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“True Bhakti means dedication to humanity”: Vice President

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The Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, today attended the global celebrations marking 45 years of the Art of Living Foundation in Bengaluru and praised the organisation for spreading the values of peace, harmony, service and spiritual awareness across the world.

Vice President Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan graced the 45th anniversary celebrations of the Art of Living in Bengaluru today.

Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, members of the Art of Living, dignitaries from India and abroad, and... pic.twitter.com/zsxRHRDG7D

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Addressing the gathering, the Vice President noted that the Art of Living movement had touched millions of lives across continents, cultures and generations. Expressing appreciation for the organisation’s global outreach, he observed that the Art of Living has centres in nearly 180 countries.

The Vice President stated that the movement, founded four and a half decades ago on the principle that “inner peace is the foundation of outer harmony”, has evolved into a major humanitarian and spiritual force promoting compassion, resilience and

joy.

Reflecting on the deeper meaning of devotion, the Vice President said that Bhakti is not merely devotion, but dedication towards oneself, family, society, nation and humanity. He added that spirituality teaches people to live peacefully with others and makes life meaningful and fulfilling.

Praising Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, the Vice President said that in a world marked by conflict and uncertainty, Gurudev continues to inspire humanity with the values of wisdom, awareness, peace and harmony. He observed that Gurudev's simplicity, humility and compassion have touched millions of people worldwide.

The Vice President noted that through meditation, service, education, rural development, environmental initiatives and interfaith dialogue, the Art of Living has demonstrated the important role spirituality can play in social transformation. Stressing the importance of meditation and concentration, he said that a focused mind can achieve extraordinary things.

The Vice president said that Gurudev has presented before society an inspiring model in which youth can carry the ancient and the modern together. Observing that modernity and ancient heritage are deeply complementary, he appreciated the growing participation of young people in the organisation's service-oriented initiatives.

Referring to initiatives such as Rock Satsang and Bhajan Clubbing, the Vice President said these efforts are reviving India's ancient wisdom traditions in a contemporary form that resonates with the younger generation across the world.

The Vice President also commended the Art of Living Foundation's campaign for a drug-free India and stressed that young minds should remain guided by self-control and positive values rather than harmful addictions.

Highlighting India's growing global stature, the Vice President said the country today stands at a unique moment in history, confident, aspirational and increasingly playing a leadership role globally. He noted that Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's emphasis on civilizational wisdom, yoga, wellness, sustainability and 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' closely aligns with the values promoted by the Art of Living Foundation.

Praising the volunteers of the movement, the Vice President described them as the "silent architects of service" who have carried the mission into every corner of the world. He remarked that transforming even one individual empowers an entire family and ultimately strengthens entire communities.

The Vice President also offered prayers at the Ganpati Temple located within the Art of Living campus and launched a commemorative postal stamp of the Art of Living Foundation.

The Governor of Karnataka, Shri Thaawarchand Gehlot, Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, members of the Art of Living Foundation, dignitaries from India and abroad, and thousands of devotees and volunteers were present on the occasion.

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