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Dear Friends of FRNV,

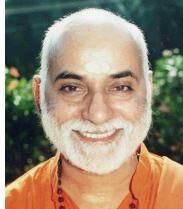
"How can I participate in the activities of the Foundation for Restoration of National Values?" – I am sure this question comes up often in your mind. You may want to ask yourself, "How can I participate in the Value Restoration Movement in India?"

Here is what every National can do, to start with: 'Live' Values; talk about 'living' values among friends and family; do not be discouraged by the opposing forces; raise awareness about values in the professional environment you are part of; talk regularly about 'living values' to at least a few children in your neighbourhood.

Editorial Team

VALUE, NOT AN OPTION, BUT A COMPULSION

[An extract from Poojya Swamiji's message to the participants of the Value Education Workshop held on 22nd Aug in New Delhi.]



"Value" is a word too dear, potent and pregnant. Value is more a concept first, a pursuit next and an adherence and dedication thereafter. Any value becomes so, only when it is able to enrich, empower and elevate human life at any level, making the individual, family, society and Nation grow with mutuality, cohesion and invincible collective strength.

Schools, Colleges or other educational centres will be able to fulfil their role only when the Institution is wedded to the fundamental values of teaching and learning.

Value, to be so, has to be the common means to integrate, preserve and empower

the human mind and intelligence, imbuing strength, charm, efficiency and esteem to them.

The alternative to Value is utter chaos and disorder, which are rampant the world over. If this adversity is allowed to creep in, what is sure to result is decline, degeneration, disaster. This makes value not an option, but a compulsion.

At no time should any doubt or unwillingness about value inculcation be entertained. For value is the one unquestionable bequest any generation can bequeath to the next.

Values at any time begin with the individual, enfold the family and extend to the society, nation and globe. Any value, to be inspiring and forceful, must instill emotional persuasion and evoke rational compulsion. For this, the value has to be related to the mind and intelligence. None can then resent or refuse its need or impact.

Values are ever two-fold, eternal and contemporary. Contemporary may change to adapt to the changing times. But eternal, like the mind and soul in us, will not and cannot. Our greater emphasis should be on the eternal value enrichment. This is where the right consensus and compulsion can and should evolve, if rightly dealt with.

Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha
Inspiration & Guide, FRNV

NATIONAL VALUE EDUCATION

Workshop to Co-create Standards of Integrity for the Educational ecosystem

A workshop was held on 22nd August 2009 in New Delhi to jointly co-create standards for

Values for inculcation in the School Education System.

Close to 40 individuals, including parents, principals, teachers, students, school Management, policy makers, participated in the half-day event.

In 6 groups, the participants deliberated upon values each of the different stakeholders need to 'imbibe and live' towards creating a value-based society.



Workshop in Progress

The next step would be compile the findings of the workshop to create Value Standards for the whole Nation's Education System should adopt. It is proposed that these Standards would be formally launched in the month of November this year.

The workshop focused on the following key questions:

What are the values I should be living in order to create a value-based society? What are the enablers and obstacles to value inculcation? What are my expectations from the other stakeholders in the education ecosystem? What are my commitments to the other stakeholders in the education ecosystem?

KERALA CHAPTER MEETING

A meeting was held on Aug 24th in Thiruvananthapuram to set up the core team of the Kerala Chapter. The participants included Dr. E Sreedharan, President, FRNV, Sri M Ayyappan, Director of the Kerala Chapter (also the CMD of HLL Life Care Ltd.), Sri V Ramachandran, IAS (Retd.), Former Chief Secretary, and Smt. S Sugatha Kumari, Br. Prasanna Swaroopa, Jt. Secy, FRNV.

The team decided to focus on the following areas to begin with: 1) bring awareness towards values in schools and colleges in Kerala, by conducting various programmes, 2) identify and highlight inspiring stories relating to values, so that people are able to relate them to their daily lives.

The following will be Kerala team of FRNV: Sri M Ayyappan, Director, Sri V K Narayanan, Secretary, Sri Shantha Kumar, CA, Joint Secy., Sri Jayaraj, Joint Secy., Sri Lambodaran Nair, Treasurer.

INVITING PARTICIPATION

We all will agree that one way to convey ideas about value inculcation and value-based living is to read about, introspect over and emulate the lives of inspiring role models. We are FRNV are planning to put together such inspiring biographies of individuals, and stories and anecdotes of value-based living.

We invite you to join us in this noble and enriching endeavour. You may want to volunteer in one or more of the following:

- Suggest what would be an effective way to implement this project.
- Identify role models and compile a brief biography.
- Gather inspiring stories and anecdotes of value-based living.

WE WELCOME SUGGESTIONS

For further details on the different initiatives of FRNV, please visit the website (www.valuefoundation.in).

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

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