

A ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE ON INDIA'S SPIRITUALITY AS SOFT POWER



In an intriguing collaboration, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) partnered with 'United Consciousness Global' to organise a remarkable conference on 'India's Spirituality as Soft Power' in New Delhi. From May 31st to June 1st, 2023, this extraordinary conference aimed to explore the diverse dimensions of India's spirituality and foster opportunities for mutual interest and collaboration.

Esteemed representatives from renowned spiritual organizations graced the conference, including Art of Living, Arsha Vidya Gurukulam, Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan, Chinmaya Mission, Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya (Gayatri Parivar), Geeta Parivar, Heartfulness Institute, Isha Foundation, ISKCON, Maa Amritanandamayi Devi Amma, Mokshayatan Yog Sanstha, Parmarth Niketan Foundation, Satsang Foundation, Shri Ram Krishna Mission, and Shri Swaminarayan Gurukul. These participants went beyond presenting their respective works abroad and eagerly shared constructive suggestions to advance common interests and facilitate collaboration.

During the inaugural session of the conference, Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, President of ICCR, underscored the pivotal role of spirituality in Indian culture. He emphasized that India's artistic traditions were a sincere endeavor to establish a connection with the divine.

President, ICCR, Dr. Sahasrabuddhe also lauded India's commendable contributions, particularly under the leadership of Honorable Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, in nurturing the spiritual well-being of the global community during challenging times. He stated that India had positioned itself as a solution rather than a problem faced by the world.



Shri. Kumar Tuhin, Director General of ICCR, highlighted the significant alignment between ICCR's goals and objectives and those of the participating organizations. He emphasized the potential for greater synergy in pursuing cultural diplomacy objectives, suggesting that through collective efforts, a more profound impact could be achieved.



The conference on 'India's Spirituality as Soft Power' served as a dynamic platform for spiritual organizations to converge, exchange ideas, and explore avenues of cooperation. It brought to the forefront the profound influence of India's spiritual heritage as a soft power, capable of transcending borders and fostering a deeper understanding among diverse cultures. By harnessing the power of spirituality, India continues to make valuable contributions to the global community, positioning itself as a beacon of wisdom and harmony.



With a hopeful conclusion, the conference left participants inspired to amplify the reach and impact of India's spiritual traditions. It stood as a testament to the transformative potential of spirituality as a unifying force that transcends boundaries, connects hearts, and paves the way for a brighter and more harmonious future.

