



Foundation *for* Restoration of National Values

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Dear Friends of FRNV,

With the Commonwealth Games less than a year away, the focus is entirely on the infrastructure front – both transport and sporting. Needless to say these are very critical.

But, a very important aspect of the Nation that will be on World spotlight would be 'how well the citizens play host to all the visitors, including the sportsmen and women'. This latter aspect of the hosting nation plays a very important role in the perception of how well the games were conducted.

Even if things so wrong in other areas, if people are welcoming, hearty and caring, the visitors will go back remembering the hospitality. However, even if every other aspect of the Games goes on as per plan, but the people fail in their role of hosts, our Nation would have failed.

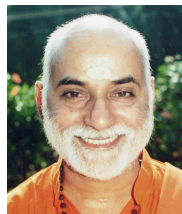
The people of the city of NCR will have to rise to the occasion in playing the role of hearty hosts.

It is for each one of us to think how we are going to facilitate the process of value inculcation in all – be it taxi or auto drivers, airport staff, spectators or people on the road. How are we going to ensure that the we demonstrate the best of civic behaviour?

Editorial Team

**VALUES – FOUNDATION FOR A
SUSTAINABLE CIVILIZATION**

Any civilization, to endure, needs economic advancement and ethical stability alike. Or else, it will bring imbalance and even disaster, as the world has



witnessed. Huge civilizations were brought to dust, solely because of their failure to preserve and strengthen inner strength and cohesion. Values, though begin with individual, encompass families and society alike concurrently. We cannot imagine a resilient nation, bereft of sound ethical values.

What is happening around us? The world is beset with a disastrous global economic downfall, bringing many a financial institution down. Whether the plight has been sudden or gradual is something to be probed keenly

It cannot be contended that financial institution is a concept and creation of the human mind, and it is wrong to bring any external factors or God to explain the tragedy. Financial institutions are aimed at taking money from the public and give it to those who need it, levying a comfortable margin in the process.

Why should such a process crumble, deceiving the people and failing the society? The wrong can only be in those handling the fate of the institutions. What lack of forethought, caution, care or fidelity crept into the minds of those managing these institutions is an investigation that cannot wait the least. The findings will certainly explain the disaster and enunciate safeguards for the future. Let us, however, be sure that the tragedy is man-made, caused by the sheer lack of inner, ethical, value enrichment.

In dealing with the grave, critical mission of trust and faith, no inattention or greed must be allowed to dominate. Integrity, responsibility and restraint are the cardinal human values. Every time the deeper inner resources have to be harnessed to prevent pitfalls and disaster. Personal parochial considerations should not overpower the overall public welfare. The present plight

clearly points to the precipitous downfall of values!

All industries need and depend upon society, who alone avails of its goods and services. To preserve the society, with overall welfare, hence to maintain the earth's resources and greenery, together with environmental wellbeing, is thus a societal and civilizational obligation of industrial leaders. But alas, the reverse has happened, leading to global warming, polar ice melting, widespread pollution of water and air. If we were sufficiently sensitive about the ethical and value compulsions the individual, family and the society should heed in all fields of development, the present catastrophe could have been averted.

Remember, value, whether it is a discipline and enrichment or a denial and restraint, is to empower, beautify and expand the mind and intelligence, bringing greater characteral might, behavioural majesty and interactional excellence. Value builds strength. It is the feed and fruition of the human mind and heart.

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NEWS

CHANGE YOUR BEHAVIOUR

Union Home Minister Sri P Chidambaram has voiced his concerns regarding the value decline in the context of the upcoming Commonwealth Games:

“There is a need for an urgent change in “mindset” ahead of the Commonwealth games.

We must behave as citizens of a big, good international city.

We cannot expect a mega city’s policing to function properly if people do not change their behaviour.”

CALLING FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICE REFORMS

Union home minister, Sri . P Chidambaram, addressing senior Police Officers in New

Delhi said:

Why do you remain silent when arbitrary postings and transfers are made by the State Government? It is not your duty, as the head of state police, to raise your voice not only on behalf of your officers but also on behalf of the people that you are duty bound to protect?”

[Source: Times of India, Delhi]

GEARING UP TO COMMONWEALTH Making ‘Values’ the Common Wealth

INVITING PARTICIPATION

FRNV is in the process of working out a plan to facilitate a change in the mindset and behaviour of the people of NCR towards becoming a welcoming and warm host Nation of the Commonwealth Games next year.

With the aim of achieving this, we invite you to join us in this noble and enriching endeavour. We invite you to:

- Identify ‘behaviour’ and ‘values’ that we would like to inculcate in the people so that we prove to be ‘good’ hosts.
- Suggest what would be an effective way to implement this change.
- Suggest in what way you would like to participate in this crucial project.

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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