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Acharya Lokesh addressed COP28 Global Interfaith Conference at UAE

The teachings of Lord Mahavira, the solution to major global issues – Acharya Lokesh



Abu Dhabi, UAE: HH Acharya Lokesh, Founder of Ahimsa Vishwa Bharti and World Peace Center, attended the COP28-UAE Global Faith Leaders' Summit on Climate Action at Abu Dhabi from November 6-7, 2023. He was welcomed by the President of the United Arab Emirates and the ruler of Abu Dhabi His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan.

Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni underlined the major global concerns of poverty, injustice, violence, religious intolerance, and climate change and how the principles of Lord Mahavira offer remedies to all of these global issues. He advocated global participation and commitment towards the global issue of climate change and shared that Jainism offers a remedy to the same through the ideology of Shatjivanikay which states that all elements of nature should be treated as living beings and conscious must be applied to use these elements judiciously.



Acharya Lokesh Ji, representing Jainism, was one of 30 distinguished speakers at the summit, which brought together global faith leaders. Cardinal Pietro Parolin, representing Pope Francis; Prof. Mohamed Al-Duweini, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar's envoy; the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople; Swami Amritswarupanand Puri, the chief disciple of Mata Amritanandamayi Devi (Amma), Bhai Mohinder Singh of the Nishkam Seva Trust Birmingham, Sister Maureen Goodman, the Director of Brahma Kumaris in UK along with other leaders, in a striking display of solidarity, signed a paper titled "Confluence of Conscience: Uniting for Planetary Resurgence" which was publicly approved by The COP28 Presidency Dr. Al Jaber.

Acharya Lokesh discusses global issues & Jainism with UAE President

UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan and HH Acharya Lokesh had a significant conversation about global events and the state of the world today. Acharya Lokesh briefed the UAE President on Jainism's fundamental principles and how the ideology of the 24th Tirthankar of Jainism, Lord Mahavira offers answers to innumerable global issues such as climate change, violence/religious intolerance, poverty and inequality. He also updated the President on how the World Peace Center being constructed in the Delhi-NCR region will work towards spreading these ideologies throughout the world. It is scheduled to be formally opened in 2024.



Acharya Lokesh shares fundamentals of Jainism with UAE Minister of Tolerance and Co-Existence, COP28 President and Global Faith Leaders.







HH Acharya Lokesh, UAE Minister of tolerance and co-existence - Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubrak Al Nahyan and COP28 President Dr. Sultan Al Jaber discussed global challenges and their solutions as prescribed in the teachings of Lord Mahavira. Acharya Lokesh also shared how the Jain way of Living addresses most of the challenges being faced by the global community in the present times. The ideology was well appreciated by both the leaders.

Kazakhstan's Chairman of Senate & Acharya Shri discusses World Peace

Founder of World Peace Center and AVB, HH Acharya Lokesh and Kazakhstan's Chairman of Senate HE Mäulen Äşimbaev had a wonderful discussion on ways to promote the values of Peace, Harmony, tolerance, & Brotherhood internationally. Both of them were attending the COP28 Global Interfaith Summit at UAE.

Acharya Shri and HE Mäulen also revived the memories of Acharya Lokesh's visit to Kazakhstan during the Congress of the Leaders of World and Traditional Religions held in Sept. 2022.



HH Acharya Lokesh visits 1st BAPS Hindu Temple, Abu Dhabi, UAE



Pujya Brahmavihari Swami welcomed HH Acharya Lokesh at the 1st BAPS Hindu Temple at UAE and took him on an illustrious tour of the premises. Acharya Shri praised the magnificence of the under construction temple and called it exceptionally unique and a boon for the promotion of Indian culture and values. Sh. Ashok Kotecha, Sh. Rajesh Jain, Sh. Rakesh Mehta & Sh. Praveen Kochar also accompanied Acharya Shri on this historic visit.



Welcome of Acharya Shri of 1st visit to UAE

State Guest of UAE, HH Acharya Lokesh being welcomed by the Protocol Officer on reaching Abu Dhabi airport. Sh. Rakesh Mehta, Sh. Nitesh Jain, Sh. Atul Dhariwal & Sh. Yashpal Bhandari from UAE Jain Samaj also welcomed Acharya Shri on his first visit to UAE.



HH Acharya Lokesh's 2024 Paryushan declared for Dubai Jain Sangh. Jainism the most scientific way of healthy living - Acharya Lokesh.





The Dubai Jain Sangh welcomed HH Acharya Lokesh Ji on a 4-day visit to UAE while representing Jainism at COP28-UAE. During the pravachan at the welcome ceremony, HH Acharya Lokesh said that today the world is looking towards the principles of Jainism and the teachings of Lord Mahavira to find solutions of global challenges. Post-Covid, there is a growing interest and preference towards the Jain way of living all throughout the world. He stated that today there is a need to maintain a virtuous and clean lifestyle and to continue on the path as guided by Lord Mahavir. During the pravachan, the members of Dubai Jain Sangh requested HH Acharya Lokesh for his pious presence at Dubai for the 2024 Paryushan which was humbly accepted.

On behalf of Dubai Jain Sangh, Sh. Vinod Adani, Sh. Shekhar Patni, Sh. Rajesh Jain, Sh. Chandu Sirohia, Sh. Biren Jassani, Sh. Rajesh Jain (Delhi), and other dignitaries warmly welcomed Acharya Lokesh.

Spiritual programs by Abu Dhabi Jain Sangh & JLT Jain Sangh Dubai



HH Acharya Lokesh addressed Look & Learn Pathshala at the residence of Sh. Yogesh Julie Bhansali



Acharya Lokesh delivered the Evening Pravachan at Butterfly Event Hall, Abu Dhabi



Evening Pravachan at the residence of Sh. Rajesh Chopra, Abu Dhabi



JLT Jain Sangh, Dubai Pres. Sh. Rajesh Jain & members welcomes Acharya Shri during Pravachan at Jain temple

Glimpses of interactions with Global Faith Leaders at COP28-UAE





























