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PRESIDENT
REPUBLIC OF INDIA

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that the Indian Farmers Fertilisers Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) New Delhi is organising the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture and the presentation of IFFCO 'Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu' Awards on November 20, 2007.

I am sure IFFCO can play an important role in the 2nd Green Revolution in agriculture by providing quality inputs and services to our farmers. This along with the co-operative's environmentally sustainable approach can help in bringing a change in the lives of our farmers.

On this occasion, I extend my greetings and felicitations to all those associated with IFFCO and wish the events every success.

(Pratibha Devisingh Patil)

New Delhi
September 18, 2007



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उप-राष्ट्रपति, भारत
VICE-PRESIDENT OF INDIA

MESSAGE

I am happy to know that Indian Farmers and Fertilizers Cooperative Ltd. is organising the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture on 20th November, 2007 and presenting the Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu Awards to honour eminent persons in the field of cooperatives.

The contribution of Jawaharlal Nehru for strengthening the cooperative movement in the country has been well recognised. The cooperatives have been playing an important role in bringing about integrated development of the country.

In this era of globalisation, the cooperatives, I am sure, will engage their full attention to serve the people with ever-greater dedication and commitment.

(M. HAMID ANSARI)

New Delhi
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MESSAGE

The great challenge today is the empowerment of the disadvantaged. IFFCO, as one of the leading cooperative institutions in India, has reached out to millions of farmers. It was Jawaharlal Nehru who envisioned the pivotal role cooperatives could play. The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lectures commemorate this vision. This year's Lecture will be particularly prestigious, as it will be delivered by Noble Laureate Dr Desmond Tutu, the champion of the oppressed and the weak. I send my good wishes on the occasion.

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Dr. Bal Ram Jakhar



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MESSAGE

It is a matter of great pleasure to know that Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited is organising the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture on 20th November 2007 at New Delhi, which is being delivered by Most Reverend Dr. Desmond M Tutu, recipient of Nobel Peace Price in 1984.

The cooperative movement has emerged as a strong component in various segments of Indian economy, particularly in agricultural production, marketing, agro-processing and market information and acclaimed as a significant life-line for the weaker sections of the community. Further, it is appreciable that IFFCO has instituted two awards viz. "Sahkarita Ratna" and "Sahkarita Bandhu" on this occasion and they are being given to two eminent cooperators. This will definitely boost the strength of cooperative movement in the country.

I extend my hearty congratulations to the recipients of the awards and hope that IFFCO will continue their efforts for the progress and strengthening of the cooperatives in the country.

(Bal Ram Jakhar)

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MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited has organized 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture Series and "Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu" Awards presentation function.

Cooperative movement has been the growth engine for National prosperity and progress. The Lecture being delivered by Rev. Dr. Desmond M. Tutu, recipient of Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, would be a befitting tribute to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who had lead the Nation with the help of "cooperative" movement. "Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu" Awards being conferred on eminent cooperators is an apt gesture of gratitude for their lifelong commitment for cooperative movement. I am sure that many other cooperators would be inspired to contribute vigorously for development through cooperative spirit. I convey my best compliments on the occasion of the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture Series, "Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu" Awards Presentation function and to the recipients of the Awards.

Naval Kishore Sharma
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Ram Vilas Paswan



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MINISTER OF CHEMICALS
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MINISTER OF STEEL

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MESSAGE

It is very heartening to learn that IFFCO is organizing the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial lecture on 20th November, 2007. This event is a sincere effort of IFFCO in promoting and strengthening Co-operative Movement in fertilizer sector in the country and keeping the beliefs of "Cooperative Ideals and Thoughts" advocated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru alive.

I, congratulate the Management of IFFCO on this special occasion and wish all the success in their efforts. I would also like to congratulate the recipients of Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu Awards for their contribution in strengthening the Cooperative Movement and the propagation of Cooperative Ideology and Thought.

(Ram Vilas Paswan)
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FINANCE MINISTER

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MESSAGE

I am happy to learn that the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) is organising the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture on November 20, 2007 at New Delhi and that Dr. Desmond M. Tutu will deliver this lecture. IFFCO is also organising the presentation of the "Sahakarita Ratna & Sahakarita Bandhu" Awards in Cooperation on the occasion.

2. The cooperative movement is one of the pillars of our democratic polity. It has been an effective tool of economic development and, at this juncture when there is greater emphasis on inclusive growth, the role of the cooperative movement is even more important. IFFCO has played a leadership role in promoting and propagating the ideology of cooperation in India. IFFCO has also demonstrated that a cooperative sector enterprise can be a commercial success in a competitive environment.

3. I extend my best wishes to IFFCO on this occasion.

(P. CHIDAMBARAM)

प्रणव मुखर्जी
PRANAB MUKHERJEE



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विदेश मंत्री, भारत
MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
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MESSAGE

I am glad to learn that Indian Farmers Fertilizer Corporation Limited (IFFCO) will be organizing the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture on 20th November, 2007 at New Delhi.

The objective of the lecture series to revitalize and re-emphasize the beliefs of 'cooperative ideals' of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, reflects the commitment of IFFCO in being part and promoting the cooperative movement.

I hope IFFCO being a leading fertilizer company, will continue in its endeavour to provide our farmers with timely and high quality agricultural inputs and services for increasing the food production in the country.

It is also heartening to learn that on this occasion, IFFCO will be presenting the 'Sahakarita Ratna' and 'Sahakarita Bandhu' awards to honour distinguished cooperators who have made substantial contribution in promoting cooperative ideology and thoughts.

I would also like to wish the function all success.

(Pranab Mukherjee)



रक्षामंत्रि
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MINISTER OF DEFENCE
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MESSAGE

I am happy to know that you are organizing the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO lecture to emphasise "Co-operative ideals and thoughts" espoused by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

In the age of globalisation and intense competition, co-operation within, and between nations is of crucial importance. Co-operative movement in our country has come a long way indeed and is today, one of the largest movements the world over.

We must strive to take the co-operative movement and its spirit to even greater heights. The co-operative movement will only strengthen our vision of achieving all-round and balanced growth for all sections of the society.

I am sure that the lecture to be delivered by Dr. Desmond M. Tutu will not only provide an opportunity to share his vast experience of co-operative movement, but will also come up with fresh ideas to take the co-operative movement to a higher level.

Please accept my best wishes for your endeavour.

I wish you all success.

(A.K. Antony)

New Delhi
August 30, 2007

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Message

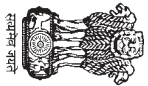
I am glad to know that Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has instituted lecture series to commemorate the ideals of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Cooperative philosophy i.e. "Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture" and is organizing 20th Lecture in the series on November 20, 2007 at New Delhi. Treading the path shown by Pandit Nehru, IFFCO has emerged as true cooperative wholly owned by its member cooperatives, inspiring them with Panditji's vision for cooperatives and the lecture by the Most Reverend Archbishop Emeritus Dr. Desmond M Tutu will be inspiring and thought provoking.

I really appreciate IFFCO's gesture of honoring the eminent cooperators by presenting Awards on cooperation in recognition of their contribution to strengthen the grass-root cooperatives. I congratulate the awardees. I am sure that all concerned with cooperatives would draw inspiration and encouragement from the efforts of IFFCO in unremittingly serving the cause of the cooperatives movement.

My good wishes for the success of function.

(B.K. Handique)

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MESSAGE

I am pleased to know that the Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited is organizing a lecture on November 20, 2007 at New Delhi to revitalize and re-emphasize the belief of "Cooperative Ideals and Thoughts" advocated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru who made an immeasurable contribution in promoting and propagating the ideologies of "Cooperation" in India and also organizing "Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu" Awards to honour and encourage eminent cooperators who contributed their might in strengthening the Cooperative movement and extended their support in the propagation of Cooperative Ideology and Thought.

I wish the organizers all success in their efforts.

(Dr. Akhilesh Prasad Singh)

16.8.07.

New Delhi,
16.08.2007

MESSAGE

I am delighted to know that Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has instituted a lecture series i.e. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture to revitalize and re-emphasize the beliefs of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the cooperative philosophy and organizing 20th Jawaharlal Nehru memorial IFFCO Lecture on November 20, 2007. IFFCO wholly owned by its members, is making sincere efforts of treading on the path shown by Pandit Nehru.

It is a matter of pride for all of us to note that the Lecture is being delivered by the Most Reverend Archbishop Emeritus Dr. Desmond M. Tutu, whose contribution to re-structuring the social fabric in South Africa has been internationally acclaimed. I hope that the lecture by Dr. Tutu will be motivating to all particularly to cooperators who are dedicated to upgrade the living standards of weaker section of the Society.

At this occasion IFFCO is also honouring the eminent cooperators by presenting Awards on Cooperation in recognition of their contribution to strengthen the grass-root cooperatives. I congratulate the awardees of IFFCO "Sahakarita Ratna Award" and IFFCO "Sahakarita Bandhu Award". I am sure that all concerned with cooperatives would draw inspiration and encouragement from the efforts of IFFCO in their relentless efforts for strengthening and developing the cooperative movement in India as well as globally.

My sincere wishes for success of the function.

(Kanti Lal Bhuria)



SHEILA DIKSHIT
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MESSAGE

I am glad to learn that the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture is being delivered by Nobel Prize Winner the Most Reverend Dr. Desmond M Tutu on November 20, 2007 at New Delhi. It gives me added pleasure to know that IFFCO Sahakarita Ratna & Sahakarita Bandhu Awards would also be presented on this occasion.

I am sure that the 20th Lecture Dr. Desmond M. Tutu would be able to accelerate activities of cooperative movement to enable it to bring prosperity in the lives of people.

My best & sincere wishes for success of entire endeavour.

Sheila Dikshit
(SHEILA DIKSHIT)

MESSAGE

Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) has been playing a key role in the growth of the fertilizer sector over the last four decades.

The Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture is one of the many efforts being made by IFFCO to revitalise, re-emphasise and spread the beliefs of "cooperative ideals and thoughts" advocated by our first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru. It is heartening that Dr. Desmond M. Tutu, recipient of Nobel Peace Prize in 1984 will be delivering the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture on 20th November, 2007 at New Delhi. The presence of this great champion of non-violence on this august occasion will be a real tribute to the memory of Panditji.

I wish IFFCO all success. I also convey my best wishes for the success of this function.

J.S. Sarma
(J.S. Sarma)



P.K. Mishra

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MESSAGE

Cooperatives have played a significant role in economic and social development in India. The role of cooperatives in poverty alleviation, at least in some parts of the country, is well-known. Needless to say, cooperatives can, in spite of certain structural weaknesses, poor governance and steep competition from other organizations, play a crucial role in our development efforts. The Indian Farmers Fertilizer Cooperative Limited (IFFCO) is one of the largest multi-state cooperatives and is a dominant player in the fertilizer sector not only at the national level but also international.

I am happy to learn that IFFCO, New Delhi is organizing the 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture on 20th November 2007 at New Delhi. The lecture series is to commemorate the cooperative ideals and thoughts advocated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India. It is also noteworthy that "Sahakarita Ratna" and "Sahakarita Bandhu" Awards in Cooperation for the year will be presented to the eminent cooperators on this occasion.

I compliment the efforts of IFFCO and wish them all success.


(P.K. Mishra)

Date: 2nd November 2007

MESSAGE

On the auspicious occasion of the **20th Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial IFFCO Lecture** on **20th November 2007**, I have the pleasure to extend our warmest cooperative greetings to the cooperative leadership and management, members, and employees of IFFCO, and to all those involved, for having built such an exemplary cooperative enterprise that has but a few parallels in the world.

Jawahar Lal Nehru regarded cooperation not merely as an economic system, but as a way of life. His vision "**to convulse India with cooperative movement**" to ensure economic growth with social justice has evolved into a very large cooperative sector in India which has not only brought out very impressive agricultural growth, but has effectively networked remote rural areas with global economy.

I am very delighted to note that this year's lecture will be delivered by **Reverend Dr. Desmond M. Tutu**, recipient of Nobel Peace Prize in 1984, an internationally renowned personality from South Africa.

I wish the **20th Jawahar Lal Nehru Memorial Lecture** a grand success. On this occasion, I also congratulate all the awardees of the "**Sahakarita Ratna and Sahakarita Bandhu**" Awards in Cooperation.

I also felicitate all IFFCO leaders and management for continuing to render their outstanding services to the Cooperative Movement of India and beyond. ICA attaches high regard to the Indian Cooperative Movement as a whole for its exceptional services to the Cooperative Community worldwide.



SHIL KWAN LEE
ICA Regional Director - Asia and Pacific

New Delhi: 3rd September 2007

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प्रस्तावना

मेरे लिए यह गर्व का विषय है कि मुझे 20वां जवाहरलाल नेहरू स्मारक इफको भाषण देने के लिए आमंत्रित किया गया है। मुझे पता चला है कि पहले आप नेल्सन मंडेला को इस व्याख्यान के लिए आमंत्रित करने वाले थे। इस व्याख्यान के लिए आमंत्रित किया जाना एक असाधारण सम्मान का विषय है और मेरे विचार में वे एक ऐसी महान शख्सियत हैं जो इस सम्मान के काबिल हैं। इसी विषय से जुड़े मुझे दो रोचक वाक्ये याद आ रहे हैं। यदि आप जोहान्सबर्ग कस्बे में जाएं तो वहां एक विशाल पुल है जो अपनी ऊंचाई के कारण दूर से क्षितिज रेखा को छूता प्रतीत होता है और कुल मिलाकर यह एक अद्भुत और सुंदर दृश्य प्रस्तुत करता है। इसे नेल्सन मंडेला ब्रिज कहते हैं। नेल्सन मंडेला का जीवन भी इस विशाल पुल की तरह अद्भुत है, ठीक इस पुल की तरह उन्होंने भी जातिगत भेदभाव की खाइयों को पाटने का असाधारण कार्य किया है। उन्होंने उदारता का परिचय देते हुए अपने दक्षिण अफ्रीकी अनुयायियों को, बदले की भावना और हिंसा का माध्यम अपनाने के बजाय क्षमा और सुलह की राह पर चलने के लिए प्रेरित किया। यह उन्हीं के प्रयासों का परिणाम है कि दक्षिण अफ्रीका ने सम्पूर्ण विश्व के सामने एक उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किया है कि सच्चाई और भाईचारे के प्रसार के माध्यम से किस तरह जातिगत भेदभावों को मिटाया जा सकता है। आज सम्पूर्ण विश्व में नेल्सन मंडेला को क्षमा, प्रेम और भाईचारे की जीती-जागती मूर्ति के रूप में जाना जाता है। इस दृष्टि से इस पुल का नाम नेल्सन मंडेला ब्रिज बिल्कुल उचित प्रतीत होता है। दो प्राइवेट स्कूल हैं एक लड़कियों का और दूसरा लड़कों का, उन्होंने यह तय किया कि दोनों संस्थानों के बीच एक पुल का निर्माण किया जाए और विशाल नेल्सन मंडेला पुल के समानान्तर, एक साधारण किन्तु मोहक पुल का निर्माण कराया गया। जी हां ! आपने शायद अंदाजा लगा लिया होगा कि इन स्कूलों के बीच बने इस पुल को देसमण्ड टूटू ब्रिज का नाम दिया गया। जब मुझसे इस पुल का उद्घाटन करने के लिए कहा गया तो मैंने कहा मैं गरीब व्यक्तियों का मंडेला हूं। दूसरी कहानी, एक ऐसी घटना है जो मेरे साथ कुछ वर्ष पूर्व सैन फ्रांसिस्को में घटी थी। हमेशा की तरह मैं अपने काम-काज में व्यस्त था इसी बीच एक महिला आई और अत्यंत भावपूर्ण भंगिमा में मुझसे मिलीं और बोलीं, 'हेलो आर्चबिशप मंडेला'। उसने ऐसा कह कर

THE GREATNESS OF INDIA

— Dr. Desmond M. Tutu
Archbishop Emeritus

Preamble

What a great privilege to have been asked to deliver this 20th Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Lecture. I know that you wanted to have had Nelson Mandela and he is the person with the stature appropriate to this honour of delivering this prestigious lecture. It reminds me of two delicious stories. When you go to downtown Johannesburg, there is a massive bridge that towers over the skyline and is a very prominent feature of the landscape. This is the Nelson Mandela Bridge which is so utterly appropriate. He more than anyone else served so spectacularly to bridge what was a chasm between the races and amazed the world with his magnanimity as he urged his fellow South Africans to walk the path of forgiveness and reconciliation instead of what many had feared would be the case of retribution and revenge. South Africa has as a consequence helped to provide a paradigm to the world about dealing with the aftermath of conflict through our Truth and Reconciliation Commission process. And Nelson Mandela is quite rightly revered as a moral colossus, an icon of forgiveness and reconciliation. So it was apt and fitting to have the Nelson Mandela Bridge. Two private schools, one for girls, the other for boys decided to build a bridge between the two institutions, a nice but quite modest structure paling into insignificance set side by side with the massive Nelson Mandela Bridge. Well, you probably have guessed - yes the school bridge was named, yes the Desmond Tutu Bridge. When I was asked to open it, I said, clearly I was the poor man's Mandela! The other story is something that happened to me a few years ago in San Francisco. I was minding my own business as I always do when a lady accosted me and greeted me effusively, "Hello Archbishop Mandela." Sort of getting two for the price of one. Soon after Madiba's release from 27 years of imprisonment, I visited Holland which had been wonderfully

एक व्यक्ति को दो व्यक्तियों का सम्मान दे दिया। मडिबा के 27 वर्ष के कारावास से मुक्त होने के कुछ दिन बाद मैं हालैंड गया जहां हमें रंगभेद नीति के विरुद्ध आंदोलन में आश्चर्यजनक सहयोग मिला था। वहां एक युवा व्यक्ति मुझसे मिला और उसने कहा कि 'मंडेला की शख्सियत में सबसे अहम बात क्या है'। मैंने उत्तर दिया, 'शांत, अत्यंत शांत व्यक्ति हैं वे'- यह प्रश्न पूछने पर मैंने उस व्यक्ति का धन्यवाद किया।

आप बधाई के पात्र हैं

आज इफको की गिनती विश्व की सर्वश्रेष्ठ सहकारी संस्था के रूप में की जाती है और इस शानदार उपलब्धि के लिए आप सभी बधाई के पात्र हैं। आज इफको उर्वरकों का उत्पादन करने वाली विश्व की सबसे बड़ी संस्था है। थोड़े ही समय में इफको ने जिस तेजी से अपने सदस्यों की संख्या बढ़ाई है वह एक आश्चर्यजनक घटना है – 37500 से अधिक सहकारी समितियां और 50 मिलियन किसान इसके सदस्य हैं। इफको की वेबसाइट को देखकर पता लगता है कि इफको ने एक सहकारी समिति के रूप में उर्वरक उत्पादन, वितरण और किसानों की सेवा के क्षेत्र में अनगिनत उपलब्धियां हासिल की हैं, अनगिनत रिकार्ड बनाये हैं। पंडित नेहरू सहकारिता के विकास के स्वप्न को इफको के माध्यम से साकार होते देखकर स्वर्ग में अवश्य आनंदित होते होंगे। मैं इस महान कार्य के लिए आप सभी की तहेदिल से सराहना करता हूं।

भारत की महानता

मुझे लगता है कि भारतीय होने के कारण आप लोगों को अपने देश की असाधारण उपलब्धियां दिखाई नहीं देतीं। आप अपनी महानता, निस्वार्थता एवं विशालता को कम करके आंकते हैं। लेकिन मैं खुले दिल से यह कहना चाहता हूं कि यह एक ऐसा अद्भुत देश है जहां अनेक प्राचीन सभ्यताएं विकसित हुई हैं। इस देश के आज के इस स्वरूप के पीछे शताब्दियों पुराना इतिहास है। भारत विश्व के मानचित्र में उभरा कोई नया देश नहीं है। इस देश के ज्ञान-विज्ञान, संस्कृति, संगीत, नाटक, कला और सभ्यता की जड़ें बहुत गहरी हैं। नव विकसित अनेक देश आज अपने विकास के गर्व में चूर हैं लेकिन इस देश की विशेषताओं के आगे वे कहीं नहीं ठहरते। कितने लोग इस तथ्य को जानते हैं कि यह देश एक नहीं चार अत्यंत प्राचीन धर्मों की जन्मभूमि है। भारत भूमि हिन्दु धर्म, बौद्ध धर्म, जैन और सिख धर्म की जन्मभूमि है। इन धर्मों की महान शिक्षाओं और दर्शन से पूरा विश्व लाभान्वित

supportive of us in our anti-apartheid struggle. A young man approached me and asked, "How does it feel to be in the shadow of Mandela?" and I said, "Real cool, man, real cool." Thank you for having asked me.

Congratulations

Heartiest congratulations to this outstanding outfit IFFCO on your spectacular achievements. You are the biggest fertiliser producer in the world. Wow. You just seem to be going from strength to strength and you are serving your members, the 37500 cooperative societies and 50 million farmers wonderfully well. I have looked at your website and it is staggering, the milestones you are notching up and passing. Pandit Nehru must be beaming at you all for succeeding almost beyond his wildest dreams in demonstrating the value of co-operating. Well done to you all.

The Greatness of India

Perhaps as Indians, it just might be that you have become blasé about India's brilliant achievements, about India's greatness, or perhaps in an exhibition of charming modesty, you may sometimes have sold yourselves short. Well let me provide an antidote to that.

Yours is a country that has been home to ancient civilisations that predate the present Common Era by several centuries. India is no upstart new boy on the block. Your wisdom, your culture, your music, your drama, your art, your civilisation stem from antiquity. That is not something to sniff at, especially in the face of some evidence of arrogance in some quarters in the non-oriental world. How humbling for those who need a dose of humility and modesty to know that your land is the cradle of not just one but four significant religious faiths that predate Judaism and Christianity by some several centuries. India is the birthplace of Hinduism, Buddhism, Jainism and Sikhism. The profound teachings and philosophies

हुआ है। इससे भी बड़ी मजे की बात यह है कि इन धर्मों के अलावा, बाद में इसाई, इस्लाम, पारसी और यहूदी आदि धर्म एक-दूसरे से कंधे से कंधा मिलाकर विकसित हुए हैं। अलग-अलग धार्मिक मत-मतान्तर होने के बावजूद मेरा दृढ़ विश्वास है कि भारत एक ऐसा देश है जिसमें विभिन्न परम्पराओं, संस्कृतियों, रंगों, प्रजातियों और धर्मावलम्बियों के प्रति समान भाव है, एक दूसरे के प्रति सहिष्णुता है। भारत इस दृष्टि से एक अत्यंत सराहनीय और अनोखा देश है। जब मुसलमानों ने पाकिस्तान बनाने की मांग रखी तो महात्मा गांधी और पंडित नेहरू, देश के विभाजन पर दुख के अथाह समुद्र में डूब गये थे। यह एक ऐसा देश है जिससे, अलग-अलग धर्मों, राजनीतिक और आर्थिक परिस्थितियों से जूझते और तनाव ग्रस्त विश्व को बहुत कुछ सीखना चाहिए। यह देश किसी भी धर्मावलम्बी को हिंसा की अनुमति नहीं देता, किसी भी धर्मावलम्बी के प्रति अन्याय की बात नहीं करता। कोफी अन्नान ने कहा था कि 'विभिन्न धर्मों के बीच कोई कठिनाई नहीं है, कठिनाई है तो उनके अनुयायियों के साथ है, जो अपने तुच्छ स्वार्थों के लिए अपने मत-मतान्तरों का दुरुपयोग करते हैं।'

भारतवर्ष में आपने यह कर दिखाया है कि बहुधर्मी व्यवस्था व्यावहारिक है तथा आपने एक राजनीतिक कानून के द्वारा इनका सम्मान किया है, इसे संस्थागत रूप दिया है। आपके यहां एक सिख प्रधानमंत्री बन सकता है तथा कुछ दिन पहले तक एक मुस्लिम राष्ट्रपति थे। आपके यहां एक दलित राष्ट्रपति बन सकता है तथा आज देश की पहली महिला राष्ट्रपति गद्दी पर है। इसने यह सिद्ध कर दिया है कि आपने अपने देश में सामान्य रूप से सभी लोगों को अवसर दिया है तथा सभी समुदायों/धर्मों के लोगों को सशक्त बनाया है।

दक्षिण अफ्रीका का नागरिक होने के नाते मुझे गर्व है कि हमारे और भारत के बीच निकट संबंध रहे हैं। इन संबंधों की शुरुआत महात्मा गांधी से हुई थी, जिन्होंने अपना सत्याग्रह दक्षिण अफ्रीका से आरंभ किया था तथा उन्होंने भारतवर्ष में आकर वर्ष 1947 तक अहिंसा के माध्यम से भारत को ब्रिटिश साम्राज्य की दासता से मुक्ति दिलाने के लिए इसका इस्तेमाल किया था। इससे भी बड़ी बात यह है कि आपने अपनी आजादी हासिल करके उसका आनंद नहीं उठाया, उसका सुख नहीं भोगा, जिसके आप पात्र थे बल्कि आपने अपनी आजादी के बाद हमारे जैसे, दूसरे मुल्कों को आजादी दिलाने में एक बड़ी भूमिका निभाई। भारत जो अब पूर्णतः स्वाधीन है, विश्व का सबसे बड़ा लोकतंत्र बन गया है तथा आपने रंगभेद मिटाने के लिए विश्व के एजेंडा में इसे स्थान दिया। भारत एक ऐसा पहला मुल्क था जिसने सबसे पहले 1948 में दक्षिण अफ्रीका में जातिभेद नीति का बहिष्कार किया। वास्तव में, यह एक

of these faiths have enriched us all. And what is so wonderfully admirable is that these faiths and later Christianity, Islam, Zoroastrianism and Judaism have by and large existed amicably cheek by jowl with one another. Yes, there has been sectarian strife but I believe the defining characteristic of India has been the extraordinary level of tolerance of these different faith traditions, that Indians have shown an extraordinary capacity to be multi-cultural, multi-ethnic and multi-faith. That is a very considerable feather in your cap. Mahatma Gandhi and Pandit Nehru were almost inconsolable when the Muslims broke away to form Pakistan. It is a salutary lesson and example especially in our contemporary world with the distressing tensions between the West and the rest of the world exacerbated by perceptions about the pernicious appeal to different faith positions to buttress political and economic alienations. India has demonstrated that no worthwhile faith propagated violence or injustice. As Kofi Annan declared, "It is not the faiths that are the problem, it is the faithful" who manipulate their faiths for nefarious purposes.

You in India have shown that religious pluralism is viable and you have enshrined it in the way your political dispensations have been institutionalised. You can have a Sikh Prime Minister and until recently a Muslim President. You have even had a Dalit as President and now have your first ever woman President seeking to empower those who have usually been marginalised and thereby empowered many.

As a South African, I am proud of the close relationship between South Africa and India brought about initially by the experiences of the Mahatma who honed his Satyagraha in South Africa and which he used to such good effect when he returned to India leading you all to your liberation from the yoke of the British Raj largely non-violently in 1947. What was so amazing was that you did not luxuriate in your own freedom to enjoy its fruit as you were entitled to do. Amazingly, you used your freedom to strive to achieve ours. India so recently independent becoming as it continues to be the

लम्बा तथा महान संघर्ष था। अपने इस कार्य से आपने इस संघर्ष की शुरुआत की। आज हमारा देश स्वतंत्र है तथा इस जातिभेद की नीति के खिलाफ संघर्ष करने में आप द्वारा निर्माई गई अद्वितीय भूमिका के लिए आपका धन्यवाद करने के लिए हमारे पास शब्द नहीं हैं। हम इसके लिए आपके बहुत अधिक ऋणी हैं। हमें आज जो आजादी मिली है, वह इसलिए मिली है कि आपने वो रास्ता चुना है जो विश्व की उन बड़ी ताकतों के बीच इतना लोकप्रिय नहीं था, जिन्होंने मदीबा को उस समय एक आतंकवादी करार दिया था। निस्संदेह हम आपके आभारी हैं।

भारतवर्ष में नेतृत्व करने वाली कई महान विभूतियों ने जन्म लिया है। पं. नेहरू का नाम इनमें सबसे पहले आता है जिन्होंने गुटनिरपेक्षता का रास्ता चुना। जिसके अन्तर्गत आपने दो प्रतिकूल ताकतों अर्थात् पश्चिम तथा सोवियत ब्लाक, दो शक्तिशाली धड़ों के साथ सौहार्द्रपूर्ण संबंध स्थापित किये तथा उन्हें तब तक निभाया जब तक कि शांतिपूर्ण वातावरण नहीं बन गया और इसके माध्यम से यह सिद्ध कर दिखाया कि सह-अस्तित्व न केवल संभव है बल्कि विश्वस्तर पर बने रहने के लिए एकमात्र आशा है। यह कितने आश्चर्य की बात है कि पं. नेहरू ने भारतवर्ष के लिए संयुक्त राष्ट्र सुरक्षा परिषद में अपनी स्थायी सीट को छोड़ दिया तथा अपनी उदार सोच का परिचय दिया और सुझाव दिया कि इसे चीन को दे दिया जाए। हम केवल कल्पना ही कर सकते हैं कि यदि चीन को यह वीटो की पावर नहीं मिलती तो एक अलग तरह का इतिहास रचा जाता। लेकिन यह भारत की निस्वार्थ सोच थी तथा उसकी महानता थी कि उसने ऐसे मौके को छोड़ दिया।

भारत इस समय विश्व की सबसे तेजी से बढ़ती हुई अर्थ-व्यवस्था वाले देशों में से एक है तथा यह 9.4 प्रतिशत की दर से बढ़ रही है। क्रय शक्ति के हिसाब से यह दुनिया की चौथी सबसे बड़ी अर्थ-व्यवस्था है; यद्यपि, आज गरीबी, निरक्षरता, कुपोषण, पर्यावरण प्रदूषण के क्षेत्र में आप अभी बहुत पीछे हैं तथापि, आपने इन बुराइयों से लड़ने के लिए अनेक सशक्त संगठन बनाए हुए हैं, विशेष रूप से प्राथमिक स्तर पर महिलाओं और किसानों के संगठन, जो शानदार तरीके से काम कर रहे हैं। आपके देश में बेंगलोर में विश्वस्तर का आईटी का सेंटर है। आपने पाकिस्तान को पहले 20-20 फाइनल में हराकर वर्ल्ड कप जीता है। आपने इस मैच के फाइनल में पहुंचने के लिए आस्ट्रेलिया की टीम को भी हराया। यह देश के लिए गौरव की बात है।

world's largest democracy used your independence to place apartheid on the world's agenda. You were the first in 1948 ready to boycott apartheid South Africa. It was a long and noble struggle. You were there at the beginning. Today we are free and we cannot thank you enough for your outstanding role in our apartheid struggle. We owe you more than we can ever express. Thank you so very much for that. We are free today because you walked a path that was not too popular with the powerful of the world some of whom dismissed Madiba contemptuously as a terrorist. Thank you very much indeed.

You have had some outstanding leaders. Pandit Nehru was in the forefront to found the Non-aligned Movement as you tried to place yourselves between potential adversaries and aggressors in a bi-polar world of the West and the Soviet bloc hoping to hold them off long enough to let tempers cool and to prove that co-existence was not only possible but ultimately our only hope for global survival. How amazing that Pandit Nehru turned down a permanent seat on the UN Security Council and incredibly magnanimously suggested that it should be offered to China. We can only speculate how the course of history might have been vastly different had China not had the power to veto as she does. But is it not in some way typical of Indian selflessness, of Indian greatness to have passed up such an opportunity?

You have one of the world's fastest growing economies; at 9.4% being the world's 4th largest economy in purchasing power; though you have high levels still of poverty, illiteracy, malnutrition and environment degradation you have vibrant organisations to combat these ills especially grassroots women's and peasants' organisations which have been splendid trailblazers. You are the world's IT capital in Bangalore and you won the inaugural Twenty-twenty Cricket World Cup beating Pakistan in a pulsating final. And you beat the Australians on the way to that final. Yippee!

निष्कर्ष

आपका देश महान है। आपने अपनी स्वाधीनता के द्वारा अन्य देशों को स्वाधीन कराने में बड़ी मदद की है। आपने हमारे देश को स्वतन्त्रता दिलाने में हमारी बहुत बड़ी मदद करके यह सिद्ध कर दिखाया है। जब चीन ने तिब्बत को अपने कब्जे में लिया तो उस समय भी आपकी प्रतिक्रिया आपकी पारम्परिक प्रतिबद्धता के अनुकूल थी। पिछले 50 वर्षों से महामहिम धार्मिक नेता दलाई लामा को शरण देकर चीन की नाराजगी का खतरा मोल लेने में भी आपका व्यवहार प्रशंसनीय रहा। इन सब महान कार्यों के लिए हम आपकी तहेदिल से प्रशंसा करते हैं। जिन बातों का मैं यहां बखान कर रहा हूं वह आपकी महानता के कुछ उदाहरण हैं।

मैं यह जानना चाहूंगा कि देश के ऐसे इतिहास, ऐसी परम्पराओं और विरासत को अपनाते हुए क्या भारत, बर्मा और म्यांमार के प्रति भी अपनी नीतियों को सच्चाई से अपनाने का प्रयास करेगा? क्या व्यापार तथा रक्षा संबंधी मामलों में दुनिया की घोर तानाशाही शक्ति का सहयोग करके भारत अपने उस महान चरित्र के अनुरूप कार्य कर पायेगा जिनका मैंने ऊपर संक्षेप में वर्णन किया है।

हमारे बहादुर भिक्षु, भिक्षुणियों तथा आम नागरिकों ने उस अन्यायी शासन के विरुद्ध प्रदर्शन किया है। भारतवर्ष, विरासत तथा सिद्धान्तों के लिए संघर्ष करने के लिए जिसकी हमने प्रशंसा की है, क्या वह उन साहसी प्रदर्शनकारियों का इसी तरह साथ देगा जिस तरह से महात्मा गांधी ने नमक आन्दोलन का नेतृत्व करते हुए अन्यायी शक्तियों के विरुद्ध संघर्ष किया था। आज विश्व को ऐसे भारत की जरूरत है जो सच्चे अर्थों में अपने राष्ट्रीय आदर्श - सत्यमेव जयते अर्थात् सत्य की हमेशा जीत होती है, का अनुगमन कर सके।



Conclusion

You are a great nation. You have used your freedom to help others gain theirs. You did this spectacularly in helping us to become free. And you have been true to that tradition of commitment in your reaction to China's occupation of Tibet. You have been praiseworthy, justifiably so, in risking China's wrath in giving asylum to His Holiness the Dalai Lama for over 50 years. We commend you warmly, very warmly for all of this. That has been part of the reason for your greatness which I have been extolling.

So I ask you with such a history, with such a tradition and legacy is India being true to her best self in her policies towards Burma/Myanmar? Is India's collaboration with one of the most vicious dictatorships through trade and defence co-operation consistent with the greatness that I have sought to describe briefly?

Brave monks, nuns and civilians demonstrated against that vicious regime. The India that we admire true to her own antecedents and founding principles would be there on the side of those courageous demonstrators. That is where Mahatma Gandhi would have been found striding ahead as he did leading the salt marches. The world needs an India true to your national motto: Satyameva Jayate - Truth alone triumphs.



Dr. Desmond M. Tutu **Archbishop Emeritus**

– A Profile



Desmond Mpilo Tutu was born in Klerksdorp, South Africa on 7th October 1931. His father was a school teacher, his mother a domestic worker.

After three years as a high school teacher, in 1958 he entered the Anglican ministry. He received his Licentiate in Theology in 1960 from St. Peter's Theological College, Johannesburg, and was ordained to the priesthood in Johannesburg in 1961. Not long after his ordination, Tutu obtained his Bachelor of Divinity Honors and Master of Theology degrees from King's College, University of London, England.

From 1967 to 1978 he served in a number of increasingly prominent positions, from lecturer at the Federal Theological Seminary at Alice, South Africa and chaplain at the University of Fort Hare; to lecturer in the Department of Theology at the University of Botswana, Lesotho, and Swaziland; to an appointment as Associate Director of the Theological Education Fund of the World Council of Churches, in Kent, United Kingdom; to Dean of St. Mary's Cathedral, Johannesburg; and finally Bishop of Lesotho.

By 1978, in the wake of the 1976 Soweto uprising, South Africa was in turmoil, and Bishop Tutu was persuaded to take up the post of General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches (SACC). It was in this position that he became both a national and international figure. Justice and reconciliation and an end to apartheid were the SACC's

priorities, and as General Secretary, Bishop Tutu pursued these goals with vigor and commitment. Under his guidance, the SACC became an important institution in South African spiritual and political life, challenging white society and the government and affording assistance to the victims of apartheid.

Inevitably, Bishop Tutu became heavily embroiled in controversy as he spoke out against the injustices of the apartheid system. For several years he was denied a passport to travel abroad. He became a prominent leader in the crusade for justice and racial conciliation in South Africa. In 1984 he received a Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of his extraordinary contributions to that cause. In 1985 he was elected Bishop of Johannesburg.

In 1986, Bishop Tutu was elevated to Archbishop of Cape Town, and in this capacity he did much to bridge the chasm between black and white Anglicans in South Africa. And as Archbishop, Tutu became a principal mediator and conciliator in the transition to democracy in South Africa.

In 1995, President Nelson Mandela appointed him Chairman of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, a body set up to probe gross human rights violations that occurred under apartheid.

In 1996, shortly after his retirement from office as Archbishop of Cape Town, Tutu was granted the honorary title of Archbishop Emeritus.

Archbishop Tutu has held several distinguished academic and world leadership posts. He was elected Fellow of Kings College; President of the All Africa Conference of Churches, London; Chancellor of the University of the Western Cape, the William R. Cannon, Professor of Theology at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta; Visiting Professor at the Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Visiting Scholar in Residence at the University of North Florida, Jacksonville; and Visiting Professor of Post-Conflict Studies at Kings College.

In recent years, Tutu has turned his attention to a different cause: the campaign against HIV/AIDS. The Archbishop has made appearances around the globe to help raise awareness of the disease and its tragic consequences in human lives and suffering.

Archbishop Tutu holds honorary degrees from over one hundred and thirty universities, including Harvard, Oxford, Cambridge, Columbia, Yale, Emory, the Ruhr, Kent, Aberdeen, Sydney, Fribourg (Switzerland), Cape Town, Witwatersrand, and the University of South Africa.

He has received many prizes and awards in addition to the Nobel Peace Prize, most notably the Order for Meritorious Service Award (Gold) presented by President Mandela; the Archbishop of Canterbury's Award for Outstanding Service to the Anglican Communion; the Prix d'Athene (Onassis Foundation); the Family of Man Gold Medal Award; the Mexican Order of the Aztec Medal (Insignia Grade); the Martin Luther King Jr. Non-Violent Peace Prize; the Sydney Peace Prize and the Gandhi Peace Prize.

His writings include *No Future Without Forgiveness*, and *God Has a Dream*.

Though his vigorous advocacy of social justice once rendered him a controversial figure, today Archbishop Tutu is regarded as an elder world statesman with a major role to play in reconciliation, and as a leading moral voice. He has become an icon of hope far beyond the Church and Southern Africa.

