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Editorial

Dear Friends of FRNV,

Our Nation has recently witnessed a very significant movement against corruption, where the people of the country were emphatic in their verdict against corruption.

The step to form the National-level committee to draft an effective Lokpal Bill was welcomed by all.

The formation of the committee with 50-50 participation from both Government and Civil Society was a move Poojya Swamiji had envisioned in his National Value Restoration Council in the year 2008.

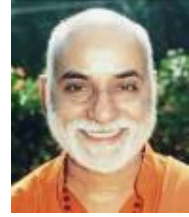
There had been some initial obstacles to the functioning of the committee. In spite of these, let us hope that the Country gets an effective Lokpal system in place.

The role of the citizens is not yet over. The civil society has to maintain constant vigil and participate in ensuring that the process is followed through to enactment and subsequently implementation.

Editorial Team

satyameva jayate

[FRNV had expressed its solidarity and support to Sri Anna Hazare while he was on fast to get the government to agree to some decisive steps towards having a more effective Lokpal Bill. During this campaign, Poojya Swamiji had issued a press note in this context. Excerpts from the Press note released on 8th April 2011 are given below:]



This decisive fast has a much wider relevance than anti-corruption measures and Lokpal bill. It is to be stressed that *Satyameva jayate*, the motto the Nation adopted in the wake of independence, is the core of all our values. The value next to it is *asteyam*, non-stealing. All instances of corruption are no other than stealing of public wealth, and any one involved in it should be treated at par with any other thief. In this matter, no discussion or debate is called for. To heed and preserve this motto is the bounden duty of all.

The fundamentals of Democracy warrant that any citizen of the country is equal to another in his status, right and commitment to the Nation. Under the proposed Lokpal bill, all including the Prime Minister should be as accountable as any other. Any disagreement on the participation of civil society members

in the proposed Drafting Committee, will only be to disparage and disprove the Government's own status and authority bestowed by people.

FRNV in the National Summit held in 2008, wanted a National Value Restoration Council to be formed with equal participation from Government and civil society members, known for their probity. We also wanted an Ethical Surveillance Corps, consisting of members, selected on all-India basis, to detect and stop corruption right at the roots, thereby averting instances to book and punish officials.

Once a government is elected, they have to govern one and all. And all people, have a voice in all National matters. Needless to say, the voice of the people is crucial in the issue of corruption and in the urgent measures needed to redress them. By heeding the demand, any Government or political party will only stand to gain.

The present crisis, however unfortunate, is verily a blessing in disguise. The Nation in general, and the well-meaning citizens in particular, have fortunately come together with a resolve to set the administration right, so as to bequeath a better India to the coming generations. This is perhaps the first time that the intellectual and non-political community of thinkers have joined in saving the Nation with a singular united voice of solidarity with Sri Anna Hazare's austere resolve.

Swami Bhoomananda Tirtha

Founder, Narayanashrama Tapovanam
Inspiration & Guide, FRNV

FRNV Lecture in Delhi

FRNV organized a talk by Poojya Swami Bhoomananda Tirthaji on “**Value-based Leadership – towards a Sustainable Civilization**” at Metro Bhavan Auditorium in New Delhi on Mar 23, 2011. Poojya Swamiji enlightened the audience on importance of ‘Value-based Leadership’.



Poojya Swamiji during the FRNV Lecture

Administrative Reforms

FRNV has taken up the case of non-implementation of the recommendations of the Second Administrative Reforms Commission titled ‘Ethics in Governance’ (4th Report).

To further the cause, two RTI's were filed with the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances and as their replies were not favourable, subsequent appeal has also been filed.

FRNV now is in the process of writing to the various departments involved so that the implementation process may be hastened.

National Value Education

You may recall that FRNV had launched the ‘National Value-based Education System’ (NVBES) for schools on the Teachers' Day (September 5, 2010) in New Delhi. Sri Tajendra Khanna (Lt. Governor, GNCT of Delhi), Dr. Kiran Bedi, IPS, Dr. E. Sreedharan and some eminent educationists were present along with Principals, Teachers and Management of more than 100 Schools. *(Please visit our website for complete presentations and other details of the event.)*

The proposed NVBES addresses the complete education ecosystem and does not target the student alone. It facilitates creation of a value-based environment. Each stakeholder in the education system (school management, principal, teachers, parents,

student) is a participant in the co-creation of value standards for the school and in living those values.

FRNV has also started a pilot of NVBES in two major schools in Delhi and Gurgaon and has initiated discussion with a school in UP. The first meeting to kickoff the pilot (in a school in Gurgaon), held on 2nd April, was well received and there were more than 30 participants including principal, teachers, parents, and counselors. The NVBES implementation Guide has also been uploaded on the FRNV website.

FRNV Jamshedpur Chapter

The working committee of FRNV Jamshedpur Regional Chapter held 8 meetings and 3 workshops during the year 2010.

Based on the guidance received from Poojya Swami Bhooamananda Tirtha, the team focused on advocating with school leadership to incorporate teaching of Values in regular school activities to ensure the students become aware of their role as responsible citizens and are guided by an Inner Compulsion and love for the Nation.

In the first phase, 9 Schools confirmed to adopt FRNV practices.

It was decided to develop a formal FRNV School Charter with the following three themes and its value promotion:

- *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*
- Nurture Nature for a Better Future
- I am for others

To encourage schools and review their activities, FRNV Jamshedpur Chapter will organize an Inter School FRNV Meet on 13th August, 2011.

FRNV Kerala Chapter

Police Reforms

FRNV Kerala Chapter had taken up the case of furthering implementation of Police Reforms in Kerala. Almost 90 percent of the recommendations have been accepted.

Meeting

Dr. E Sreedharan, President, FRNV met with the members of the FRNV Kerala Chapter on 1st April 2011 in Trivandrum. He also delivered a lectured titled "Ethics & Values in Business".



Dr. Sreedharan at the FRNV Kerala Chapter Meeting

Feedback/Suggestions

If you have any suggestions or feedback, we would be happy to address them. Please email them to frnadmin@valuefoundation.in or frnvindia@gmail.com

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