



# Foundation for Peace, Harmony & Good Governance

The Foundation for Peace, Harmony & Good Governance (FGG), New Delhi, works towards promoting human and national development and socio, economic and political justice. Its objective is to bring about effective policies and administrative measures to do justice to all and to eliminate corruption in all spheres of governance including politics, administration and judiciary by increasing transparency and effective decision making processes. The Foundation attempts to achieve its objectives by creating public awareness and building momentum to fight against injustice and corruption in all its manifestations. The FGG supports all anti-corruption measures by organising seminars, panel discussions and conferences and works as a link between the public sector, private sector, civil society and the people by providing a platform for all sections to come together and share their concerns.

In the last six years of its existence, as part of its activities, the FGG has organised events led by eminent jurists, spiritual masters and personalities from various traditions and walks of life including the Central Vigilance Commissioner, Chief Information Commissioner and Chief Election Commissioner. The FGG also encourages study and research on the root causes of crime, insurgency and terrorism; while punitive measures that deal with only the symptoms need to be made more effective, the underlying causes should be analysed and identified to take effective measures to eliminate the basic causes once and for all.

The FGG also works towards ensuring a fair, just and harmonious social order and equal opportunities for every section of the society to realize the full potential of the individual and make maximum contribution to the development of the nation. As a part of this endeavour, the FGG has been organising numerous events on many aspects of life and governance. Some such events include the following topics: "Invest in Yourself" ; "Self-Care is Health Care is Earth Care"; "Truth Multiplier in Indian Stock Market"; "600-Days in Himalayas"; "Sun Gazing: A Cost Free Natural Method for Good Health"; "Your Health is in your Hands"; "The Journey Beyond"; "Confronting the Menace of Corruption"; "The Challenge of Black Money"; "Right to Information Act"; "Water-the Biggest Challenge"; "Spirituality – the Many Paths"; "The Essence of All Religions"; "Marriage for Peace"; "Health and Healing – The Natural Way"; "Kashmir – What Next?"; "Wave Genetics-The Cosmic Panacea"; "Ethics-With and Without God"; "Nutritional Therapy"; "Ensuring Free and Fair Election is the Foundation of Democracy"; "Living with Cancer"; "Science of Meditation"; "Right to Information-Essence of Good Governance"; "Ideal Parenting – Empowering Children"; "Being Healthy and Youthful-The Natural Way"; "Threat of Leprosy, HIV-AIDS and TB in India"; "Why Yoga"; "Corporate Governance"; "Aligning People with their Passions for Success"; "Weather Forecasting-Reality or Myth"; "Election 2009 and the Road Ahead"; "Impact of Triple Ethics-Reality or Myth"; "Is there a Human Rights Development"; "How to save and Invest Wisely"; "Tools for Tough Times"

Some of the recent publications of the FGG include: "Triumph of Truth: Rajiv Gandhi Assassination: The Investigation" by D. R. Kaarthikeyan and Radhavinod Raju published by the New Dawn Press; and "Human Rights: Problems and Solutions" by D.R. Kaarthikeyan published by Gyan Books. Mr. D. R. Kaarthikeyan, President of the Foundation, is co-editor of "Pathways out of Terrorism and Insurgency: the Dynamics of Political Violence and Peace Processes in Contemporary Societies" published by New Dawn Press. He has also contributed chapters in many other books including, "Root Cause of Terrorism" by Tore Bjorgo published by Routledge-London, and also on Human Rights published by United Nations University.

The President of FGG, Mr. D. R. Kaarthikeyan, travels constantly and participates in international and national events promoting many causes including good governance, environment, agriculture, green energy, education, health, human rights, human responsibilities, economic and social justice, integrity, interfaith harmony, yoga and spirituality.

In short, the FGG continues to strive constantly in every possible way for the creation of a better world by ensuring a just, harmonious and prosperous society by promoting good governance. As the new year begins, the Foundation rededicates itself to its aims and objectives and pledges to work towards the betterment of the state, the society and its leadership.

## WHY A NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTEGRITY?



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This conference is being organized at a time when our nation is facing numerous challenges while the whole world is looking at India as a successful democracy transforming its economy. India's economic growth and transformation has been interesting and exciting at the same time, as it is happening through political dialogues replete with arguments, differences, clashes and reconciliations. This very process of economic development is creating winners and losers; only an appropriate and equitable framework will ensure equal opportunities and justice for all. Therefore, it is imperative to create a framework that is inclusive and caters to the developmental needs of the masses and addresses the structural divides separating them. Such framework would essentially demand collective and individual honesty and integrity on everyone's part.

Fundamental to a transparent and just system is an effective and efficient justice system that provides no space for corruption. However, the Indian legal system is burdened with a plethora of archaic, ambiguous and overlapping laws which add impetus to prevailing corrupt practices. Ironically, the justice system has fueled abuse of authority, encouraged the strong against the weak, and left the disempowered to fend for himself against an all-too-powerful state. The protectionist economic policies of the state has only added to increasing dishonest dealings and resulted in creation of a class of people thriving on black economy. Despite various efforts by the government, this situation continues unabated principally due to the legal gaps that exist between the multiple layers of laws.

Adding to the woes of the common man is a bureaucracy that aims to secure the interests of the state and its elite rather than work for a people-centric security and a welfare state. Policies that have been introduced to benefit the marginalized remain on paper, as funds allotted for them are siphoned off before they reach the target population or project. Ghost employees, underperforming welfare schemes, collapsing constructions, projects with extended deadlines and overrunning costs are the order of the day. While focus of many administrative reforms are on making the system more effective and efficient, little attention is paid to making the system more responsive and accountable to the people. The system needs to be transformed into a citizen centric organic entity that ensures human security for all regardless of their class, caste or community. Only an accountable and transparent system can provide that.

In recent years, the media has evolved into a powerful entity reflecting the opinions of the people and exposing the shortcomings of the state, its agencies and its leaders. It has rallied against corruption, highlighted the woes of the disenfranchised, praised the exemplary, and generally informed and educated the public. But it has also dramatized the ordinary, exaggerated the mundane, and popularized media trials. While an active media is fundamental to the vibrancy of a real democracy, we need to insulate it from slipping into rhetoric, mediocrity and sensationalism.

The Foundation for Peace, Harmony and Good Governance (FGG) realizes that these are the causes which ultimately, collectively and individually, reflect low level of honesty and integrity amongst society. Therefore, FGG feels that unless these issues are specifically attended to, the existing disparity in thought processes, sense of security and belongingness is bound to grow amongst the people of India.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Law Commission is already mandated to address many of these issues, namely - identification of laws which are no longer needed or relevant and can be repealed, laws which are in harmony with the existing climate of economic liberalization which need no change, laws which require changes or amendments and to make suggestions for their amendment, consideration in a wider perspective the suggestions for revision / amendment given by Expert Groups in various Ministries / Departments with a view to coordinating and harmonizing them, consideration of references made to it by Ministries / Departments in respect of legislation having bearing on the working of more than one Ministry / Department, and to suggest suitable measures for quick redressal of citizen's grievances, in the field of law.

In another significant and appreciable development, the Planning Commission is contemplating to launch a web portal soon for the public to share their views about achieving an inclusive and robust economic growth of over 10 per cent during the 12th Five-Year Plan. Contemporary historians and analysts note that India has witnessed multiple challenges and successfully addressed them without losing the direction or getting fragmented in the process, like many other nations; this is because we have continued to look within and draw upon our national ingenuity to overcome any problem, like those listed above, that appear overwhelming at first sight.

There are various initiatives that are being launched by the government to improve its service to the people. Like its other initiatives, it is rich in planning. What needs to be seen is how effectively these plans are translated into action. Addressing corruption essentially boils down to two critical issues. One, how can an honest citizen remain honest during the course of his interaction with the system? Two, how to ensure that a dishonest person, irrespective of his power status, faces the consequences of his action? If India can find an answer for these two issues, and aligns its reforms to address the gaps in its system that provide space for corrupt practices, abuse of power and dishonest leadership, then India can truly step onto the stage of being a responsible emerging welfare state.

It is against this backdrop that this conference on national integrity is being convened, primarily to seek views of concerned citizens on the themes of the conference and to ensure that such views - with further value addition - reach appropriate decision and policy making circles. Experienced, knowledgeable and well informed speakers will be deliberating on issues such as effect of multiplicity of laws, accountability and transparency measures, and the role of the media. Further, to achieve goals and to create awareness about the need of the day, on the occasion of this conference, a national level essay competition on the issue of integrity was organized and the winning articles have been published in this booklet.

This conference hopes to raise hopes amongst all towards national integrity.

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# Theme Presentation



## How Often do we talk of our Demographic Dividend....

Majority of Indian Population below 25 years of Age...

Youth Power set to drive India to Development and Prosperity in coming decades



## But this latent power house of energy may soon turn to be Nightmare....

If we do not channelize the energy in right direction



If we do not put our systems right and make our society conducive for an honest living

## A Society built on the Foundation of TRUST

We must learn to Trust. For several centuries, Indians have been brainwashed to distrust other Indians. This saps national energy. Distrust kills initiative. Distrust compels people to maneuver and manipulate. Trust and transparency stimulates entrepreneurship.

## We are still under a colonial Seize

We inherited a partitioned India as a slave's legacy with corruption packaged free – with shackles in the mind for next 60 years



Need to get rid of the Prisoner Mentality & the Mental Block



We are still following laws framed Centuries ago – Laws which are impractical and need an urgent relook

## We need our laws which can be complied with & aimed at facilitating the honest to follow them

- The laws are heavily drafted to try to keep the offenders at bay
- The regulations in place attempt to make the process a stringent one
- As a result making it tough for the honest to comply with
- While the dishonest finds a way out to bend the system and buy his way out
- The honest find himself lost in the plethora of rules & regulations



## Simplify – For Greater Compliance

- Scrap all laws which are not complied with by a majority of the population – such laws only breed corruption
- Laws must not be vague and open ended.....which can be interpreted by the enforcement agencies as per his own wish – again a source of corruption
- Laws must be designed to Help the Honest and to make his Life Easy – Rather than Complicating and make him Live in a Constant Fear
- The Honest should not be forced to turn corrupt





## We need to come out of the.....

Age old mentality of the Oppressed and the Oppressor....

Where the enforcement agencies are viewed as the oppressor

And the common man as oppressed

The Britishers have left but have left the legacy of Class behind



## The Men in Power.....

Have easy access to these enforcement agencies And bend the law with impunity



While the common man grapples for Justice

## Injustice Breeds Corruption

- Creates alienation and hatred
- Erodes faith in the system
- Forces otherwise honest people to be corrupt

Corruption is:  
▪ Anti National  
▪ Anti Poor  
▪ Anti Development



## The Enforcement Agencies...

- Need to be Empowered
- Independence in operation
- Trained & Paid Well
- So that they may act accordingly to enjoy the faith of the local populace
- Need to enthrone more trust in us, the common men, and become more approachable
- Police reforms – Key to bring back the faith in the men in uniform who give their lives to save us



## We are in vicious circle of:



## Corruption has its genesis in

- A basic disregard to law
- Sometimes arising out of a VIP syndrome
- Abetted by an equally corrupt and inept implementation mechanism



We need  
Certainty of Punishment  
as against  
Severity of Punishment



### The Genesis of any domestic unrest

- Like the Naxalite menace is born out of poverty & deprivation
- **Root Cause of Poverty** is **Corruption** – Breakdown of **Social Schemes, Poverty Alleviation Mechanism and PDS**
- Being alienated from the mainstream of development, the poor fall prey to the divisive elements



No amount of security apparatus system can ensure safety against terrorism unless we tackle corruption and poverty

Eradication of street level corruption should be the prime objective

Multiple leakages in any poverty eradication scheme due to the inherent corrupt system leads to less than 10 % of the amount reaching the target

India remains a poor country despite so many rich people



### Corporate Governance

- Breaking of any Scam – Causes knee jerk reaction from the authorities
- Enquiries ordered on all – Attempt to Paint all NIFTY & SENSEX companies in the same brush
- We do not analyse **WHY** the scam Happened but rather concentrate on **HOW** it Happened
- We do not try to cleanse the system
- But spread mistrust very easily



### Companies need to be vetted on...

- On corporate ethics and corporate governance
- And not merely on Balance Sheet performances
- Where Quarterly results rule the market - And not the long term vision of growth of the company
- Evaluation criterion should be more practical rather than theoretical – Attitude is what matters and performance would then follow automatically



### System Loaded Against One who tries to be Honest

We need to get rid of the Preconceived Mindsets like –

“Everybody evades tax”



- Which discourages the honest to pay higher tax.....
- Leading to more leakage.....
- Multiple division of entity...etc....

- We have come to terms with a reality that the scamsters can not go unnoticed by bribing and influencing his way – there is a watchful eye of Media
- The other side of it – **Why is it that media has to do the work meant for various enforcement agencies of the Nation**
- Is it that these agencies were waiting to pick and choose and nail the culprit when they wish and their bosses at various levels would like to be nailed?

### Do not shoot the Messenger





### Selective breaking of Scams

It has been often noted that with any major scam breaking out which troubles the men in power another scam is selectively brought out in the light just to divert attention from the previous trouble.

A recent example is the breaking of the Housing and Banking Scam within a few days of 2G scam hogging the headlines



### Failure of Justice

- Gives Rise to Trial by Media
- Media has successfully tried to rally behind the cases of some common citizens – be it Jessica Lal or Ruchika - gaining more acceptance and credibility in the public life
- While the media's job is appreciated – Isn't the inaction by the rightful agencies and our justice delivery mechanism taking us to a situation of Banana Republic?



**A Clarion call for Justice**

### Responsible Journalism

- After each Scam - Media cries foul – TRPs increase
- We move to another bigger SCAM
- Media needs to seriously follow up the old stories to bring facts in front of the Nation
- Scams should not just become a TRP increasing scoop.
- And above all we need responsible journalism – Media is after all not free of corruption either



### Raise a Voice – Protect the Whistleblower

- Honour and Support those that Raise their Voice
- Avoid Short Term Gains for Long Term Goals
- Do not Buy my way out
- Adopt a NO BRIBE stance



Corruption thrives as long as people are ignorant or apathetic. And only when ignorance and apathy are combated can corruption be effectively controlled.

**You can stop CORRUPTION**





**ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES**





## Kiran Bedi

"Policing is the Power to Correct, the Power to Prevent, and the Power to get things done. It is the most effective protector of human rights just as it could be its worst violator".



## WHAT ARE THEY!

- Law enforcement agencies work at the local, state, and federal levels to keep order and protect citizens. Police personnel attend at accident scenes and other emergencies, conduct search and rescue operations, and educate the public about safety and other matters. The job of a police officer is one that requires a person to be physically and mentally fit, as well as of good character.
- City police forces are just one example of law enforcement agencies. Officers and detectives have jurisdiction within the city limits to enforce the law and investigate local crimes. Law enforcement agencies also include state police forces. This force has jurisdiction over the entire state, and is usually responsible for law enforcement on state highways. State police departments may offer training to recruits for forces that are too small to perform this function themselves, as well as provide protection services to the state governor.



## Police

- The Police force in the country is entrusted with the responsibility of maintenance of public order and prevention and detection of crimes. Each state and union territory of India has its own separate police force. Article 246 of the Constitution of India designates the police as a state subject, which means that the state governments frame the rules and regulations that govern each police force. These rules and regulations are contained in the police manuals of each state force.
- The Police force in the state is headed by the Director General of Police/Inspector General of Police. Each State is divided into convenient territorial divisions called ranges and each police range is under the administrative control of a Deputy Inspector General of Police. A number of districts constitute the range. District police is further sub-divided into police divisions, circles and police stations.

- Besides the civil police, states also maintain their own armed police and have separate intelligence branches, crime branches, etc. Police set-up in big cities like Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Ahmedabad, Nagpur, Pune, etc. is directly under a Commissioner of Police who enjoys magisterial powers. All senior police posts in various states are manned by the Indian Police Services (IPS) cadres, recruitment to which is made on all-India basis.
- The Central Government maintains Central Police forces, Intelligence Bureau (IB), Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), institutions for training of police officers and forensic science institutions to assist the state in gathering intelligence, in maintaining law and order, in investigating special crime cases and in providing training to the senior police officers of the state governments.

