



# Foundation for Restoration of National Values

## Newsletter

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### Dear Friends of FRNV,

Our country is going through another General Election. Many organizations and individuals are working on generating a greater awareness among the electorate, by getting them to understand the importance of casting their vote. Through various channels of communication, they are also toiling to request political parties not to field candidates with any 'criminal background'. It is not a change that will come about immediately. It is up to every responsible national to realize the importance of their citizenly duties and participate in this very critical Nation-building process. Education holds the key to this kind of a change.

### Editorial Team

#### FRNV KERALA REGIONAL CHAPTER LAUNCHED

On 19<sup>th</sup> April, the Kerala Regional Chapter of FRNV was launched at a meeting held in Trichur, with Sri M Ayyappan (CMD of HLL Lifecare Ltd.) as the Director of the Chapter.

Some of the participants of the meeting, who have committed to take part in the Kerala Chapter, were: Sri MP Surendran, Dy Editor, Mathrubhoomi, Thrichur, Sri P Sivasankaran, ex-CMD SILK, currently Chairman, ACME, Sri K Santha Kumar, President, Thrichur Management Association, Dr. G Mukundan, Retd. Dean, Kerala Agricultural University and Sri UK Nair, Director, Ashwini Hospital.

The Chapter resolved to:

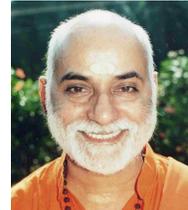
1. Conduct an outreach programme with the emphasis on reaching out to NRIs, Corporate Leaders and Educationists in the Country and abroad, to galvanize public opinion regarding the four main

thrust areas of the Foundation, viz. National Value Restoration Council (NVRC), Police Reforms, National Value Education, Electoral Reforms. This will be a part of the ongoing initiatives of the Foundation aimed at 'Influencing the Influencers'.

2. With the new Governments being formed at the States and the Centre, FRNV will engage with newly elected law-makers to persuade, inspire and facilitate their involvement in value-based Governance.
3. Expediting the implementation of Police Reforms as ordered by the Supreme Court in its judgment Prakash Singh vs. Union of India case.

#### CULTURAL PATRIOTISM

*"Understand that cultural cohesion is the spinal chord of our intrinsic unity and strength. Cultural patriotism alone empowers us to transcend customary and linguistic diversities and accomplish national goals.*



*This cultural bond, forged by values, inspiration and nationalism, is what we have to enthrone in our people to reinforce the country and march forward with invincible confidence."*

**Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha**  
Inspiration & Guide, FRNV

#### FRNV PLANS

The Executive Committee Meeting of FRNV was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009 in Narayanashrama Tapovanam, Trichur,

inspired and guided by the presence of Poojya Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha.

Speaking on the occasion, Poojya Swamiji said, “people are supreme in democracy. We must have a numerical strength of ‘thinking people’ and our strength is in ‘Intelligence’ and ‘Integrity’.

The following are some of the action steps FRNV Governing Body decided to initiate:

- Create a greater awareness about Value Restoration in the country.
- Establish a youth wing of FRNV so that our country’s youth plays an active role in Value Restoration.
- Work towards ‘Influencing the Influencers’. The following are some of the avenues FRNV will explore: political parties, senior corporate executives (formation of model-organizations), young politicians, specific Government departments, leaders and thinkers.
- Plan a Seminar with NRIs, Corporates and Educationists to initiate Value Restoration activities.
- Initiate formation of the Pune Regional Chapter of FRNV.

## FRNV PROJECTS

### NATIONAL VALUE EDUCATION

FRNV is in the process of developing a Value Education Training Programme for Teachers. This will provide inputs on how to incorporate Value Education as an integral aspect of school education in a comprehensive manner. The team has also identified schools where such training programmes can be piloted.

### POLICE REFORMS

After the new Parliament is elected, FRNV proposes to establish contact with the Centre and also the Governments of a few States highlighting the importance and urgency for implementation of Police reforms. FRNV will

initiate action in the states of Delhi and Kerala.

### ELECTORAL REFORMS

Letters were sent to General Secretaries/Presidents of major Political Parties urging them to pay sufficient attention to choosing the ‘right persons’ to represent their party in the elections. Appeals were also addressed to citizens to exercise their franchise and also refrain from voting for candidates with criminal background. These appeals were sent in different languages. Press also covered these significant communications (refer to the FRNV website for details).

### NATIONAL VALUE RESTORATION COUNCIL (NVRC)

FRNV has deliberated upon the following areas for furthering this initiative (NVRC):

- Right to Information Act (RTI) to be used to determine lapses in different departments which can be brought to the public eye and for preventive action.
- Developing a system to track promises made by the political parties.

## WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS

We welcome any suggestions you may have in the context of the different projects FRNV has undertaken.

For further details on the different initiatives of FRNV, please visit the website ([www.valuefoundation.in](http://www.valuefoundation.in)).

Press statements and press coverage of important FRNV events are being regularly hosted on the FRNV website.

If you have any queries or feedback, we would be happy to address them. Kindly send them to:

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