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The recent <u>Global Energy Parliament 2023</u>, hosted by <u>His Holiness Jagadguru Swami Isa</u> and <u>His Excellency, Governor Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose</u>, at the <u>Raj Bhavan</u> in Kolkata, West Bengal, was stupendously memorable in every way. It was heart-warming to see my GEP family again (since 2010) and meet new GEP members. I experienced Kolkata, India's first capital during the British occupation, the magnificent historical <u>Raj Bhavan</u>, the <u>Indian museum</u>, the largest museum in Asia, and the <u>Victoria Memorial</u>. It was well worth the grueling 25-hour journey.

While at the GEP, I had two inspiring meetings with Governor Dr. Bose and his wife, First Lady Lakshmi. We discussed the current work the Governor is doing, his love for the people and Indian culture, today's challenges, the GEP and the Education for Total Consciousness program, and visions. The Prime Minister and West Bengal are fortunate to have a Governor with such a high consciousness, immense wisdom and knowledge, cultural understanding, and the ability to communicate, resolve problems, and improve living standards. It is no wonder he is so highly respected and much loved.

I also met with Prof. Rajeswari, Director at the Centre for Research and Development for the NVKSD College of Education's International Seminar on Excellence in Education, in Tamil Nadu, India. Dr. Rajeswari invited me to send a recorded speech for their Seminar on 15-16 December. Below is what I relayed in my recorded speech.

The Vision, Mission, Values, and Objectives of the <u>NVKSD College of Education</u> are impressive. They are very similar to those of <u>South Seas University</u>, where I am the CEO. Thus, we have a lot in common. We are uniquely different from other institutes of higher learning because of these valuable attributes.

I am also impressed that part of this school's Mission is to preserve Indian culture, which is unlike any other and goes back thousands of years. Culture should always be valued and protected along with the knowledge and wisdom of the elders, including women. At the same time, we need to learn from other cultures and respect their differences.

When confronted with AI and new technology, balance it with culture, knowledge of the elders and farmers, the Laws of Nature, and humanity.

Most of us care about our environment, freedoms, health and well-being, humanity, and future generations. We want to learn and be the best we can be.

Health is Wealth

Health is the ultimate wealth as it provides longevity and contributes to wisdom, none of which all the money in the world can buy. Value your health. Your inner and outer environments are inseparable. A healthy outer environment begins with a healthy inner environment. The media, TV, film, music, and social media are powerful tools. Use them wisely. Instead of polluting your bodies and minds with them, use them for skill enhancement and nourishment.

Mind and Body

Powerful corporations are trying to hijack our bodies and control our minds for financial gain. Be selective about what you expose your mind to and feed your body with. Children are particularly vulnerable. Think for yourself and let Nature guide you. I always apply three simple criteria to everything I do:

- 1. Is it conducive to good health?
- 2. Is it environmentally friendly?
- 3. Is it pleasing to the eye?

Education

Education is a powerful catalyst for inner and outer environmental conservation. As humanity grapples with escalating environmental challenges and failing health, education is paramount in fostering awareness, driving behavioral change, and empowering each generation to become stewards of a healthier planet and populace. Never accept censorship of expressions of thought or denial of alternative health options. Neither should medical procedures be mandated. One size does not fit everyone. Freedom to speak, a good debate, and alternative options produce a better understanding, truth, and a more peaceful, healthier outcome.

Environmental Consciousness

Education informs and helps shape perceptions, beliefs, and actions about our inner and outer environments and human physiology. Integrating environmental and holistic health studies into curricula at all levels equips individuals with a fundamental understanding of ecological systems, biodiversity, resource management, and a healthy society. This foundational knowledge elevates consciousness, empathy, happiness, and a deeper connection to Nature, the ultimate source of knowledge and wisdom.

Sustainable Practices

An educated populace with total consciousness is pivotal in cultivating sustainable practices for mitigating environmental degradation, developing skills, and creating beauty. Education empowers individuals to adopt eco-friendly behaviors, such as waste reduction, energy conservation, organic, regenerative agriculture, and responsible consumption. As <u>Dr. Vandana Shiva</u> said, "In Nature's economy, the currency is not money- it is life."

Policy and Advocacy

Comprehensive education empowers individuals to critically analyze inner and outer environmental policies, advocate for legislative changes, and participate in activism. A free, well-informed citizenry becomes instrumental in holding governments and industries accountable for healthier practices, products, and policies.

Innovation and Technological Advances

Education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fosters the development of eco-friendly technologies, renewable energy sources, and sustainable solutions for environmental issues. Nurturing a culture of innovation with value for the Laws of Nature is a powerful force behind transformative progress.

Cross-Cultural Collaboration

Education is a conduit that fosters cross-cultural understanding, collaboration, and knowledge-sharing among diverse communities for a more peaceful world.

Prosperity, Peace, and Happiness

Instilling a sense of responsibility and inner and outer environmental stewardship in young minds contributes to a sustainable, healthy economy, prosperity, peace, and happiness.

Conclusion

Nurturing inner and outer environmental consciousness, culture preservation, ancient wisdom, innovation in harmony with Nature, advocacy, and freedom ensures a sustainable, healthy, happy future. The Education for Total Consciousness (ETC) program, developed by His Holiness, Jagadguru Swami Isa, teaches all these values. ETC, an enviro-education program, establishes planetary stewardship for humanity and future generations.

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GEP 2023, Kolkata, W. Bengal, India 29-30 November



An impressive Opening Ceremony on the steps of the Raj Bhavan, 29 Nov 2023.

We sat below the steps where there was a bag pipe band, cultural performers, military, and a

crowd behind us. Security everywhere.



Lady Carla Davis and His Excellency Gov. Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Governor of W. Bengal, India, Raj Bhavan, Kolkata, India (Who I have known for many years through my work with the GEP)



Draping (honor) of fine cloth and gifts (books) presented to Lady Carla Davis by His Excellency Governor Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose and his wife, First Lady Lakshmi, at the Raj Bhavan, Kolkata, W. Bengal India, 29 Nov 2023.



Dr. Guido-Henri de Couvreur, VP of the Club of Rome; Prof. G. Shankar, GEP Minister for Housing & Founder of Habitat Technology Group; Dr. M.R. Thampan, GEP Sec.; Dr. Kiran Vyas, GEP Speaker; Lady Carla Davis, GEP Minister for Environment; Karin Tag, GEP Minister for Peace & Global Affairs, President KOWE; Sunil Kanoria, Hon. Consul General of Spain; HH Jagadguru Swami Isa, Founder of the GEP; Raj Bhavan, Kolkata, W. Bengal, India 30 Nov 2023



GEP Ministers, Members, HH Swami Isa, & Prof. at the Raj Bhavan, Kolkata, W. Bengal India, 30 Nov 2023.

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Photos below from GEP 2017

His Excellency, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, Governor of W. Bengal, India

It was through the Global Energy Parliament (GEP), several years ago (2017) that I first met and communicated with Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose. His high consciousness, love and devotion for his family, support and leadership as GEP Speaker of the Parliament, and UN Representative, along with other GEP work, have been immensely heart-warming.

When I read his book "Silence Sounds Good," I was even more impressed with this special person. He is not only a man of ideas, his life-long global experiences and adventures adds to his brilliance.

In addition to being highly competent and skilled in good governance, Dr. Bose is also refined and humble. Plus, he is a treasury of wisdom in literature, science, philosophy, politics, and Indian culture. Over the years, he has worked tirelessly to help lift others, and is a great inspiration to all those who are fortunate to come into contact with him.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Bose is one of India's finest citizens. He does everything to perfection, with attention to detail and class. The impact of his strong spiritual essence, humanitarian efforts, and well organized expertise on a global level is divine.

Dr. Bose is a leader among leaders who has a profound impact on all areas he is involved with!

I am honored to be among one of his many friends and colleagues.



H.E. C.V. Ananda Bose, Governor of W. Bengal & Lady Carla Davis, GEP Minister for Environment GEP 10 Dec 2017, Trivandrum, Kerala, India.

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Global Energy Parliament Press Release GEP Speaker CV Ananda Bose named Governor

18 November 2022

The Hon. Speaker of the Global Energy Parliament, Dr. C.V. Ananda Bose, has been appointed as the new Governor of West Bengal by the President of India.

Dr. Bose has been a key supporter of the activities of the Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust for more than 20 years, and the Speaker of GEP since its inception in 2010. He has chaired sessions of the GEP at Geneva, Madrid, Chiang Mai, and numerous times at Thiruvananthapuram and online. His able leadership and oratory brilliance make the GEP sessions enlightening and refreshing for all.

Dr. Bose has represented the Isa Viswa Prajnana Trust at the United Nations, where it holds Consultative Status. He has addressed the General Assembly and the Economic and Social Council to promote IVPT's concepts of Education for Total Consciousness and energy balance.

He was responsible for the inauguration of the Delhi Chapter of the GEP at the residence of the President of India, and for organizing many other activities to promote the IVPT and GEP.

Author of 32 books in English, Malayalam and Hindi, Dr. Bose has also published many articles about the teachings of Swami Isa and Education for Total Consciousness.

A retired civil servant and expert in Habitat, Dr. Bose has received the Global Best Practice Award by the United Nations for his work.

He has headed numerous committees and commissions for the Government, and also represented India at CERN during his time at the Department of Atomic Energy.

Earlier, Dr. Bose was the district collector of Kollam district in Kerala, where he was well loved by the people.

Recipient of the prestigious Jawaharlal Nehru Fellowship, Dr. Bose is also the first ever Fellow of the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration, Mussoorie.

The Global Energy Parliament conveys hearty congratulations to our Hon. Speaker!

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