led by eminent thinkers, and cultural performances that echo India's rich spiritual heritage and call for peace. Swamiji envisions this initiative as a dynamic force that will inspire saints, scholars, policymakers, educators, and industry leaders to come together in the spirit of mutual respect and collective progress. Through dialogue, he believes, lies the potential for real change—a transformation that begins with conversation and culminates in peaceful action. A heartfelt invitation has been extended by Swami Devendra Brahmachari to all saints, religious leaders, intellectuals, and peace advocates to join this movement and contribute to building a compassionate and violence-free world. By nurturing Samvad (dialogue), the Mahavirayatan Foundation aspires to create a future shaped by Samadhan (solutions), founded on the eternal values of Lord Mahavira.

This symposium marks the beginning of a nationwide effort to reintroduce spiritual wisdom as a guiding light in times of darkness—reminding us all that the path to peace begins with understanding, and understanding begins with dialogue.

## India's Youth Driving Global Solutions and National Progress: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla

**Jodhpur:** India is emerging as a global leader in addressing contemporary challenges, thanks to the dynamism, talent, and innovative spirit of its youth, said Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla while inaugurating the Lecture Hall Complex – II at IIT Jodhpur today. He emphasized that the country's young population is becoming a driving force behind India's socio-economic and technological advancements. Addressing students and faculty at the premier institution, Shri Birla stated that India's youth is no longer just seeking jobs but is actively creating them, contributing significantly to the growth of the nation's robust startup ecosystem. He acknowledged the pivotal role of institutions like IITs in transforming young graduates into visionary entrepreneurs and changemakers who are not only uplifting India's economy but also making their mark globally.

Shri Birla remarked, "India is advancing on the global stage by harnessing the dual strengths of modern science and its rich spiritual heritage." He added that this unique blend of technological progress and deep-rooted values gives India a distinct identity and advantage in the global arena. He also called upon youth to become active stakeholders in the mission of 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) and to contribute towards building an inclusive and progressive society. "The enthusiasm and capability of India's young minds must be channeled towards innovation, nation-building, and solving critical global issues," he urged. Highlighting the importance of academic institutions in national development, the Speaker emphasized that every college and university must strive to become a centre of innovation and excellence. He praised IIT Jodhpur for its academic contributions and its growing influence in the field of research, technology, and sustainable development.

The newly inaugurated Lecture Hall Complex – II is a state-of-the-art facility designed to provide an enhanced learning environment for students. It includes advanced classroom infrastructure, smart learning tools, and collaborative spaces aimed at fostering creativity and academic excellence. The event concluded with Shri Birla interacting with students and encouraging them to lead with integrity, curiosity, and compassion. He reiterated that with the strength of its youth, India is poised to not just achieve national milestones but also offer sustainable solutions to global challenges.

## National Symposium on Environment Day at SKIT

**Planting Trees is Not Enough, Sustained Care is Essential – Governor**

**Pollution Control is a Collective Responsibility: Governor Haribhau Bagde**

**Jaipur:** Governor of Rajasthan, Shri Haribhau Bagde, emphasized that pollution is a man-made problem and hence, its resolution must be the collective responsibility of all. Speaking at a national symposium organized on World Environment Day at Swami Keshvanand Institute of Technology (SKIT), Jaipur, the Governor urged for comprehensive efforts towards environmental protection at all levels.

In his address, Governor Bagde underlined the link between rising temperatures and depleting tree cover. He stated that tree plantation should go beyond numbers and must translate into actual environmental impact through sustained care. "The count of trees planted should be based not on ceremonial figures, but on how many grow into full-fledged trees," he remarked. He also referenced a study by Tamil Nadu researchers on the Amaltas tree, which provides the highest oxygen output and emits the least carbon when burnt, recommending such species be widely planted to ensure ecological sustainability.

The symposium was jointly organized by Vijnana Bharati and other organizations. The Governor expressed concern that while reports of plantation drives often surface, follow-ups on the survival of those saplings are rare. He called for accountability not just in planting trees, but also in ensuring their long-term care and nourishment.

Highlighting water conservation as another critical concern, the Governor noted that only 2.5% of the Earth's water is potable, excluding seawater, and therefore, saving every drop is imperative. Earlier in the event, "Vriksh Mitra" awards were presented by the Governor to individuals recognized by Vijnana Bharati for their exceptional contributions to environmental protection. Dr. Meghendra Sharma from Vijnana Bharati shared the organization's mission of integrating traditional Indian scientific knowledge with contemporary environmental efforts. The event commenced with a welcome address by Shri Surjaram Mil, who greeted all dignitaries and participants.

Governor Bagde concluded by appealing to all sections of society—students, institutions, policymakers, and citizens—to treat greenery and environmental care as a shared responsibility, and to act with both dedication and continuity for a sustainable future.



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