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HARMONY IN DIVERSITY: DR. AVKASH JADHAV'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 18TH HWPL WORLD PEACE SUMMIT

by Tanishqa Jaiswal

Peace is not merely a distant goal, but the journey we walk with every step.

-Martin Luther King Jr.

World peace is a collective aspiration that transcends geographical boundaries, cultural differences, and political ideologies. It represents a state of harmonious coexistence where nations, communities, and individuals resolve conflicts through dialogue and cooperation rather than resorting to violence or aggression. The quest for world peace encompasses the promotion of justice, equality, and human rights on a global scale. World peace is not just a final destination or an abstract concept to be achieved in the distant future. Instead, it emphasizes that peace is an on-going process, a continuous journey that requires active participation and effort in every moment of our lives.

rights, and disarmament. Through peace walks, forums, and collaboration with governments and organizations worldwide, HWPL actively engages individuals, community leaders, and policymakers in fostering awareness and support for the DPCW, contributing to the on-going journey towards world peace.

Every year, on the 18th of September, the organization orchestrates its World Peace Summit, a significant event dedicated to fostering global harmony. This particular year held special significance as it marked the 9th Anniversary of the Summit, signifying years of commitment to the cause of peace. Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, had the honour of receiving an invitation to serve as a distinguished representative of not only the Foundation but also the country.

In pursuit of world peace, organizations like Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) play a significant role in translating the collective aspiration for global harmony into actionable initiatives. Founded in 2013 by Chairman Man Hee Lee, a Korean war veteran and peace advocate, HWPL operates on the principle that peace is not merely a distant goal but a journey requiring continuous effort and participation. Central to HWPL's mission is the Declaration of Peace and Cessation of War (DPCW), a comprehensive legal framework addressing conflict resolution, international law, human

On **18th September 2023**, the World Peace Summit commenced with an inspiring morning, resonating with positive energy from global scholars and leaders. Chairman Han Lee of HWPL organized the inauguration, featuring leaders and policymakers worldwide. The day focused on discussions, talks, and workshops dedicated to promoting global peace education. A memorable conclusion comprised panel and group discussions involving scholars from diverse nations. The theme, "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (The World is One Family), echoed, emphasizing



Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, at the 9th Anniversary of the September 18th HWPL World Peace Summit, held at Incheon, South Korea

unity. Representing India, the participant highlighted the nation's historical commitment to peace, drawing on Hindu philosophy, Buddhism, and Mahatma Gandhi's principles. The day fostered meaningful connections with international figures, promoting the exchange of ideas and constructive energy.

On 19th September 2023, the day commenced with an inspiring address by religious leaders worldwide, setting a harmonious tone further enhanced by a Peace Song performed by children. The day unfolded with fruitful discussions and the exchange of ideas among individuals representing diverse religious groups, directors, and ministers. The collective efforts for peace resonated strongly, showcasing the dedication of people from various countries and cultural backgrounds.

Later in the day, participants explored the enchanting Fairy Tale Village in Songwol-dong, Incheon. Initially an ageing village, it underwent a remarkable transformation in 2013 as part of an urban regeneration project. The village was reorganised and adorned with characters and backgrounds from Korean traditional and world-famous fairy tales, creating an immersive experience. Sculptures and murals depict stories from Little Red Riding Hood to Beauty and the Beast, making it a vibrant tourist attraction. The village's three-dimensional, recycled decor brought childhood tales to life, creating a nostalgic and unreal yet real atmosphere. Residents continued to inhabit Songwol-dong, emphasizing the coexistence of a fairy tale village with everyday life. Visitors were encouraged to enjoy the experience responsibly, appreciating the lives of residents without causing disturbance. The urban regeneration project, initiated in 2013, successfully transformed Songwol-dong into Donghwa Village, breathing new life into the once-declining area. Its thematic roads, including Dorothy Road and Little Red Riding Hood Road, added to the charm of the village, making it a favourite tourist spot in Incheon.

The day concluded with a Wolmido Cruise Ship tour, showcasing the coastal waters of Incheon. The cruise included a visit to Palmido Island, recognized for Korea's first lighthouse, and offered both daytime sea exploration and a breath-taking nightscape with onboard fireworks. Overall, the day

Day 1: 18th September 2023



With members of educational institutions from Hyderabad, India



With Mr. Ravi Dawani, Director of Hindu Panchayat Samiti in Pakistan



With Ms. Nur Redha, Member of Parliament of the Philippines



With delegates from Thailand



With Mr. Narodin Ibra from the Ministry of Basic Higher and Technical Education, Mindanao, Philippines. The index finger here symbolizes that 'We are One' irrespective of our nationality, culture, ethnicity, and religion



Interacting with Ms. Luila from the Medical Association of Ukraine



At a panel discussion with delegates from different countries

Day 2: 19th September 2023



Dr. Avkash Jadhav with a delegate from the USA



With Mr. Imam Yiboganon Abdoul Karim Ouattara from the Ivory Coast Panchayat Samiti in Pakistan



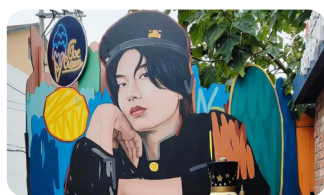
Interacting with a delegate from the Philippines



With delegates from the USA, Zambia, and Costa Rica



With Mr. Richard, Minister of Labour and Social Service, Madagascar



Visit to the enchanting Fairy Tale Village in Songwol-dong, Incheon. The village is adorned with characters and backgrounds from Korean traditional and world-famous fairy tales, creating an immersive experience for visitors

blended cultural exploration, discussions for peace, and immersive experiences.

On 20th September 2023, the focus shifted to a comprehensive exploration of Korea's military history with a visit to the War Memorial of Korea in Yongsan-dong, Seoul. This monumental museum, inaugurated in 1994 on the former site of the army headquarters, serves as a tribute to Korea's military past and endeavours to impart lessons from the Korean War while fostering a vision of peaceful reunification

between North and South Korea.

The museum comprises three above-ground floors and two underground floors, covering an expansive area of approximately 20,000 m². The exterior features black marble monuments inscribed with the names of individuals who lost their lives in conflicts such as the Korean War, Vietnam War, clashes with North Korea, and duty-related police fatalities. A central plaza houses the evocative "Statue of Brothers," depicting a South Korean soldier and a North Korean

Day 3: 20th September 2023



Dr. Avkash Jadhav with delegates at the War Memorial of Korea, Seoul



With Buddhist delegates from Chiang Mai, Thailand



With Shri. Deen Gaurang Das from ISKCON Temple, Mumbai



With Mr. Ravi Dawani, Director of Hindu Panchayat Samiti, Pakistan and Mhant of Ujjain, Shri. Shailesh Vyas



At a panel discussion with delegates of different nationalities

Day 4: 21st September 2023



Dr. Avkash Jadhav at the conclusion of the HWPL World Peace Summit with Pastor Okwudili Okekeoji from Dominion Christian Center, Stockholm, Sweden

soldier, symbolizing the division of Korea. Inside, the museum boasts seven halls, including the Memorial Hall, War History Room, Korean War Room, Expeditionary Forces Room, ROK Armed Forces Room, Exhibition Hall for Donated Artefacts, and Exhibition of Large Military Equipment. With over 6,300 items on display, the exhibitions span from prehistoric weaponry to modern military equipment, featuring a diverse range of weapons, aircraft, and armoured vehicles.

The day's second half was dedicated to connecting with delegates from the World Peace Summit, fostering collaboration and dialogue for a more peaceful future. The immersive visit to the War Memorial underscored the historical context in which these peace-building efforts transpired, reinforcing the commitment to preventing future conflicts.

On **21st September 2023**, the World Peace Summit concluded with a final session. The latter part of the day was dedicated to exploring sites and markets in Seoul. The evening was marked by the reception of numerous honours, and exchanges of pleasantries added a celebratory touch to the event.

From **22nd to 24th September 2023**, Dr. Avkash Jadhav toured the island of Jeju in South Korea to study its heritage. The visit was a captivating exploration of this unique destination steeped in natural and cultural heritage. Jeju, known as the "Treasure Island," is renowned for its exceptional beauty, designated as one of the 7 Natural Wonders of the World, a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, World Natural Heritage, and Global Geopark. Upon arrival, Dr. Jadhav experienced the well-organized Jeju Airport, reflecting the island's commitment to promoting tourism. The courteous staff at the seaside hotel, Grim Resort, further enhanced the comfort of the stay.

Exploring the island revealed its rich natural wonders. The UNESCO World Heritage site of Manjanggul Cave, with its colossal dimensions and well-preserved lava formations dating back 300,000 to 200,000 years, showcased the geological heritage of Jeju. The stunning beaches, including Hamdeok and Woljeongri, provided not only picturesque landscapes but also a glimpse into the cultural and recreational heritage of the island. The Dodu-dong Rainbow Coastal Road, adorned with

Day 5-7: 22th September 2023 - 24th September 2023



Dr. Avkash Jadhav at Jeju International Airport



The 7.6 m high lava column in the Manjanggul Lava Cave is the largest in the world. A lava column is formed when lava pours down from the ceiling to the floor and congeals



The Manjanggul Lava Cave, a UNESCO World Heritage site, known for its colossal dimensions and well-preserved lava formations dating back 300,000 to 200,000 years. The cave is testament to Jeju's geological heritage



The Woljeong Beach



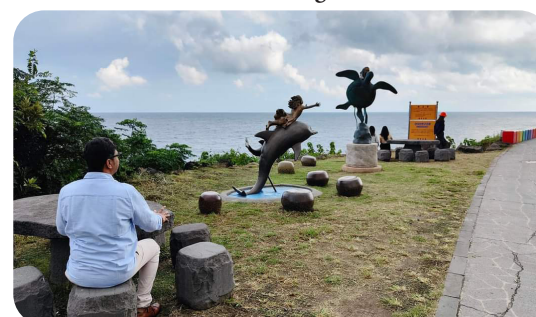
A mural of Hamdeok's fishing community on Hamdeok beach



A beautiful statue of a village boy fishing on the Rainbow Coastal Road, although the fishing rod is missing



A dedicated cycle track on the Rainbow Coastal Road



Beautiful sitting space for visitors on the Rainbow Coastal Road



The Red & White Horse Lighthouses on the Iho Tewoo Beach

vibrant rainbow-colored walls, became a unique heritage attraction, reflecting the community's creative expression. The Iho Tewoo Horse Lighthouses, resembling Jeju ponies, served as cultural symbols, adding a touch of folklore to the coastal scenery. Beyond the beaches, Jeju Island's Hallasan Mountain and diverse forests, such as Bijarim Forest and Jeolmul Recreational Forest, offer a profound connection to nature. This journey through Jeju Island, with its blend of natural wonders, cultural landmarks, and warm hospitality, provided an enriching experience, making it a heritage-rich destination worth cherishing.

In the culmination of the World Peace Summit, Dr. Avkash Jadhav's remarkable contributions emerged as a beacon of dedication to global harmony. His active involvement in discussions, presentation of strategic initiatives, and adept representation of our nation resonated profoundly. The summit, a confluence of minds committed to peace, saw Dr. Jadhav playing a pivotal role in fostering understanding and collaboration. The diverse experiences, from cultural explorations to insightful discussions on military history, underscored the holistic approach needed for lasting peace. As the summit's echoes reverberate, Dr. Avkash Jadhav's impactful presence remains a symbol of shared aspirations and concerted efforts towards a more peaceful and interconnected world.

ACHIEVEMENTS OF OUR MEMBERS

CONGRATULATIONS TO TIRTHA SAMANT!



Tirtha Samant, our Youth Brigade Member, has secured admission to The London School of Economics (LSE). She will be pursuing Masters of Public Administration at the LSE. *Congratulations to her!*

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We ourselves feel that what we are doing is just a drop in the ocean. But the ocean would be less because of that missing drop.

-Mother Teresa

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FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP AT VIKRAMGAD

by Anuja Augustin

“For women, financial independence is a matter of necessity.”

- Carrie Schwab- Pomerantz

Women are one of the stakeholders for the stability and all round development of a society. But since antiquity, we have witnessed exploitation and oppression undertaken against women. One of the primordial reasons for this is the sheer dependence of women on their family or male counterparts, especially in financial terms. And it is the duty of responsible civil society to educate and make women financially independent and most importantly financially literate. Financial literacy is immensely vital and resourceful for women because it will make women capable with respect to efficient spending, long-term planning, investment, and even during emergency circumstances.

Therefore as a step towards promoting financial awareness among women, KAASH Foundation organised a Financial Literacy Workshop for the *anganwadi sevikas* of Vikramgad. *Anganwadi Sevikas* are supervisors of the *anganwadis* in Vikramgad where children from 1 – 5 years of age are cared for while their parents are at work. Not only are they cared for, but they are also educated and provided with healthy food by the *sevikas*. However, they are compensated with a very meagre amount and struggle to make ends meet. The *sevikas* have been playing a pivotal role in the Foundation’s project at Vikramgad through their support and assistance in conducting activities in the vicinity. And therefore, the Foundation deemed it important to empower them to become financially independent and self-reliant. Held on 15th August 2023 at the Vikramgad Panchayat

Samiti, the workshop was conducted by Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, and was attended by over 300 *anganwadi sevikas* from various villages of Vikramgad.

Dr. Jadhav spoke to the women about the significance of money management, which will in turn be resourceful for them and their families. Secondly, he spoke about the modalities in which the *anganwadi sevikas* can invest and save their money. He also systematically explained the process and enlisted the benefits that the women could yield, even when they receive minimum wage. Dr. Jadhav told them about mutual funds, which could be one of the mediums

apart from fixed deposits for maintaining savings.

After which, the *anganwadi sevikas* expressed their interest to start their own home businesses. They had a vision, but no proper assistance and guidance to fulfil their dreams. Therefore, the Foundation has decided to start a program where it will serve as a mediator between the *anganwadi sevikas* and monetary agencies to help them with money management.

In this way, the workshop was insightful and immensely helpful for the *anganwadi sevikas* to know about money management and various methods of saving.



Dr. Avkash Jadhav, Founder-Trustee, KAASH Foundation, conducting the Financial Literacy Workshop for over 300 *anganwadi sevikas* of Vikramgad

EDITOR'S DESK



KAASH Foundations continues to strive to find peace and harmony in the world around us. Our founder Dr Avkash Jadhav continues to play his role to achieve this mission. In recognition of his work, he was invited to the 18th Heavenly Culture, World Peace, Restoration of Light (HWPL) summit, where he was able to present his vision to the international audience.

The woman is the one who feels the most when the family is held under the ripples of financial crisis. If she is given the power of knowledge and understanding to hold on during adversities, she can steer the family successfully through all calamities. Realising the importance of this education, KAASH Foundation held a workshop for the Anganwadi Sevikas of Vikramgad. They are the nurturers of the young children at the Angawadi. Their knowledge and experience will not only benefit them, but will also cascade on the young mothers who leave their children under their care.

We also have a proud moment where one of our members has been accepted into the prestigious LSE and we wish Tirtha Samant all the very best in her new venture of life. Our creative sections continue to enthral the viewers with the colourful spectrum of images.

Wishing our dear Readers another round of Happy Reading!

FOUNDER'S DESK



"It is not enough to win a war; it is more important to organize the peace."

-Aristotle.

This statement is so relevant in our contemporary time that we never realised that achieving Peace is less economical, compared to spending on the weapons of mass destruction. At the level of Our NGO we very often strive to bring out the essence of peaceful Co-existence through our activities and promotion campaigns. Through all the stakeholders and across all the age groups we have tried to follow the cardinal values of humanity and inclusive growth. As His Holiness The Dalai Lama said it well: "World peace must develop from inner peace. Peace is not just mere absence of violence. Peace is, I think, the manifestation of human compassion". Our efforts have been to reach out to those sections in our society who not only need recognition and but equally a sensitive heart to understand their pain and agony. Through our various rural and tribal initiatives we have been promoting this compassion and acceptance at all the levels. Through this issue you will also realise that we have taken dedicated efforts to reach out to the Anganwadi Sevikas (Educational supervisors in rural and tribal schools) with our Financial literacy program. These sessions are part of our women's empowerment agenda. As Eleanor Roosevelt has stated "It takes as much energy to wish as it does to plan. We at KAASH Foundation are committed to these core values of mankind. I once again thank all my family members in the foundation for their exemplary performance throughout the year.

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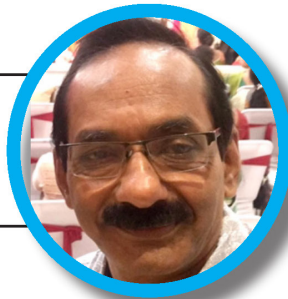
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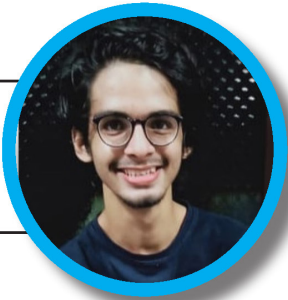
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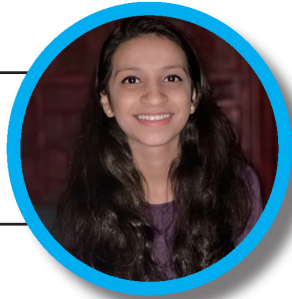
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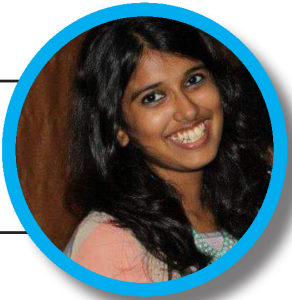
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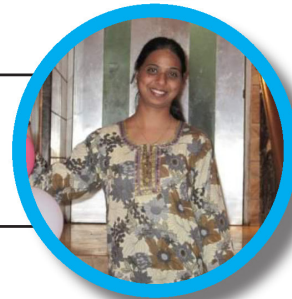
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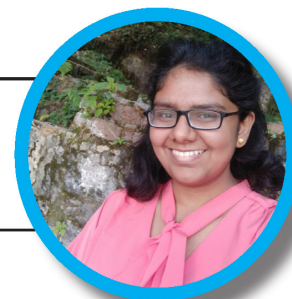
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