



Vice-President Calls for Global Peace and Religious Harmony at Interfaith Conclave Commemorating the 350th Martyrdom Anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji

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Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat Reflects India's Civilizational Soul: Vice-President

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The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today addressed an Interfaith Conclave in New Delhi, commemorating the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. He said it was a profound honour to participate in the conclave, describing it as a global call for peace, human rights, and religious harmony.

Hon'ble Vice-President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed an Interfaith Conclave in New Delhi today, commemorating the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji.

Addressing the gathering, the Vice-President described Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji as a universal symbol... pic.twitter.com/D6y4Midx0W

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The Vice-President recalled his visit to the Gurudwara Rakab Ganj Sahib to pay his humble respects on the 350th martyrdom anniversary of Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji. He described Shri Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji as a beacon of moral courage whose life and sacrifice belong to all of humanity.

Referring to the Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's martyrdom, the Vice-President said it stands as one of history's most extraordinary affirmations of religious freedom. He noted that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji laid down his life not for political power or the supremacy of one belief over another, but to defend the right of individuals to live and worship according to their conscience. At a time of great intolerance, he stood as a shield for the persecuted, the Vice-President added.

Highlighting the timeless relevance of the

Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's message, Shri C P Radhakrishnan said that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji taught the world that courage guided by compassion can transform societies, and that silence in the face of injustice is incompatible with true faith. It is for these enduring values, he said, that Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji is revered not only as a Sikh Guru, but as a universal symbol of supreme sacrifice and moral courage, and honoured with the title 'Hind Di Chadar'.

The Vice-President underlined that India's strength has always been its unity in diversity. From ancient times, he said, Bharat has welcomed diverse faiths, philosophies, and cultures, a spirit that was later enshrined by the framers of the Constitution through fundamental rights guaranteeing liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith, and worship.

Describing Bharat as a nation of many languages, cultures, traditions, and faiths, the Vice President referred to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's clarion call of "Ek Bharat, Shreshtha Bharat", as a vision rooted in India's civilizational soul. He urged collective efforts towards achieving the goal of Viksit Bharat @ 2047.

Addressing contemporary global challenges, the Vice-President noted that under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, India successfully held the G20 Presidency, translating the Upanishadic philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" into the global theme of "One Earth, One Family, One Future." He said Bharat is today offering solutions to complex global challenges, including climate change through Mission LiFE, and recalled India's humanitarian role during the COVID-19 pandemic by supplying vaccines free of cost to more than 100 countries under the "Vaccine Maitri" initiative.

Quoting the ancient Tamil maxim "Yaadhum Oore, Yaavarum Kelir", meaning the whole world is one family, the Vice-President said India's civilizational ethos continues to inspire global harmony.

The Vice-President said the sacrifice of Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji resonates deeply with the spirit of India, a nation where unity is built not through uniformity, but through mutual respect and understanding. He emphasised that the

Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji's message is even more relevant today, reminding humanity that peace cannot be imposed by force, but must be built on justice, empathy, and respect for human dignity.

The Interfaith Conclave was organised by Dr. Vikramjit Singh Sahney, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha, and Chairman, Global Interfaith Harmony Foundation. HH Jain Acharya Lokesh Muni ; Namdhari Satguru Uday Singh; Shri Mohan Rupa Das ,President, ISKCON Temple, Delhi ;Haji Syed Salman Chishty of Ajmer Dargah Sharif; Rev. Fr. Monodeep Daniel, Vice-President, Diocese of Delhi and Sardar Tarlochan Singh, Former Chairman, National Commission for Minorities, among other eminent religious and spiritual leaders were present at the conclave.

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