



FOUNDATION *for* RESTORATION of NATIONAL VALUES

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11th Foundation Day of the Foundation for Restoration of National Values [FRNV]

The Foundation for Restoration of National Values celebrated its 11th Foundation Day on 8th June, 2019 at Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (DMRC) Auditorium, New Delhi.

Shri Bharat Wakhlu, General Secretary, FRNV, welcomed the gathering and emphasized the importance of three pillars of our National Values – our National motto-‘Satyamev Jayate’, our National Flag- the importance of the tricolor, and our Constitution-which delineate the duties and rights of the citizens of India.

*The President of FRNV, Dr. E. Sreedharan highlighted the objectives of the organization and dwelled on the **theme of the 11th Foundation Day**, which was **“The Values We Stand For”**. He reminded all that the restoration of the age-old Dharmic Values of our Country, within all sections of society, was an essential element of creating a Value-based society. In his address he said, “Ethics, values and good manners have to be instilled and embedded in the children during the formative years and constantly imbibed and emphasized so that they are practiced and cherished all their lives; for this purpose, value education has been adopted by FRNV as its current flagship programme.” He was hopeful that value education must be made an integral part of our education system. He further added, “The right to Education has been accepted as fundamental right of every child. FRNV is trying to make value education also a fundamental right, by suitable amendments in*

the Right to Education Act.”

FRNV Advisory Board Member and noted Educationist, Smt. Vibha Parthasarathi stated that values do not exist in a vacuum. Much like air they permeate every pore of human activity. She listed the various activities carried out by FRNV in order to promote and inculcate value based education in the curriculum of schools in India. Citing the need to walk the talk in respect of values, she explained how to bring about a change in the implementation of value based education on a real time basis. The crux of democracy and traditional values lie in the expression of dialogues with humility and respect, she said.

The FRNV souvenir for 2019 was then released by the Former President of India, Shri. Pranab Mukherjee which contained a collection of articles on the importance of values and how they can be inculcated.

The former President of our country, Shri. Pranab Mukherjee delivered the keynote address. He said, “The core constitutional values enshrined in the Preamble to the Constitution of India are the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation. The constitutional philosophy is of a social order with egalitarian ethos committed to distributive justice. This can be achieved by performance of the fundamental citizenship duty to cherish and follow the noble ideals which inspired our national freedom struggle. Ultimately, the noble ideals of unity and equality enshrined in the Constitution of India will have to be practiced by citizens, if it has to become a reality. It goes without saying that proper examples should be set by leaders in politics, business and public life.” He lamented the falling standards of debates in Parliament and State Assemblies and how protection from criminal prosecution for acts committed inside these Houses tended to be misused. Praising the role played by the Civil Services in



tackling problems and giving a stable administration in times of crisis, he urged that there was a need for them to constantly evolve to keep pace with emerging challenges. The Judiciary was the last pillar of the Constitution and it should avoid airing differences in public in order to maintain the faith of the citizens. He continued, “Education of children in Values is the most important step to ensure that the future generations of the country become model citizens. This education has to start at home and in schools. Values are important and lasting. The beliefs or ideas – that serve the nation- and are shared by the members of the community or nation, are universal and transcend geographical, political or cultural boundaries.” He spoke about the importance of inculcating values at all levels of education and society. “I am extremely happy”, Shri Pranab Mukherjee further added referring to FRNV, “that this organization led by someone as eminent as Dr. Sreedharan, has embarked on preparing manuals for training of teachers in Value Education and they propose to get these accepted by State Governments. This is a very noble task and I hope the Government of India and the State Governments accept and implement these courses on Value Education. “

After the Hon’ble former President’s speech, Dr. E Sreedharan presented a memento to him on behalf of the organization, as a token of respect and gratitude.

The event culminated with the delivery of vote of thanks by Shri. Gopal Ganesh, Vice President of FRNV, followed by the National Anthem.



Dear Readers,

FRNV invites stories from its readers on deep-rooted values that have helped us in our everyday lives. Some of these stories will be featured in the next issue of our newsletter. So put your thinking caps on, recall the values integral to your life which you cherish and write to us at shilpi@valuefoundation.in.