



Foundation for Restoration of National Values

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Dear Friends of FRNV,

This Newsletter is an attempt to create a medium that keeps all of us connected in the process of building a stronger Nation! Through this newsletter we would like to share with you the various happenings and plans of the Foundation for Restoration of National Values (FRNV).

Following the first major milestone, the National Summit, FRNV has launched itself in a few critical areas of our National life.

We welcome your suggestions towards making this Newsletter an effective channel of communication.

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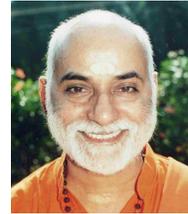
NATIONAL SUMMIT FINDINGS

1. Government of India setting up a National Value Restoration Council (NVRC), as an autonomous sovereign body, comprising equal number of members from Government and the Civic society.
2. Setting up an adequately empowered Ethical Surveillance Corps (ESC), to act as the Intelligence Arm of NVRC.
3. Formulating a National Value Education Syllabus for various tiers of education, right from the primary class, containing Nation's time-tested eternal values, disassociated from any religious tinge.
4. Making Healthcare, on which depend productivity and longevity of the people, a Fundamental Right.
5. Redressing expeditiously the bane of Female infanticide or foeticide, which, besides affecting grievously the balance of population, undermines the dignity of our Nation.

6. Setting up a National Institute of Journalism to impart the true history of our Nation, its millennia-old culture and ethos, to instill patriotic prudence and commitment in reporting of the news and views.
7. Consolidating all disparate security units under one National Security Platform, which should be absolutely freed from changing political rulers.
8. Making the Government accountable to the tax payers. Government has the bounden duty to explain why, where and who tampers with the disbursement process, so that people will be impelled to seek redressal measures.

BUILDING A BETTER INDIA!

"Individual's character and quality, determine National behaviour, like a cell's in the aggregate body. Educational system is the crucible to mould and shape the citizenry at any time. But alas, even after 60 years of independence, we have not evolved a National value-enriching Educational process. As a result, the epidemic of greed and possessives has become widespread. Fissiparous tendencies are too rampant. Unless we arrest these trends by adequate curative and preventive steps, the Nation's soul cannot be saved....."



"Do not blame the Government at all. The people alone constitute the Government. Government's lapses are our own insufficiencies. Parliament is elected by us. Its failure is our failure itself....."

Swami Bhoomananda Tirthaji
Inspiration & Guide

FRNV FOCUS AREAS

On 31st December, the Governing Body of FRNV met in New Delhi to finalize the following focus areas:

1. National Value Restoration Council
2. National Value Education Syllabus
3. Police Reforms
4. Electoral Reforms
5. "Hundred in Hundred" (induct at least 100 Friends of FRNV in all the major cities)

EVENTS

- ❑ A meeting of the Friends of FRNV based in Delhi was held in New Delhi on the 10th of December 2009, to share with the 'Friends' the findings of the National Summit.
- ❑ The President of FRNV, Dr. E Sreedharan and the General Secretary, Sri Bharat Wakhlu met the Prime Minister of India, Dr. Manmohan Singh on the 17th December to appraise him on the plans of FRNV.
- ❑ A meeting of the FRNV Governing Body and the Consultative Directorate was held in New Delhi on the 22nd of January to work out the strategies for the different areas.
- ❑ The Consultative Directorate which has been formed to recommend the most effective manner in which to implement the above areas comprises the following:
 - Justice Santosh Hegde, Lok Ayukta, Govt. of Karnataka
 - Sri TS Krishnamurthy, Former CEC
 - Sri DR Kaarthikeyan, Former Director, CBI and Former DG, National Human Rights Commission
 - Sri Sankar Sen, IPS (Retd.) Senior Fellow in the Institute of Social Sciences
 - Sri Gopal Ganesh, IAS (Retd.)
 - Dr. Vinay Dharmadhikari (Convenor)

PROPOSED REFORMS

Electoral Reforms:

FRNV will strive to bring to effect the following two reforms in our Electoral System:

- Disqualification of candidates with criminal background,
- Implementation of 'None of the above' option in the Electronic Voting Machines.

Police Reforms:

Despite the Supreme Court Order passed in 2006, even the basics of the Police Reforms have not yet been implemented. FRNV will strive to influence the Government and Judiciary to give citizens and the nation the necessary relief in this matter.

COMING UP...

The Jamshedpur chapter of FRNV will be inaugurated on the 25th of this month by Poojya Swami Bhoomananda Tirthaji at a function to be held in the Steel City.

You may already know that the Regional Chapters are already functional in Bangalore, Mumbai and Chennai.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

The website (www.valuefoundation.in) provides a very detailed report on the National Summit including pictures and transcript of the speeches by some of the Leaders who participated in the Summit.

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

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