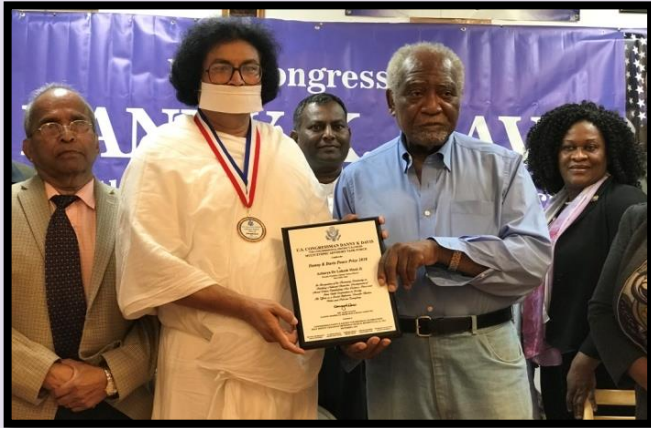


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Acharya Lokesh the first Indian honored with US Congress Peace Prize



Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni is the first Indian to be honored with the U.S. Congressional Danny K Davis Peace Prize for his efforts to promote Inter Faith Dialogue for World Peace and Harmony. The Award was presented by Honorable Congressman Danny K Davis, Ranking Member of the powerful U.S. House Ways and Means Committee at his Chicago Office. Many eminent people and Congressmen were present at the ceremony. In 2015 the speaker Mudasiru Ajaee Obasa of Nigeria's Logos State House Assembly, in 2016 Canada's Woman Foundation's chairmanship to Gabby Adityo, In 2017 President of Burma's Republic of Burundi, Dr. Klait Reverse, President of the Republic of Burundi were honored with this award.

Congressman for twenty years Danny Davis on the occasion said that Acharya Lokesh has set an example in the field of World Peace, Harmony and inter-religious dialogue. He is a ray of hope for world population who always strives to end terrorism, violence and differences from the world. This award recognises his pioneer leadership in Building National Character, Development of Moral Values, Establishing Non-violence, Peace and Interfaith Cooperation in the society. His efforts as a Social Reformer, Versatile Thinker, Writer and Poet are exemplary.

Acharya Lokesh on this occasion said that violence and terrorism cannot solve any problem. Violence raises counter violence. Violence in the name of religion is harmful to world peace. Violence, terror and tension that prevail in society disturb all the developmental activities.

Kishor Mehta, Chairman Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force, 7th Congressional District welcomed the gathering. Dr Vijay G Prabhakar Founder Multi Ethnic Advisory Task Force & President American Multi Ethnic Coalition Inc, Chicago introduced Acharya Dr Lokesh Muni. Dr Mazen Barakat, Senior Vice President of American Association Of Multi Ethnic Physicians Inc & Publisher Hyatt Magazine for Middle Eastern Americans, Illinois felicitated Acharyaji. Dr Gladys Folorunsho, President USA Africa Chamber of Commerce Inc appealed to Acharyaji to spread his mission to Nigeria, Ghana & Carrington Ranis Nations. Dr Zenobia Sowell, National Executive Board Member of Mennonite Church U.S.A proposed a vote of Thanks. Prof Dr Clarence Beals, Award Jury Chair, Colby Blair Smith, Award Jury Co Chair, Dr Sivakumar Madesan, Award Jury Secretary, Nagendra Sripada, IIT Alumni Association Of America, Gerard Moorer, Deputy Director Of U. S. Congressman Danny K Davis office, Chicago, Vijay G. Prabhakar, Senior leader of Jain Community Urvish Punatar, Founder of Religion World Bhavya Shrivastava and others were present at the Award ceremony.



Mohan Bhagwat, Acharya Lokesh inaugurated World Hindu Congress in Chicago



World Hindu Congress organised to celebrate 125th Anniversary of historical speech given by Swami Vivekanand Ji at Parliament of World's Religions in Chicago was inaugurated by RSS Chief Shri Mohan Bhagwat, Founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muniji, Vice President of Suriname Shri Ashwin Adhim, Swami Swarupanandji, Swami Puranatmananda ji, Sadguru Dilipji and others. Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi sent his message for the Congress. Eminent Spiritual leader HH Dalai Lama, Founder of Art of Living Sri Sri Ravi

Shankar gave video message on the occasion. Honorable Vice President of India Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu has reached Chicago to address the Congress. Representatives of more than 60 countries took part in the program.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the video message said that various aspects of Hindu philosophy can solve many problems present in front of the world. Shri Modi said, "The manner in which thinkers, scholars, intellectuals, enlightened thinkers are brought together in this conference is commendable."

Acharya Lokesh Muni said that India has always shown world the path of spirituality. This was proved 125 years back by Swami Vivekananda and Shri Vir Chand Raghav Ji Gandhi addressed the Parliament of World's Religions at Chicago, and it is proved today by organisation of World Hindu Congress in Chicago, USA. Religion has always taught us how to live together. Since early civilization religion has always brought people together to move ahead towards development.

Shri Mohan Bhagwat, addressing the World Hindu Congress, appealed to the Hindus to unite, he said that they should work together for the



betterment of humanity. Shri Bhagwat said that we are churning on how to develop. India's people have a dire need of ancient intelligence.

World Hindu Congress Coordinator Dr. Abhay Asthana and Chairman of the Economic Committee Dr. Bharat Barai told that approximately 2500 representatives from 60 countries are participating in 'Second World Hindu Congress'. In the three day Mahakumbh from 7 to 9 September important discussions are being held in seven categories namely World Hindu Economic Forum, Hindu Educational Conference, Hindu Media Conference, Hindu Organisational Conference, Hindu Political Conference, Hindu Women Conference, Hindu Youth Conference.



Vice President and Acharya Lokesh hold exclusive discussion in Historic Art Institute of Chicago



Vice President of the Republic of India, His Excellency Shri Venkaiah Naidu ji and Eminent Spiritual Leader Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni ji had an exclusive discussion at that historic Art Institute of Chicago, where 125 years ago Swami Vivekananda had overwhelmed the entire world with his expressive message in the World Religious Parliament. Ambassador of India in USA, Mr. Navtej Sarna was also participated in the discussion. They discussed World Peace and Inter religion Harmony on the occasion. Indian Ambassador in USA Mr. Navtej saran had specially invited Acharya Lokesh Muni ji at the program held at Art Institute of Chicago.

Acharya Lokesh addressed after 125 years of Swami Vivekananda at Chicago University

At the historic auditorium of Chicago University, where Swami Vivekanandji addressed the gathering 125 years back, the inaugural function of World Congress of Vedic Foundations of Management Science International Conference was addressed by HH Acharya Dr Lokesh. On 125th anniversary of Swami Vivekanada address in Chicago, Consulate General of India in Chicago, Neeta Bhushan, and Secretary General of the World Religious Parliament Dr. Larry Greenfield was also present. The three day conference was organised by Integrated Spiritual and Organisational Leadership Foundation (ISOL) in the leadership of Chair Mr. Bhailal Patel and Conference Chair Prof. Sunita Singh Sengupta.

Acharya Lokesh said that India can play an important role in the establishment of world unity and peace. In India, people of different religions, castes and lifestyle live together. Acharya Lokesh told that he had represented Jainism in the Parliament of World's Religions held in Salt Lake City in 2015 and will represent Jainism in the Parliament of World's Religions organized in November this year in Toronto.

CGI in Chicago, Neeta Bhushan said that the US has always welcomed Indian saints and Indian ideas. India and America can work together for world peace and religious harmony.

Dr. Larry Greenfield, Secretary-General of the World Religions Parliament said that when saints and thinkers of different religions give a message of human welfare and global unity from a stage, it will definitely have an impact and create a better society. The Parliament of World's Religions is a platform for interreligious dialogue and inter cultural harmony.



Chancellor KR Mangalam University Prof. Dinesh Singh, Dr H P Kanoriya, Dr Bharat Barai, Professor Sunita Singh Sengupta, Sunayana, Ashok Vyas and many eminent people expressed their views on the occasion.

Grand celebration on Paryushan Parv in Chicago

4 Maskhaman, 9

Varshiytap and 100 Athae Tap held

Paryushan Parv was celebrated with great enthusiasm in a Grand manner at Chicago in the auspicious presence of Jain Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni and Eminent Jain Philosopher Bhdrabahu Ji at Chicago Jain Centre. To listen to the enlightening lectures of Acharya Lokesh thousands of devotees come every day in morning and evening comprising of youth in large numbers. Along with discourse, brothers and sisters



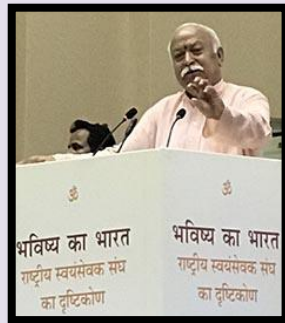
performing tapasya are also present. Many devotees have taken the oath of Athae Tap. It is notable that before this, Paryushan Parv was held in the vicinity of Acharya Lokesh, in London, Singapore, Malaysia and USA. Bhaktikar Anil Gemavat, Ankesh Bhai, Gautam Bhai encouraged the devotees with spiritual talks and songs.

At the Chicago Jain Center, thousands of devotees attended Paryushan Parv, 4 Maskhaman, 9 Varshitap and 100 Athae are being held. Pujya Acharya Lokesh Muniji and Badrabahuji encouraged the people on spiritual path with enthusiasm. Parnal Ben Shah, Surya Ben Mehta, Himesh Bhai Zaveri and Jayesh Bhai tied the Maskhaman.



Acharya Lokesh looking at the interest for meditation, yoga, spiritual discourses and penance in the city of Chicago, materialistic development is at its peak said that the attraction of people towards sacrificing and restraint based Indian culture proves that materialistic Development can provide means of happiness but not peace of mind. Spirituality is the only way for inner peace of mind. He said that religion is not against the materialistic development, but when the materialistic development is centred on the foundation of spirituality it becomes a boon for life.

Shri Bhadrabahuji said that the Paryushan parva is a special festival of Self worship. Jain Society Chicago's Chairman Atul Shah and President Vipul Shah expressed their views.



HH Acharya Lokesh participates as Honourable Guest in 'Future India from RSS View' addressed by RSS Sar Sangchalak Shri Mohan Bhagwat Ji in Vigyan Bhawan

