

INDIA'S SPIRITUALITY AS SOFT POWER



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

Distinguished 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. Along with sharing their respective works abroad, the participants shared constructive suggestions to advance common interests and facilitate collaboration.

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

Similarly, Director General, ICCR, Shri. Kumar Tuhin, 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 platform for spiritual organizations to converge, exchange ideas, and explore avenues of cooperation. It brought a spotlight on India's spiritual heritage as a soft power, capable of going beyond 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.

