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SHORT REPORT

EIP training on Human Rights & Peace Education starts after the lighting of the lamp by dignitaries and guests. Dr. Mishra, Master Peace India welcomes the guest and participants. Message of Monique, Secretary General of EIP-International, read and distributed to the participants.

Dr. Balkrishna Kurvey of EIP-India greeted the participants on the International Human Rights Day and informed the meaning of EIP and its work propagating Human Rights and Peace education in the world. He narrated the objectives of the training and need in India. India is a largest democracy and for the betterment and successful and meaningful democracy the

principles of Human Rights must be observed for the peace and development. He urged the participants who are political leaders, policy makers, educationists and responsible for the implementation in their respective departments. He stressed that Human rights and peace education through schools and various organizations and NGOs will surely benefit individual, society, state and ultimately to world. Human Rights educate the person for peaceful coexistence. Dr. Kurvey stressed that the “Human Rights is pre-requisite for Peace, Democracy and Development.”

Ms. Aswathy S: I.A.S. (Indian Administrative Service) Director, Social Welfare, Women & Child Development, Government of Odisha in her speech said that discussion on Human Rights is going on all around the country and we should support it. Impact of the discussion carry out in this training will certainly pave the way for information and dissemination and implementation. Along with discussion of rights as citizens, we should introspect our own duties.

We have to sensitize the people of their rights and especially to women. Women are vulnerable and many cases are not coming forward as violation of human rights but it was consider as work hazard. Everyone has a responsibility, only giving lip services is not the way. We have to transfer from rhetoric to reality and this we can achieve through such training which will sensitize the people and policy makers. She stress that training arranged by EIP-India is need of the hour in India. She also congratulated EIP-International and Balkrishna Kurvey of EIP-India for arranging such an important training in Bhubaneswar capital of Odisha. Such training will sensitize which will lead to further step towards Human Rights. If India wants to develop and if he/she wants to development Human rights is the key. Every day violation of Human rights of women. Dalits and other are common. Gender equality in our country is in constitution but in practical life women as a class are more violated of their human rights. Crimes of women are increasing day by day. If somebody's rights are violated the mechanism for redressal should be strong. Implementing authority must know the rights of individuals. If somebody is fighting for his/her rights, we must support. There is drastic change in government policy and now they are working towards rightful approach.

This one day training is very important to educate and sensitize the one and all towards right approach to observe his/her rights as well as responsibilities.

Professor Ms. Vedwanti Mohanty, Professor of Economics: said that in 1945 UN was created with the objectives of peace and justice because the horror of 1st and 2nd world war should not be repeated. Universal Declaration of Human Rights is the tool towards peace and brotherhood and peaceful co-existence. It is not the declaration but the occasion to introspect of the stock taking, how we have successes in peace and Human Rights in the world. We are born free but afterwards are rights are violated. Without the Human Rights the freedom of the individual is not complete. Every one enjoys human rights as we are born as a human being. Human Rights ensure the

dignity of a person. In India violation of Human Rights is rampant and continues, it is more within the lower caste, Dalits and women

Mr. Ashim Amitav Das, Advocate, Odisha High Court and Member, Ban Council: I congratulated EIP India for arranging such important training in the state of Odisha. As per the Indian Constitution everyone should have equal rights and constitution propagate equality, fraternity, dignity and liberty but in actual life these are not followed in our country. In 1993 Human Rights Protection Act was passed by the Parliament. India is a state party who signed the Universal Declaration of the Human Rights, but implementing authority or personnel are not educated and aware of the Human Rights. There are many cases in India regarding physical torture by policemen, which is the violation of the Human rights. He narrated many examples of and court cases as well as custodial deaths. If we are seeking well for others, we first good in our own lives. He blames the system and administration for the violation of human rights. Amendments in laws should be made. Rights should be given to one and all. Approach and treatment to people by public servants should be changed.

People in India are not aware of their Human Rights. It must be taught from school to college level as well as to the officials who are directly or indirectly responsible for the implementation of Human rights. If we know our rights, then we will also respect the rights of others. Training like EIP should be carried out in wider scale for the benefit of peace, democracy and Development. To sensitize the people regarding their human rights is essential, if we are aware of our rights, then we can jump for action for social change. He said “seeking well of others, we found our own” (Aristotle). Human Rights is social issue and he urges the participants and trust that you are good activist; you are interested in topic and interested in Human Rights. We got independence and 64 years past but we are ashamed that many Human Rights are violated. The remedy is to let us work together.



Ms Renubala Pradhan, Member of Parliament: In her presidential address said that I am happy that discussions on various topics of Human rights are going on. In my political life from Z.P.Parishad to Member of Parliament, I know the ground realities. We must know our rights without which we could not fight. People are facing hardship and due to apathy of administration and violation of Human Rights militant movement like “NAXALITE” emerge in India. Lack of awareness is one of the most important hurdles. Everyone should know their rights and it should be taught from primary education to higher level which will play an important role for awareness of rights. We should reach and teach to the people who are not aware of their rights. People should be educated how Human rights are tackled and contribute in improvising the situation and their development and will spread peace in society, country and internationally.

She congratulated Ms. Monique for her message and EIP-India for arranging such important training and reiterated her support in future events.

Ms. Nibedita Nayak, Chairperson, State Social Welfare Board, Government of Odisha: Said that all Human Rights are Women Rights and all Women Rights are Human Rights. Women's force should be respected in all fields. Focus should be local/regional/National/and International. Youth must be educated regarding Human Rights. State Youth policy should be based on the betterment and good citizenship. From primary level human rights should be included and carried through high school and college level. The teaching of Human Rights will certainly lower down the violence. Our Government is ready to partnership with NGOs on this important issue.

WORKSHOP-1 Know Your Human Rights



Dr. Kurvey conducted the workshop. With the help of power point presentation with pictures he informed the need of human rights. Its history, background and why UN has passed the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He informed the participants all 30 articles and explains in detail articles 1 to 30. Due to pictorial presentation and many examples the workshop was lively.

After the presentation, floor was open for discussion and questions. Participants though from the educated and high officer level informed that, they were not aware of the Universal Declaration articles rights and did not learn it in their school or college education.

WORKSHOP-2 Know Your Human rights

Mr. Pradhip Lande and Mrs. Madhusmita Mishra (who attended the Chifedhop training) conducted the workshop.

Questionnaire sheets were distributed to all the participants. They were divided in small groups and ask to discuss among themselves. After the stipulated time. One leader from each group called and narrated their answers. This was a brain storming session and participants took active part

CONCLUDING SESSION: Question-Answers and Feedback

Participants took active part in this session and asked many question which was rightly answered by Dr. Kurvey and Mr. Prdip Lande. Doubts of the participants were clarified. Participant's feedback was eye opening for one and all. Participants agreed that they were not aware of the rights stipulated in the University Declaration of Human Rights and India is one of the state parties to UN declaration. Even some participants were no aware the National as well as State (Provincial) Commission of Human Rights exists in India. They were also not aware of mechanism of redressed of their human rights. Participants promised that they will inform and educate their colleagues in their offices (work-place) regarding UN Declaration of Human Rights and its 30 articles. They will form the Human Rights club and spread it to the children/youth/women and people. All participants thanks EIP-International, Geneva, EIP-India and Jeevan Rekha Parishad for arranging such important training which gave them information and knowledge which will certainly benefit them, society and ultimately to India.

The following important personalities also spoke and give very important feedback.

Mrs. Sandhay Mohapara, Former Education Minister, Government of Odisha; Ms. Sukeshi Oram , Member National Commission of Women; Mrs. Mohanty, Member, State Commission for Women; Mrs. Sandhya Pradhan, President Z.P. Parishad,; Mr. Baikuntha Nagh Mishra, National Institute of Youth Affairs

After the Vote of Thanks by Ms. Padmaja, State Social Welfare Board, one day EIP-India training session concluded.