

**Oral Statement by BK Kinnari Murthy**

As the world is passing through challenging times we have all gathered here today holding a common vision of a world free from all forms of poverty, where life can thrive. Everyone from all sectors is doing their best to make this happen.

Scientific Community has presented enough evidence to conclude that thinking patterns are both a cause and consequence of poverty. The global community of thinkers and policy makers have been endeavouring since the dawn of the era to solve this daunting developmental challenge.

It is evident, now more than ever, that the “outer” state of the world is a reflection of the “inner” state of its people. Therefore the solutions must also come from the non-material aspects of our existence - cultural, moral, ethical and spiritual. Efforts and initiatives to tackle poverty that lack these dimensions can therefore not achieve their objective. This has refocused global attention on the fundamental role of awareness development in resolving the crisis of poverty pervasive in developed, and developing countries alike.

Although there are enough resources for all human beings to live with dignity, many face extreme poverty. This is primarily caused by excessive greed of human-kind to want more, earn more and spend more. The sharing of material resources by those who possess them is vital for progress. This disoriented moral compass has restricted our otherwise natural nature of sharing. There is thus an urgent need to reinforce universal brotherhood, compassion and generosity in all levels.

Raja Yoga meditation is a tool for holistic development. It's a kind of meditation which recognizes and reaffirms the value of individual and thereby brings a shift in behavior.

1. Value of values – Each one is innately good. Recognition and nurturing of everyone's innate nature of peace, love, and happiness bring quality of life. Values are the most precious possession that gives life to life. It's important such seeds are planted early in life, harnessing self-worth.
2. Upholding human dignity –Recognizing that all are conscious energy, beings of light, source of life, erodes the false identity or relation to caste, religion, color, language, nationality. We need to support and encourage each other to tap into one's goodness, allowing human flourishing with love and patience.
3. Belonging – The reality of life is that we are individuals with a collective whole. All are interconnected and interdependent. When everyone is accepted as they are, without any discrimination, a platform for genuine improvement and development is created. In a safe and secure environment, trust and kindness grow.
4. Sharing – An attitude of sharing and compassion to uplift others from poverty will become the foundation of our global relationships. Caring is sharing and sharing is caring.

An example of this is the Divya Nagari project happening in India -

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