



Second South Regional Conference

***Working Together to Eradicate Poverty and
Mitigate Climate Change in India***

India House Houston

On May 6, 2012

***Promoting Networking, Collaboration,
Learning, Giving and Volunteering***

Inform, Inspire, Empower, Impact

<http://idc-america.org> and <http://idcoa.cloverpad.org>



Vision

- *A developed India, free of poverty, ignorance, diseases, socio-economic disparities, ecological disasters, and social disharmony.*
- *Happiness depends on what we can give, not on what we can get.—M. K. Gandhi*



Mission

- *To Empower NPOs / NGOs, and individuals to Eradicate Poverty and Mitigate Climate Change in India. Raise consciousness and level of dialogue in NRI/PIO community and in India for just, and Sustainable Development.*
- *Villages are Foundation of India-We need to strengthen the Foundation for our survival. Gandhiji came to India in 1915---2015 will be Centennial year of his return. Let us work together to realize his dream for Gram Swaraj.*



Membership

- IDCA has Four Types of Memberships:
- Primary Member—Organizations and Individuals— 5 Votes—Leadership role
- General Member: Organizations and Individuals.---1 Vote—Project Committees
- Associate Member: Individuals--Volunteer
- Student Member: Full Time Students--Volunteer



Working Team, 2011-12

- Dileep Thatte, president, – Gaithersburg, MD
- Jay Sehgal, Director, The Sehgal Foundation, IA
- Dr. Nilima Sabharwal, Director, HOH, San Jose, CA
- Dr. Mohan Jain, Trustee and Founder President, IL
- Prof. Ronald Fernandes, De Paul Univ., Secretary, IL
- Neha Misra, Chair–Washington, DC Chapter,
- Dr. Chaya Prasad, Chair, West Regional Chapter,
- Mr. Sam Kannappan, Chair, South Regional Chapter,
- Porus Dadabhoy, (past pres.), Downers Grove, IL
- Prakasam Tata, Water (past pres.) Naperville, IL
- Dr. Suri Sehgal, Founder Trustee, Captiva, FL



Recent Accomplishments

- Completed a Solar Lighting project in 44 villages in MP and UP in Collaboration with Rotary Int., IL, TERI, New Delhi, and DRI, MP.
- Organized Eighth International Conference in India on Jan. 11-12, 2012 at International School of Informatics and Management, Jaipur.
- Organized First South India Regional Conference in Hyderabad, February 18, 2012 at FAPCCI.
- Organized Third East Regional Conference in Rockville, MD on August 13, 2011 at The Johns Hopkins University.
- Organized Ninth International Conference – Wheaton, IL, Oct. 15-16, 2011 at Illinois Institute of Technology.
- Organized Second West Regional Conference, Milpitas, California on November 19, 2011, at India Community Center.



Poverty Eradication?

- WEALTH=
- 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



Mitigating Climate Change

- Reduce Energy Consumption—Buildings, Transportation, Industry—Green construction, electric bikes, mass transit
- Develop Renewable Energy resources—Wind, Solar, Biomass, Geothermal
- Conserve Water and promote rainwater harvesting
- Promote Organic farming—Local food
- Promote Reforestration of waste land
- Promote LED lighting to reduce consumption
- *In Summary---**Reduce, Reuse, Recycle***

India's Response to Climate Change

- **Jawaharlal Nehru National Solar Mission:**

---It aims to deploy 20,000 MW of solar capacity by 2020 with 1,000 MW planned for installation by 2012.

- **National Mission for Enhanced Energy Efficiency:**

----It includes the Perform, Achieve and Trade (PAT) mechanism to promote efficiency in large industries and the Super Efficient Equipment Program (SEEP) for promoting efficient appliances.

- **Improving Energy Efficiency through Standards & Labeling Program**

----Bureau of Energy Efficiency could partner with NGOs for enhancing awareness regarding the Standards & Labeling Program.

India's Response to Climate Change

- **National Mission on Sustainable Habitat:**

---It promotes sustainable transport, energy efficient buildings, and sustainable waste management.

- **National Water Mission:**

---It aims at conservation of water, minimizing wastage and ensuring its more equitable distribution both across and within states through integrated water resources development and management.

- **National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem:**

-----It will establish an observational and monitoring network for the Himalayan environment and will promote community based management of Himalayan ecosystem.

India's Response to Climate Change

- **National Mission for a Green India:**

----It aims at forestation of additional 10 million hectare of forest lands, waste lands and community lands.

- **National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture:**

----It focuses on enhancing productivity and resilience of agriculture to reduce vulnerability.

- **National Mission on Strategic Knowledge for Climate Change:**

----It promotes the development and diffusion of strategic knowledge related to climate change.

Ten Things you can Do!

- Change your light---Save 150 lbs of CO2 a year per bulb
- Drive Less—Bike, Walk, Carpool, use Mass Transit
- Recycle More---Save 2400 lbs a year on CO2---50% recycle
- Check your Tires regularly—Save 3% on Gas and CO2
- Use Less Hot Water---Change to Solar Water heater
- Avoid Products with Lots of Packaging—1200 lbs a yr. 10%
- Adjust your thermostat by 2 degree and save 2000 lbs.
- Plant a Tree---Reduce CO2 by 1 Ton over life time.
- Turn of Electronics devices when not in use— 1000's lbs
- Spread the word—Encourage friends and family to do so.



Third East Regional Conference August 13, 2011, Rockville, MD





Ninth International Conference October 15-16, 2011, Wheaton, IL





Second West Regional Conference, Milpitas, CA, November 19, 2011





Eighth Int. Conference-India, January 11-12, 2012, at ISIM, Jaipur





First South Regional Conference, Houston, June 4, 2011



Visit to Soda Village Near Jaipur





Solar Lantern Project in Village Chandai, MP, and Kalla, UP





How can you participate?

- Become a Member of IDCA and serve.
- Volunteer with IDCA or its Members in US
- Learn about the needs of your village/town
- Develop a project plan for one of the needs
- Volunteer with an NGOs and learn from it.
- Donate funds to one or more projects
- Inform, Inspire, and Involve others in US and India.
- Share your experiences and help others.



Way Forward 2012

- Organize 5 seminars and Forums IL, DC, CA, TX, Jaipur, Hyderabad, Bangalore and Udaipur.
- Work with the Sarpanch of Soda Village on Water issues.
- Organize Second South Regional Conference in Houston, TX on April 21, 2012.
- Organize First Univ. Student Conf. in Chicago, May 12,
- Organize First Canada Conference in Toronto-June 16, 2012.
- Organize First UK conference in London—July 14,
- Organize Fourth East Regional Conf., Aug. 11, 2012
- Organize Tenth International Conference in Chicago on October 12-14, 2012.
- Organize Third West Regional Conference in Milpitas, CA on November 17-18, 2012.,

Let Goddesses of India Bless Us



Gandhi's Seven Steps for Global Change- Are they Relevant Today?

- Selfless Service
- Right and Fair Labor
- Nonviolence
- Conciliation
- Share in Government
- Re-education
- Sharing of Resources

By Late Professor Guy De Mallack, CA



Some Inspiring Words-Gandhi

- *The True India is to be found not in its few cities, but in its seven hundred thousand villages.*
- *Be the change that you want to see in the world.*
- *The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others.*
- *Whatever you do may seem insignificant to you, but it is most important that you do it.*
- *Power resides in the people ; they can use it any time.*
- *All humanity is one undivided and indivisible family.*



Words of S. Vivekananda

- *The Poor, the illiterate, the ignorant, the afflicted—let these be your God. Know that service to these alone is highest religion.*
- *The only service to be done for our lower classes is to give them education, to develop their lost individuality.*
- *The national ideals of India are Renunciation and service. Intensify her in those channels and the rest will take care of itself.*



Thank you!!

*A man is but the product of his thoughts.
What he thinks, he becomes.* **M. K. Gandhi**

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