



The 14th International Conference **October 15-16, 2016, Chicago**

*How to Mitigate Poverty
and Climate Change in India*

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*Promoting Networking, Collaboration,
Learning, Giving and Volunteering*
Inform, Inspire, Impact
<http://idc-america.org>



Our Vision-Mission

- *A developed India, free of poverty, ignorance, diseases, socio-economic disparities, ecological disasters, and social disharmony.*
- *To Empower NPOs / NGOs, and individuals to Eradicate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change in India by Promoting, Networking, Collaborations, Co-learning, Giving and Volunteering for just, and Sustainable Development.*



What We Do ?

- Promote Adopt A Village Campaign
- Support Projects that Members Can Learn and Replicate. Inform About Grant Proposals.
- Organize Conferences in the US and India. Visit Potential Partner NGOs/Members. Interact with NGOs/NPOs. And Groups.
- Organize Seminars and Forums. Host Visiting NGO Leaders from India.
- Developed and Maintain Website to Share Useful Information. Also, post on Facebook Groups, LinkedIn Grp., Twitter.



How to Eradicate Poverty?

- Meeting the Basic Needs of all the people:
- Water-Sanitation
- Education
- Agriculture
- Livelihoods
- Technology
- Healthcare plus---Housing
- Climate Change and Renewable Energy
- End Corruption—Governance-RTI-RTE-Food



Poverty is the worst form of violence M. K. Gandhi



How to Eradicate Poverty GOI?

The Government of India has taken various steps to reduce **Rural Poverty** . Some of the most recent Schemes are:

- Small Farmers Development Program
- Drought Area Development Program
- Food For Work Program
- Minimum Needs Program
- Integrated Rural Development Program
- National Rural Employment Program
- Rural Labor Employment Guarantee Program
- Assurance on Employment

- Source: infochangeindia.org



Ending Poverty: Gandhian Approach

- Selfless Service for the Welfare of All
- Love and Non-violence
- Education, Re-Education, Re-Evaluation
- Sharing of the Resources, Frugality
- Right and Fair Labor
- Participation in Government
- Negotiations and Mediations in Place of Legalism to Solve Problems
- Back to Village Message



Water & Sanitation: NRI

- S M Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon-Built 72 Check Dams and Promoted Sanitation in the Villages in Haryana. Drinking Water For Schools.
- Akash Ganga (DC) Promoted Rainwater Harvesting in Tamil Nadu. IIT Madras etc.
- Sustainable Innovation: Village level Integrated Rainwater Harvesting—Rajasthan
- A Member Setup Drinking Water Plant in a School in Karnataka.
- Bharathi Theertha- Water and Sanitation in AP
- Global Pragathi, OH, in Telengana, and Sevak Project, VA



Education:

- PPES, Virginia— All Girls' School in Anupshahar, UP
- Home of Hope, California(support 15 NGOs in India)
- Swaraj Foundation, Illinois (Shikshantar- Rajasthan)
- IGES/Gandhi College, Maryland, Works in UP
- Trees for Life, Wichita, Kansas, Work in UP and Elsewhere in the World!
- North South Foundation, Burr Ridge, IL (Scholarships)
- Global Pragathi, USA, Dayton, OH—Work in Telengana



Healthcare:

- Gram Seva Foundation, IL (Gujarat—80 Bed Hospital)
- Sustainable Innovations, MD (Rajasthan- Health Kiosks)
- International Village Clinic, MN (UP, 50 Bed Hospital)
- Pardada Pardadi Education Society- VA (Healthcare for Girls in School and families)
- International Human Benefits Service, NJ / Rajasthan (100 Bed Hospital and School, Mobile Healthcare)
- Eye Foundation for America, Morgantown, WV



Livelihoods:

- Pardada Pardadi Education Society- VA (Provides Livelihood Training to Girls in School and Villages)
- International Human Benefits Service, NJ / Rajasthan (Provides Livelihoods Training to Women)
- S. M. Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon, Promoting Improved Methods of Agriculture, to improve Income.



Climate Change:

- Raised Funds and helped Implement a Solar Lantern Project in 44 Villages of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh in Collaboration with IDS, Rotary International, The Energy Resources Institute, and the Deendayal Research Institute, Chitrakoot.
- Collaborates With UNDP, New Delhi, Center for Environment Education, New Delhi, Center for Science and Environment with knowledge sharing.
- ATREE— Works on Biodiversity and Ecology.
- Climate Healers—Promoting Vegan Diet to Save GHG



A Summary of Activities 2003-16

- Organized 14 International Conferences and 9 Regional Conferences in the USA.
- Organized 12 International Conferences and 9 Regional Conferences in India.
- Since 2005, Organized 4 or more seminars/Forums in Chicago. Topics covered: Water, Education, Healthcare, Livelihoods, and Climate Change.
- More than 100 NPOs/NGOs participated.
- Participated in Many Outreach Activities, PBD, GOPIO, in India, Global Activism Expo in Chicago



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- Funding for Dharma Vana Arboratum, AP, \$500,000
- Funding for Hospital Project in Gujarat, \$17,000.
- Fundraising for Solar Lantern Project \$100,000
- .Funding for a Livelihood Project in Maharashtra, \$6,000
- Facilitated 5-Year Funding for DRI Chitrakoot, Rural Development Project from IDRF. \$125,000. MP
- Enabled funding for Gandhi College in 2004-5 from the Sehgal Foundation. UP. \$30,000
- Facilitated funding for Shikshantar, Udaipur, Rajasthan from the Sehgal Foundation, \$10,000.from IDS:\$15000, and IDRF: \$14000.



Recent Activities 2015

- On October 2 Launched Adopt A Village Campaign at Gandhi Statue in Skokie, IL (Chicago) With releasing a Bookmark on this Campaign.
- Oct 4: Participated in the Community Gandhi Jayanti Function and Promoted Adopt A Village Campaign.
- Initiated a Project to Publish a Book about 25 IDCA Heroes as a resource for budding and aspiring Social Change Makers. It will have profiles of 12 NRI/PIOs and 13 RI Change Makers, who have come in contact with IDCA and have worked for 10 years or more in the field.
- Developed a New Dynamic Website

Launched Adopt A Village Campaign

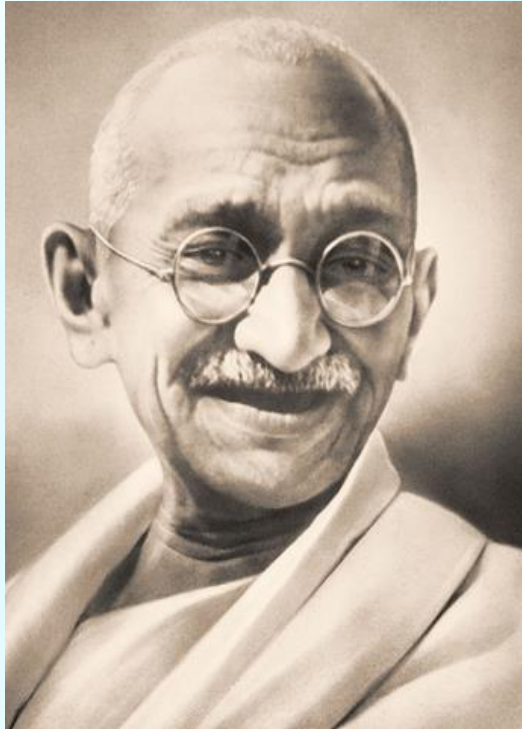


Launched Adopt A Village Campaign



- *Let new India arise-let her arise*
 - *out of the peasants' cottage,*
 - *grasping the plough;*
 - *out of the huts of fisherman,*
 - *the cobbler, and the sweeper.*
- *Let her spring from the grocer's shop,*
 - *from the oven of the fritter-seller.*
- *Learn that the whole of life is giving. Give What you have to give. It will come back multiplied a thousand-fold. But ask nothing, want nothing, in return. Do not think of that while giving.*

Launched Adopt A Village Campaign



- Gandhian Thoughts
 - Back To Village
 - India of My Dreams
- Villagism Vs. Industrialism
 - (Gandhi Nehru Letters)
- *Poverty is worst form of Violence!*
 - Let Us End It!!
- *Who are true lovers of humanity?
Those who, forgetting themselves,
bring sunshine to the lives of others.—*
- Check our website for more details:

Launched Adopt A Village Campaign

- *President Bill Clinton once suggested that if every non-resident Indian adopts an Indian Village, it can transform the entire country. It is possible and it can be done. Our Foundation and the many individuals and/or organizations are paving the way. We earnestly hope that you would consider joining in this effort and help in reducing poverty and suffering from India.”-Dr. Suri Sehgal, Chairman of Sehgal Foundation*

Launched Adopt A Village Campaign

- Charter Partners!

- Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and Environment, Bengaluru (ATREE)
- CORD (Chinmaya Organization for Rural Dev.)HP
- Deendayal Research Institute, Chitrakoot, MP
- Hedgewar Hospital, Aurangabad, MS
- International Human Benefits Service Trust, Raj
- iWatch, Mumbai

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- Charter Partners!
- Pardada Pardadi Education Society, Anupsahar, UP
- SEWA Rural, Jagadia, Gujarat
- S. M Sehgal Foundation, Gurgaon, Haryana
- Swami Vivekanand Youth Movement, Mysore
- Tarun Bharat Sangh, Alwar, Rajasthan
- Vivekanand Sevakendra O Shishu Udyan, WB

Adopt A Village Campaign

- How Can You Do That?
- You Can Select Your Own Village and We Can Support You by Helping Arrange Training etc.
- We Can Suggest a Village/Panchayat by Our NGO Partners. *A Village Empowerment and Development Associate (VEDA) Will Work on Your Behalf under NGO for 5 years. Up to \$10,000/year*
- You (and 4 more) Can Support One VEDA.
- We Propose to Adopt 1 Panchayat in Each Mandal, As A Model for the Whole Mandal/Block/Tehsil.



Recent Activities-2016

- Organized Forums: Water (March) Earth Day (April) , Education (June) and Healthcare (August).
- Visited CORD, Sidhbari, Himachal Pradesh, May 16'
- Organized 5th North India Conf. in Jaipur on March , 2016.
- Visited First Adopted Village Banarali, UP, Feb. 2016
- Organized the 3rd South India International Conference Feb. 4-5, 2016 in Hyderabad
- Organized the 12th International Conference in Gurgaon, January 11-12, 2016 at Sehgal Foundation.
- Organized the 13th International Conference in Chicago, October 17-18, 2015.

Visited First Adopted Village Banarali, UP



Visited CORD SidhBari, HP





The 5th North India Regional Conf. March 18, 2016, at IIM, Jaipur





The 3rd South India Intern. Conf. February 4-5, 2016, Hyderabad





The 12th International conference January 11-12, 2016, Gurgaon





The 13th International Conference October 17-18, 2015, Chicago





Learning From NGOs

- Visited CORD, Sidbari, Himachal Pradesh, May 2016
- 2015, ICRISAT in Hyderabad, Gandhi Ashram, Ahmedabad.
- 2014- Human Benefits Trust, Khichan, Rajasthan; Sirohi Village in Haryana for a Solar Lighting Project; and Operation Asha, and Safe Water Network in New Delhi.
- 2013-ATREE Project near Kochi, Kerala, Pardada Pardadi Education Society, Girls School, Anupshahar, UP.
- 2012- Parikrama Humanity Foundation, Arghyam and ATREE, Bengaluru; Hedgewar Hospital, Aurangabad, DRI Chitrakoot Project, NIRD, Hyderabad, and Soda Village, Near Jaipur.
- 2004—Learning Journey-Tarun Bharat Sangh, Rajasthan; S. M. Sehgal Fdn., Haryana; Barefoot College, Rajasthan; DRI Chitrakoot Project, MP and UP.



What Can We DO?

- Adopt a Village and Help in its Development.
- Volunteer with IDCA or its Members in the US,
- Volunteer with a NGO and Support it,
- Donate Funds to one or more Members,
- Visit NGOs and Share your Experiences,
- Collaborate/Support each other.
- Help Raise Funds for IDCA or Members
- Become a Member of IDCA. (General, Primary, Associate, Student) and Support it.



Way Forward 2016-17

- Organize the 13th International Conf. in Bengaluru, January 11-12, 2017.
- Organize the 6th North India Regional Conference, March 3-4, 2017 at IIIM in Jaipur.
- Organize the 15th International Conference in Chicago on October 2017.
- Organize Forums: Water (March), Climate Change, (April) Education (June), Healthcare (August)
- Promote Adopt A Village Campaign in the US and India
- Release IDCA Heroes ebook

Some Words of Wisdom--Amma

- *We are All Links in the Chain of Life.*
- *If One Link is Weak, So is the Entire Chain.*
- *Each Thought and Action has the Power to Brighten or Darken Many Lives.*
- *Try to Make Others Happy and Don't Despair Over All the Evil in the World.*
- *Don't Let Others Bad Actions Influence You to Do Wrong.*
- *Instead of Cursing the Dark, Let us Each Light One Small Lamp.*



Thank you!!

*Happiness Depends on what we give,
not on what we get. M. K. Gandhi*

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