

MASTERCLASS # 3
Thematic Masterclass Series
&
Observation of
United Nations Day
On
PARTNERSHIP FOR GLOBAL PEACE BUILDING

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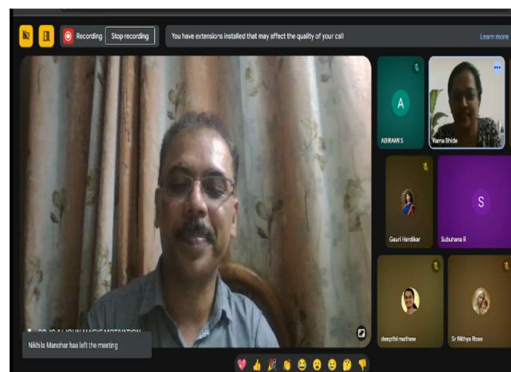
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Event Report

On the occasion of **United Nations Day**, the Indian Association of Life Skills Education (IALSE), Chennai, in collaboration with Mar Theophilus Training College, Nalanchira organized **Masterclass #3** on the theme **PARTNERSHIP FOR GLOBAL PEACE BUILDING**.

Ms. Rama Bhide, Secretary of IALSE, served as the Master of the Ceremony. The session commenced with the Welcome Address by Prof. Dr. Joju John, Principal of Mar Theophilus Training College. In his address, Dr. Joju John warmly welcomed all dignitaries and participants, highlighting the relevance of peace education and collaboration in today's global context. He emphasized that world peace begins with inner peace.



This was followed by the Presidential Address by Dr. A. Radhakrishnan Nair, President of IALSE, who underscored the importance of life skills and human values as the foundations for peace and sustainable development. He also emphasised the role of life skills in fostering academic and moral excellence, as well as promoting a culture of peace. Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair welcomed all

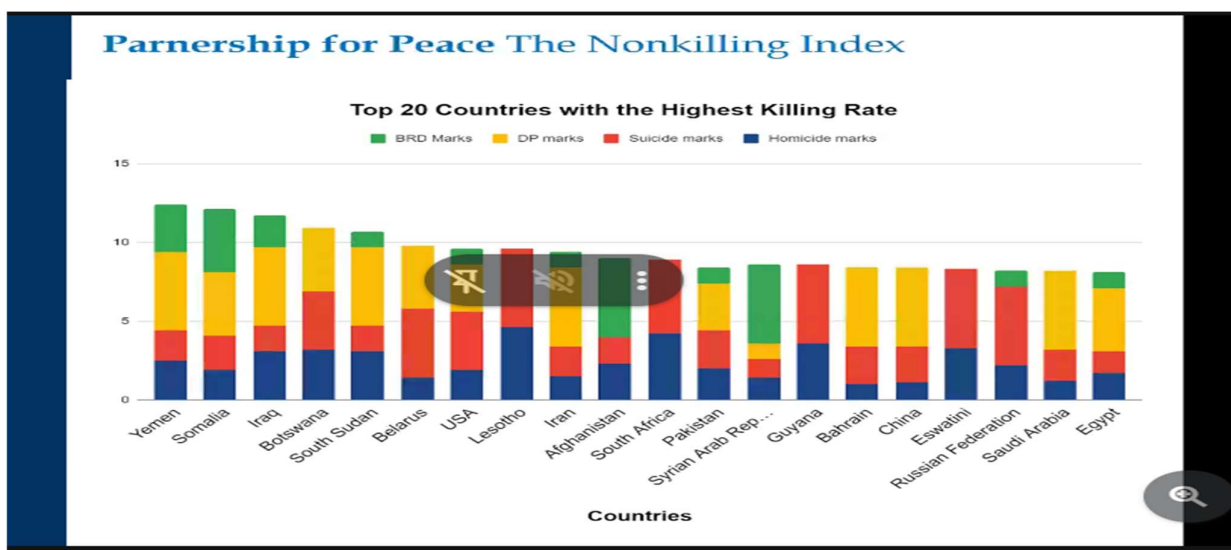
participants and highlighted the significance of holding the Masterclass on UN Day. He expressed gratitude to Prof. (Dr.) Anoop Swarup for joining at an inconvenient hour from Melbourne,



emphasising his role as an ardent Gandhian and leader in Gandhian organisations. Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair discussed the UN Day theme, "Building Our Future Together". He emphasised that life skills education plays a crucial role in developing peace

and building international partnerships for peace.

The highlight of the evening was the **Keynote Address** on ***"Partnership for Global Peace Building"*** delivered by **Prof. (Dr.) Anoop Swarup**, **Founder Chair** of WeVenture, Global Knowledge Alliance; **Secretary General**, Universities of Asia Pacific; **Chairman**, Centre for Global Nonkilling, Hawaii; **Founding Vice Chancellor**, Jagran Lakecity University; and **Former UN Representative and Commissioner**, Government of India.



Prof. (Dr.) Anoop Swarup introduced the concept of "affirmative non-killing peace" and the **"non-killing index"** developed by the Center for Global Non-Killing, which measures a country's capacity for peace through non-killing. Visualizing the Need for Peace, he used images to illustrate the fragility of human existence and the need for peace, including Hokusai's painting depicting human powerlessness against natural forces and a logarithmic visualization of the observable universe emphasizing humanity's minuscule scale. They posed the question of whether non-killing societies are possible, driven by a lifelong passion for a scientific approach to human existence rooted in dignity and peace. Defining Non-Killing and its Scope he elaborated on "affirmative non-killing,"

explaining that it encompasses not only the absence of war but also various forms of aggression, violence, and conditions that lead to killing, such as corporate manslaughters, cultural genocide, and school shootings. They extended the term to include the preservation of animal and other forms of life, emphasizing interdependence within the ecosystem. Prof. (Dr.) Anoop Swarup also highlighted the importance of mental health courses to address issues like mental trauma and the origins of terrorism.

Books by Dr Anoop Swarup



Partnership for Peace: Historical Perspective:

- Traditional use of the term "nonkilling" as part of Buddhist ethics, as expressed in the first precept of the 'Panchasila', and in similar terms throughout world spiritual traditions.
- Significantly, "nonkilling" has also been used in the "Charter for a World without Violence" approved by the 8th World Summit of Nobel Peace Laureates.
- Anthropological evidence points out that in certain societies and cultures killing are down to statistically insignificant levels.
- Anthropologist Margaret Mead once quipped that the real human revolution happened evidenced not from the grinding stone or the wheel but the day ages back when fossils appeared with *Femur repaired (thigh Bone)* ie humans taking care of other humans who could not move or hunt for food in contrast to animals.
- I am glad that in Australia we focus now on broader social issues such as psychological aggression, suicides, bullying, physical assault, and torture intended to terrorize by manifest or latent threat to life, nonkilling implies removal of their psychosocial causes.

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Participants in the video call: Appukuttan Radhakrishnan, Rama Bhide, SANAL KU., Lovely Vincent, Anoop..., DR..., Sharvari Shiro..., Sudhir Kapoor, and 59 others.

He elaborated that the concept of *Partnership for Peace and Affirmative Nonkilling* emphasizes a transformative global vision that rejects all forms of killing—direct, indirect, or structural—and promotes a culture grounded in respect for life, compassion, and cooperation. Rooted in scientific, ethical, and spiritual foundations, this philosophy extends beyond the mere absence of violence to address the social, psychological, and environmental conditions that cause harm. Drawing




inspiration from Buddhist, Gandhian, and other world traditions, it advocates a proactive approach to peace that includes eliminating ecological destruction, social inequality, and aggression. Nonkilling, therefore, becomes a holistic framework involving human consciousness, education, and societal reform—aimed at creating conditions for life to flourish without fear or violence.


I pen a few lines from my own poem titled 'Arcadia'

*In these times of mindless terror,
Killings revenge and fight,
Ever thought of destitution,
Sufferings and Children in Fright,
Let us pledge and rebuild bonds,
Bridges that divide and all their blight,
With the Almighty, Gandhi, Kumarappa and Paige in sight,
In infinite reverence we owe to life,
Let each one of us be the knight,
Mankind's creativity to guide,
Billion's of us to advance and light,
Do not despair and dread at those echoes,
But trust our own conscience to be right,
Faith and prayer be with us, it's high time,
For Peace and Prosperity to be humanity's delight,
Let we the billions be the zillion stars at night,
Be the hope for humanity so bright,
Forever in our goal of nonkilling and peace,
Eternal be the joy and triumph of god's might*


Thanks

*"No More Killing!"
"Nonkilling Culture in infinite reverence to human ingenuity Crosses All Lines"
"Everyone can be A Center for Global Nonkilling and usher in the next stage of Human Evolution"*





CENTER FOR GLOBAL nonkilling
To promote change toward the measurable goal of a killing-free world



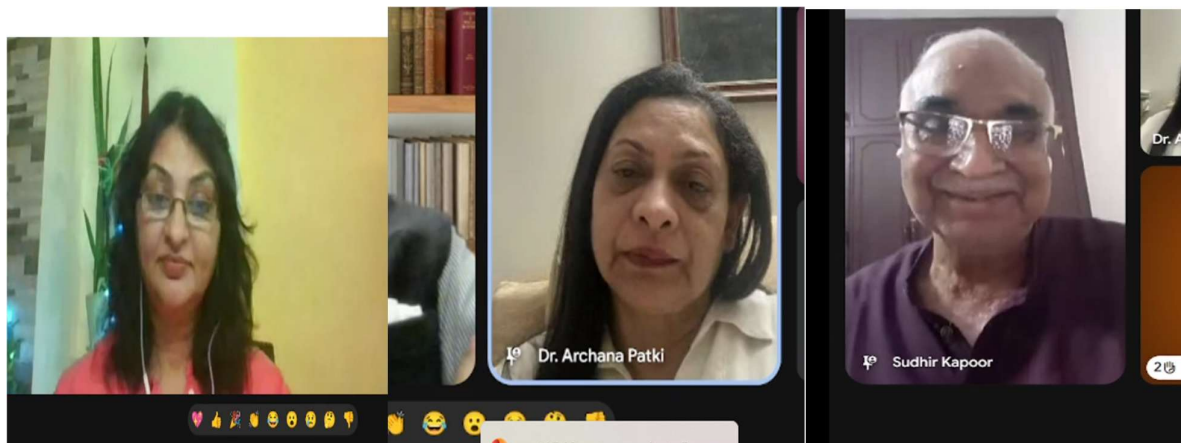
From a historical and evolutionary perspective, Prof. Swarup connected human progress—from the emergence of language and empathy in early humans to the modern scientific age—to the moral

advancement of civilization. He critiqued the exploitative tendencies of globalization and called for spiritual, ethical, and ecological renewal. Future pathways for peace, he emphasized, lie in fostering nonkilling societies through education, cross-disciplinary collaboration, and the creative transformation of human potential. Affirmative Nonkilling, aligning with Gandhian principles of nonviolence, seeks to replace aggression with understanding and darkness with light, envisioning a peaceful global civilisation built on human dignity, empathy, and harmony with all forms of life. Prof. Swarup shared profound insights on peace, global partnerships, and the transformative power of education in resolving conflicts and building a harmonious world. His thought-provoking address inspired the audience (The slides of the Keynote Address are attached as Annexure – I).



The Participants' Interaction Session that followed was vibrant and engaging. Dr. Gauri Hardikar, Vice President of IALSE, initiated the discussion by highlighting the significance of nonkilling choices in everyday life. Dr. Archana Patki, Principal, Smt. MMP Shah Women's College, contributed her

reflections, followed by inputs from Mr. Sudhir Kumar Kapoor, Former Senior Lecturer, SCERT, who remarked that peace education and life skills are two sides of the same coin, resonating with the ideas presented by the keynote speaker.



In the Concluding Remarks, Dr. Radhakrishnan Nair, President of IALSE reflected that living together in harmony, guided by the ideals of nonkilling and peace, reflects the very essence of the United Nations' core life skills—self-awareness, empathy, effective communication, interpersonal relationships, creative and critical thinking, decision making, problem solving, and coping with emotions and stress. Nonkilling as a way of life calls for respect for all forms of life and the transformation of aggression and intolerance into understanding and cooperation. It requires emotional intelligence, empathy, and strong communication skills to resolve conflicts peacefully.

These life skills collectively nurture responsibility, moral courage, resilience, and inner calm—qualities essential for sustaining peace at both personal and societal levels.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks proposed by Dr. Gauri Hardikar, Vice President of IALSE, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the keynote speaker, dignitaries, and participants for their valuable contributions and active participation.



The event was a meaningful step toward fostering dialogue and understanding on global peacebuilding through education, life skills, and collaborative initiatives.

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