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South India
Sri Lanka Region



1 Billion
YOUTH FOR PEACE

Anniversary Edition



an initiative of

About the Movement

1 billion Youth for Peace Initiative is a unique and ambitious project in the field of interfaith relations in its design, scale, and scope. We foster empathy, invite understanding, and advance common action between people of diverse faiths through the shared efforts

We did not create this world; we inherited this beautiful formation, which is a blessing beyond description. It is a pity that the human beings could not fully realise the purpose of the cosmic order; we were competing to forge a hell out of a heaven. We have to reverse this erroneous process and straighten our paths to progress. If we don't do it now, it will be too late to lament; we may not get a moment to repent, when the rockets fly and fill the space with fire.



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The beginning...

We have been working among various groups for so many years and the need for a wide network of young peace lovers was in demand. Hence the Cosmic Community Centre resolved to initiate the "One Billion Youth For Peace" project. The official launch was on 24th August 2019 during the URI Annual Youth Assembly held at Karickam International Public School, Kottarakara, which was inaugurated by Shri Hari Sankar, I.P.S., District Superintendent of Police (Rural). The project was inaugurated by the founder president, Dr. Abraham Karickam and the logo was released jointly by Dr. Abraham Karickam and Prof John Kurakaran, former Global Trusty (URI). Around 200 young people from different educational institutes attended.

With immense faith in the young ones, we rise up to regain sanity. We will have one billion voices together, appealing to the conscience of the world and the masters on the driving seat on the fragments of the given earth. We aspire to leave a glorious globe for our children and grandchildren to thrive. Let us be peace ambassadors all over the world, saying no to war and terror. We are strong; we will not falter. We are one; we will not break. Yes, we are marching forward. We bid adieu to lethargy and fear. We will shine as the radiant sun. We will not rest until we win. This victory will not be for a fortunate few, but for all the ones who are fortunate to be born on this planet, our planet.



PEACE PLEDGE

We, the members of _____
(name of hosting school/college/association/institution/gathering) hereby assert that we will work tirelessly and always stand for lasting peace in the whole world. We plead all nuclear powers to deactivate all nuclear weapons, so that our earth will not be destroyed by accident or by human knowledge. Our dream is to see a world free of all weapons of all kinds so that posterity can inherit a peaceful earth, where all live in serenity and soundness forever.



CAMPAIGN

A team of volunteers under the coordination of Cosmic Community Centre conduct the campaign in Schools, Colleges, other Educational Institutions, Youth Clubs, Social Institutions, Associations, etc. and introduce the movement and make them partners in this Global Campaign. Cosmic Community Centre monitors the progress of the movement and on completion of the pledge taking ceremony, a report from the head of the institution is obtained and kept as part of Outcome Impact Indicator.

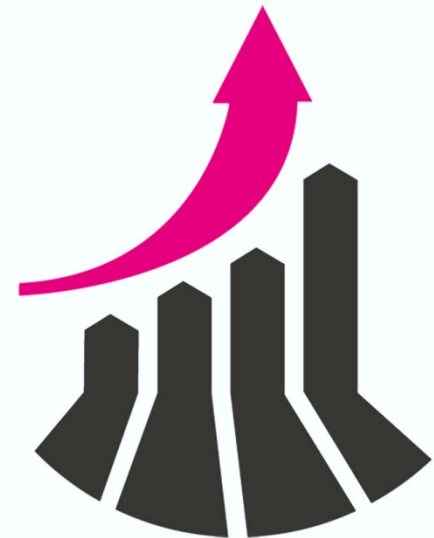
[For viewing more photos and videos depicting pledges taken by schools, colleges & other educational institutions, please visit website] <https://www.1billionyouthforpeace.com/gallery.php>



STATISTICS...

Followed by the launching the programme, the following activities were carried out at different places in promotion of the peace program till 24th February 2020, by which time the protocol restrictions on account of COVID-19 pandemic were imposed and the travel and public gatherings were banned:

• 24-08-2019 - Pledge taken during Youth Camp at KIPS	185
• 04-09-2019 - Pledge taking ceremony at KIPS	600
• 21-09-2019 - Public Peace Rally on International Day of Peace	1,000
• 10-10-2019 - Peace pledge at Laade Institute of Social Science	40
• 14-10-2019 - Peace pledge at BRM Public School	2,700
• 14-10-2019 - Peace Pledge at St. Mary's School Mulakuzha	400
• 20-10-2019 - Peace Pledge at Sri Lanka National Assembly at Kandy	200
• 22-10-2019 - Peace Pledge at Loyal College, Sri Lanka	600
• 07-11-2019 - Peace Pledge at Infant Jesus Central School, Thuvayur	370
• 13-11-2019 - Peace Pledge at Brook International School. Sasthamcottta	2,300
• 27-11-2019 - Peace Pledge at St. John's School, Anchal	2,760
• 27-11-2019 - Peace Pledge at St. Mary's Bethany Central Scl, Valakom	630
• 28-11-2019 - Peace Pledge at Mar Baselios O.S.Public Scl, Chirattakonam	765
• 09-01-2020 - Peace Pledge at Govt. Junior Collage, Bangalore	500
• 10-01-2020 - Peace Pledge at International Students Summit, Anchal	100
• 22-01-2020 - Peace Pledge at Stracy Memmorial School, Bangalore	400
• 30-01-2020 - Peace Pledge at Delta Cenentral School, Ayalara, Anchal	540
• 04-02-2020 - Peace Pledge at IRCS Youth Camp, Kamaraj Nagar, Mysore	109
• 06-02-2020 - Peace Pledge at Bangalore Intl. Academy E.M. School	400
• 06-02-2020 - Peace Pledge at Karnataka Arts College, Dharwad	60
• 12-02-2020 - Peace Pledge at N.G.P.M. Central Scl, Venchembu, Punalur	350
• 15-02-2010 - Peace Pledge at Youth Red Cross Committee, Bangalore	120
• 23-02-2020 - Peace Pledge at Y. R. C. Students Committee, Bangalore	114
• 24-02-2020 - Peace Pledge at The Popular New English Scl, Bangalore	95
• 24-02-2020 - Peace Pledge at KLES Institute of Nursing Science	40





OUR PARTNERS



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Peace Pledge & Functions



Inaugural Function at KIPS,
Mr Hari Shankar IPS (DSP) Kollam, Kerala



Laa De Institute of Social Sciences, Kollam



BRM Central School, Chengamanadu



Lamp Lighting - One Billion Youth 4 Peace



Delta Central School - Aylara



St. Mary's Bethany Central School,
Valakom



Loyal Ladies College - Kandy, Sri Lanka



Introduction of One Billion Youth 4 Peace,
National Assembly- Sri Lanka



St Johns School, Anchal

Peace Pledge & Functions



KIPS, Karickam



St Mary's Mulakuzha



NGPM Central School, Venchempu



Karnataka Arts College Dharwad



Bangalore International Academy



Infant Jesus Central School, Thuvayur



Mar Baselious Ocean Star Public School, Chirattakonam



Brook International School, Sasthamcotta



Gandhinagar Stracy Memorial High School, Bangalore

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Reception Ceremony



Inaugural Address



Inaugural Address by Moron Mar Baselios Cleemis, Ms Kehkashan Basu, Mr John Samuel on the stage

About Summit



The First International Students' Summit of Religions on Climate Justice was organized by United Religions Initiative, South India Region with resource partnership of John Paul II Centre for Interreligious Dialogue, Rome. The summit was hosted by St. John's School, Anchal and Karickam International Public School (KIPS), Kottarakara during 9-12 January 2020 in Kerala, India. Miss Kehkashan Basu, (Founder President of Green Hope Foundation & recipient of International Children's Peace Prize), from Canada was among the youth leaders, who participated in the summit.



Audience of Inaugural Function



Delegates of Students Summit 2020

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Peace Pledge



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Govt. Junior college, Jayanagar, Bangalore



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