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About Us

Sister Hatune Foundation is an international (German based) organization, affiliated to several Charitable Trusts all over the world and with branches in Europe, USA, Middle East, Africa, India and Nepal.

The Foundation is working among the poor and sick as a helping hand to them with a secular policy.

We believe in sharing, caring and transforming the society in to a poor-free, healthy and harmonious society. We welcome you to join hands to help us for this holy mission.

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“Violence
is the law of the brute”
Mahatma Gandhi



Lighting the Lamp

Thiruvalla RDO Srimati. P.K.Jayasree inaugurated Trinity Training Institute, that is located in Othara, Pathanamthitta District, Kerala - India. **The Training institute has been set up by the Sister Hatune Foundation UAE Chapter with the support of Trinity Church Dubai.**

During the inauguration ceremony RDO stated that training women means training the entire society and that the opening of the training institute is expected to help tackle social problems women encounter.

India's development lies in the development of its villages. Without linking villages with the mainstream one can not imagine the development process in India. Hence development of information and communication technology in the villages and in rural areas and its uses in the education, science and culture related activities are most important for the self empowerment, and of the community as a whole.

She exhorted the Village communities and women in particular, to use the Institute for improving their skills and make the Community 'socially' as well as 'economically' sustainable.

RDO further expressed appreciation to the office bearers of Sister Hatune Foundation.

Commander T.O. Aleyas (Hatune Foundation General Secretary-world wide), Joseph M Putussery MLA, Soloman David (President, UAE Chapter), Dr.Alexander Karackal (Ex-Vice Chancellor), Dr. Liza, Fr. Jose Punamadam, Joby Joshua (General Secretary, UAE Chapter), Cherian Keekkad (Trusty, UAE Chapter), Daies Idiculla (Coordinator), A/d Prathapachandra Varma and Panchayat representatives of the village along with several dignitaries and media persons from Newspapers and TV and a large number of members of the local community were present at the inaugural ceremony of the Training Institute.

The Influence of Mahatma Gandhi

Rev. C.F. Andrews

Rev. C.F. Andrews (1871-1940) an Englishman, was a close associate of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore, and a friend of India. He was known as Deenabandhu (friend of the helpless) – as he was described by Gandhiji – and as "Christ's Faithful Apostle."

It may be well for people in America to receive at first hand a brief account of some of those characteristics in Mahatma Gandhi which make him the greatest spiritual influence in Indian political life at the present time. My own experience of him has been probably more intimate than that of any other Englishman; for I have had the unspeakable and inestimable privilege of his friendship, not only in India, but in South Africa. Therefore I am able to write from what I myself have seen and heard and known.

The most vivid impression of him, which stands out in my mind today, as I write this article, is that which I obtained during a very long and tiring day in Durban, South Africa, during the final act in the drama of the Passive Resistance Struggle. It was midsummer in the Southern Hemisphere, and the heat that day was terrific. There were, at the time, twenty thousand passive resisters, who were all making their preparations to march over the high veldt into the Transvaal in order to court arrest. They aimed at getting rid, once and for all, of the degrading system of Indian indentured labour, whereby the labourers, who had passed through their five years of indenture on the sugar plantations, were obliged to go back once more under indenture, or else to pay a poll tax of 3 pounds for every man, woman and child over 13 years of age, a thing that it was almost impossible for these poverty stricken labourers to do.

The racial insult of that poll tax had rankled long in people's mind in South Africa, and Mahatma Gandhi had at last shown them a way by which they might obtain salvation. They were to undertake a long march, which should be a kind of pilgrimage, into the Transvaal, appealing to the generosity and pity of human hearts which would be moved by such a sum of suffering.

On that day, which so vividly impressed itself upon my memory, the Indian labourers from the sugar plantations had left their work in a body and had come into Durban to meet Mahatma Gandhi. Already four thousand had gone forward, as a kind of advance guard, some weeks ago, and these had all been arrested and imprisoned. Mahatma Gandhi had been imprisoned also, and been released so as to come in terms. But when the withdrawal of the poll tax was refused he began again the struggle with greatly increased forces. The women and children who joined in this strange army were almost as numerous as the men. In all the history of the world, such a warfare, carried on by defenseless people, has hardly ever been witnessed. The whole effort was profoundly Christian in its bearing for those who had eyes to see and ears to hear and understand. At 110, Field Street, Durban, the headquarters of the campaign, was Parsee Rustomjee, a merchant, who had been all along a devout and courageous follower of Mahatma Gandhi and had himself faced a long imprisonment. Near to his shop were Mohammedan merchants, who were also helping in the struggle. The great bulk of the Indian labourers were Hindus, very many were "untouchables." But all were united together and equally loved by the one personality, whose leadership was unchallenged, Mahatma Gandhi.

At that time he was very little known, and his long passive resistance effort had gone on year after year almost unrecognized by the world at large. The Indians had silently suffered and endured. But then, at the end of 1913, things had come out into the open. General Smuts was the protagonist on one side and Mahatma Gandhi on the other.

The whole day long the crowds of passive resisters assembled in Parsee Rustomjee's courtyard. It was thronged almost to suffocation. The women and children were in the center, the men overflowed into the streets.

All through the long day I watched the behaviour of the crowd and their attitude towards Mahatma Gandhi, their leader. It was there for the first time that I could understand the secret of this amazing influence with his fellow countrymen and the reason for their devotion to him. I can only describe this briefly by saying that my thoughts went back to the Gospel story for an analogy. He was there, in the heart of that multitude that pressed upon him. They had come to him without anything to eat; and he was busy providing for their needs. An infinite tenderness and compassion shone from his eyes, while the mothers brought their little children to him, so that he might lay his hands upon them and bless them. The crowd would never leave him even for a moment and his patience was inexhaustible. He had no time for himself to rest or take his own meal while he supplied others with food, for they went on pressing upon him and he would not turn them away.

As I have often in memory looked back upon that scene and afterwards recalled many other pictures also of a similar character I have been able from time to time to find the parallels I needed in history. Sometimes the scenes I have witnessed have reminded me of stories about the Buddha. But most often my thoughts have turned to the legends concerning St. Francis of Assisi. Mahatma Gandhi is, most nearly of any one I know, the St. Francis of this modern age, the Little Brother of the Poor.

There is another side, and it flames forth on certain occasions in a manner quite unlike St. Francis. This attitude is more near to the historical parallel of Savonarola. For instance, with his mind aflame at the sufferings of the poor and the luxuries of the rich, he ordered bonfires to be made of foreign clothes and ornaments on the beach at Bombay, where nearly three hundred thousand people had assembled in excitement. There he mounted the great pile and himself applied the flaming torch at night, while the vast crowd raised shouts that rent the sky. This temperament must be reckoned with in his nature; but it is true to say that such puritanical fervour is never the deepest thing about him. The deepest side of his nature is to be found in his infinite tenderness and compassion and sacrifice for others and in the pure and radiant joy in poverty and suffering which binds his own heart to the poorest of the poor and also binds their hearts to him.

I have seen him in his own province of Gujarat, in the very midst of the country, entirely away from all big towns, under the full moon and the open sky. Yet even there the crowds had followed him. At the news of his coming, people had flocked in such numbers that the whole of one vast untilled area was covered by them as they camped out for the night. At the meeting place they were packed closely together on the hard dry ground, waiting for hours together in patience, eager to see his face and to obtain his blessing upon themselves and their little children. The crowd of women there was practically as great as the crowd of men.

So dense was the crowd on the occasion I am referring to that the platform on which he sat and from which he spoke was placed in the middle of a great field which was bare at that time of year. As I sat near him at the center it was hard to see how far the crowd extended back in all directions—behind him as well as in front of him. I was obliged to leave before the end of the meeting and walked through the crowd with difficulty. By the number of steps I took to get out I reckoned that the crowd every side was between 150 to 200 yards deep. Thus the whole country round had flocked in to see and hear Mahatmaji. There was a religious ceremony of a partial eclipse of the moon that night, but no one left his place. The one religious ceremony, which all the villagers were bent on was the sight of Mahatma Gandhi himself.

Such then is the influence of Mahatma Gandhi in India today. His imprisonment has not weakened that influence. He is today even greater than before, because it is based on a firmer foundation of understanding. His whole heart was set on love and unity and peace.

Mahatma Gandhi was a simple man, with simple tastes and high values.

Sister Hatune Foundation honored the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award Winner Dr. Radhakrishnan



Sister Hatune Foundation honored the Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award winner Dr. N. Radhakrishnan. The 16th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award was conferred on Dr. N. Radhakrishnan, Chairman, Indian Council of Gandhian Studies in recognition of his outstanding work to promote Gandhian values, Communal Harmony and Fight against Violence and Terrorism, at an impressive function held at Jawahar Bhavan, New Delhi on 20th August 2008. UPA Chairperson Smt. Sonia Gandhi offered him a bouquet while Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh welcomed him with a shawl. Chairman of the selection committee Dr. Karan Singh presented the Citation and the Award. Secretary of the Award Committee Sri. Motilal Vora proposed Vote of Thanks. A select gathering of over six hundred dignitaries attended the function.

“Awards and honors attain more value and fame when they are conferred on people of stature” Sonia Ganhi

I welcome you all to this function. This year's Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award is being given to Prof. N. Radhakrishnan. I believe that honors and awards attain more value and fame when they are conferred on people of the stature of Prof. N. Radhakrishnan. By this award, we honor the work of great individuals and who influence the public as well as the new generation. With their unique contribution and what are worth-learning about our society and culture tradition are the result of the hard-work put in by people like Prof. N. Radhakrishnan. He has devoted his whole life to highlight these issues over which we should be naturally very much concerned.

What are our social and political problems? Social and religious tensions, conflicts, violence and terrorism, lack of constructive thinking, poverty and illiteracy and finally the most important is the lack of values in our social and political lives. Prof. N. Radhakrishnan has worked on all these areas. In our society, there are scholars whose thoughts influence the public. The propagation of their thoughts is very vital but those who influence the society with their work leaves greater influence on the society. This is the tradition of Mahatma Gandhi and Prof. N. Radhakrishnan has been striving to walk in this tradition. It is my wish that all of us strive to follow this great tradition and encourage the younger generation to become familiar with this tradition. Younger generation will not to be influenced simply by our words; we may have to show them the way through our work. The focus of Prof. N. Radhakrishnan's work and writings has been this. He has worked in this direction, written along these lines and even now is active in propagating these values.



It is a matter of pride to remember that Sri Rajiv Gandhi in whose name this award is instituted strove to uphold and propagate these values. What ever he thought was about the welfare of the nation and society, particularly about the youth and he lived every minute to fulfill his promises and dreams. All of you might remember the travails he had faced to fulfill those objectives. Unmindful of the hostile criticism and difficulties, he went ahead in his chosen path working through day in and day out. Treading along like a true Satyagrahi, he sacrificed his life. Among the many values he cherished all through his life, *Sadbhavana* occupied a prominent place. People still remember the highly successful *Sadbhavana Yatra* he led. The manner in which he fought against poverty and the programs he visualized and implemented to eradicate poverty were equaled by his commitment to strengthen social harmony and national integration. We have named this Award offer Rajiv Gandhi because of this. I welcome Prof. N. Radhakrishnan to this function and congratulate him on my behalf as well as those present here. I express my gratitude to the advisory committee for deciding to confer this award on Prof. N. Radhakrishnan. Above all many thanks to all the dignitaries and colleagues for attending this function. Thank you, Jai Hind.

“Radhakrishnan’s work is in consonance with the vision of Sri. Rajiv Gandhi and the everlasting principles of *Sadbhavana*”
Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh

Respected Soniaji, Dr. Karan Singhji, Prof. N. Radhakrishnanji, Sri. Motilal Voraji, distinguished ladies and gentlemen.

Every year, on this day, we celebrate the birth anni-versary of the former Prime Minister and beloved leader Sri. Rajiv Gandhi. Sri. Rajiv Gandhi assumed the responsibility of leading our nation when it was facing one of its worst crises following the assassination of Smt. Indira Gandhi.

He displayed extra ordinary courage in confronting the spiraling cycle of violence and terrorism and restoring peace and sanity. He fought vehemently against the forces of hatred by promoting the cause of peace and goodwill.

It is therefore, a fitting tribute to the memory of Sri. Rajiv Gandhi that this award is given every year to distinguished men and women, who have devoted their lives to foster amity, understanding and social harmony.



The recipient of this year's Award is Prof. N.Radhakrishnan who has engaged himself in a wide variety of activities for promoting communal harmony, peace and goodwill. I extend my hearty congratulations to him for having been chosen by the distinguished Jury for this very prestigious award.

Friends, the culture of Sadhbhavana are the foundation of the Indian civilization. It is nourished equally by all different streams which have flourished for centuries in our country. The father of our Nation Mahatma Gandhi laid down his life for it.

The tradition of Sadbh-avana today faces great challenge. The divisive forces at work seek to challenge the very essence of what we understand as India. Sri. Rajiv Gandhi led our nation in the pursuit of tolerance and goodwill among our people. He was the quintessential embodiment of Sad-bhavana in the tradition that Mahatma Gandhi set for public leadership in this country. His message becomes most relevant at this time when we once again confront forces trying to spread hatred and disharmony in various sections of our society. We have to be alert to the challenges we face to our unity and integrity and mobilize people on the strength of Sadbhavana and using methods of dialogue and reconciliation to defeat the forces of hatred and violence.

Mahatma Gandhi's message becomes most relevant at this time, when we once again confront forces trying to spread hatred and disharmony among different sections of our society. He securely faced the mounting threats to our unity and integrity by mobilizing people on the thread of Sadbhavana. He took upon methods of dialogue and reconciliation to defeat the forces of hatred and violence. He took bold measures to restore peace and harmony in some of the strife-torn parts of our country, notably in Punjab, Assam and Mizoram. His words 'tolerance, co-existence, interactions and enrichment' have given our system strength. These words also underlined his vision of promoting understanding and fellow-feeling among all our people. Sri. Rajiv Gandhi's life and work will therefore continue to inspire our people for generations to come. Sadbhavana as a message is both locally and globally more relevant today than ever before.

The recipient of the 16th Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana Award Prof. N.Radhakrishnan has dedicated his life in promoting the ideas and ideals of Mahatma Gandhi. His work is in consonance with the vision of Sri. Rajiv Gandhi and the everlasting principles of Sadbhavana. In the true Gandhian tradition Prof. N. Radhakrishnan has undertaken the task of organizing and institutionalizing the Shantisena program at the Gandhigram University. He has carried his work in to the field in the naxalite affected Dharmapuri District of Tamilnadu. He has also worked to restore peace in areas characterized by communal tension and conflicts in Tamilnadu and Kerala. He has mobilized youth for creative social reconstruction in Hoshiarpur in Punjab, in Tripura and Assam.

As the Director of Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti for more than a decade he was instrumental in introducing many innovative programs in educational institutions for educating younger generations about Gandhian values and Gandhian ideals. He is now leading a campaign called *Himsamukth Bharat Andolan* which motivates families to become dedicated soldiers in campaign for peace and sustainable development. Mahatma Gandhi once said conflict need to end first in the minds of men and women and be replaced by Sadbhavana.

Prof. N.Radhakrishnan has continually kept this message of Mahatma Gandhi alive. It is extremely appropriate that a person like Prof. N.Radhakrishnan, known for his unwavering commitment to Sadbhavana is being honoured for keeping the lamp of peace, amity and harmony live in our midst. With so much violence and conflict all over the world it is important that we keep invoking the spirit of Sadbhavana that Prof. N.Radhakrishnan exemplifies through his work and life. India has always respected men and women of peace. It is a matter of great happiness for all of us that this year's Rajiv Gandhi National Sadbhavana award is being conferred upon a man of peace and social harmony that Prof. N.Radhakrishnan so eloquently symbolizes. I convey my greetings and good wishes to Prof. N.Radhakrishnan.

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Besides Housing Projects for the homeless, we also provide Medical Aid, Orphans Care, Self Employment opportunities, Drinking Water Wells and Financial help for the poor. We lend a helping hand in Disaster Relief efforts as well as a Sponsorship program for the Orphans.

Sister Hatune Dogan also has charity connections in the African Continent. The charity activities of Sister Hatune Dogan started in Africa. The Head Office of the Foundation is in Germany, with branches all over the world. We believe in sharing, caring and transforming the society into a poor-free, healthy and harmonious society. We welcome you to join hands to help us for this holy mission.

Activities of Hatune Foundation

Education Sponsorship: Sister Hatune Foundation believes that to get basic education is the right of every child and not a privilege. Sister Hatune Foundation started its different education support activities for the children.

The Education Sponsorship Program objective is to provide education support to children who are working and living in most difficult circumstances. Sister Hatune Foundation support covers all the schooling expenses of children including tuition fees, clothes, educational materials, along with boarding expenses when necessary.

FOCUS GROUPS: Sister Hatune Foundation aims to support the following groups of underprivileged children and those at risk condition through education opportunity: Homeless and destitute children, Street children, orphaned children, Children from slum and squatter settlements, Children abandoned or neglected by parents, Working children, Children of jailed parent/s, Children in bondage, Children of scheduled caste & ethnic minority, Children of the rural poor families

Hatune Foundation Conducted Charity Party at Brussels

Brussels: Hatune Foundation conducted charity party at Brussels. Hatune Foundation Brussels chapter aims to support the following groups (Homeless and destitute children, Street children ,Orphaned children, Children from slum and squatter settlements, Children abandoned or neglected by parents, Working children, Children of jailed parent/s, Children in bondage, Children of scheduled caste & ethnic minority, Children of the rural poor families) of underprivileged children and those at risk condition through education opportunity:

TARGET

10000 new children in general sponsorship every year. Special sponsorship as per necessary. Support Education Sponsorship Program.

Helping the needy is also a prayer

Thousands of Children's approach to Hatune Foundation regarding the education sponsorship program. An emergency fund has been created under Hatune Foundation which is financed by donations and Hatune Foundation fund raising



Hatune Foundation Brussels Chapter Team

activities. This fund is used in emergency situations such as sudden withdrawal of sponsorship, illness and accident of a child. The Emergency Fund also support to continue the education of children who lose or are separated from the earning member of their families. Donations for the Emergency Fund is also send to the below mentioned account number.

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Rev. John Weir (Senior Chaplain of Trinity Church Dubai) visit Free Training Institutes in Kerala

Free Training Institutes: Hatune foundation conducting free training courses for the poor. At present we have 8 institutes, established in association with the Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India. 540 students are getting free training through these institutes. During the year the foundation is planning to open ten more similar institutes throughout Kerala with the help of the Ministry of Human Resources, Government of India. We believe that *teaching the people to catch the fish is better than just giving them the fish.*



Classes for the new batches of Mor Malke Training Institute, Kurichy and Mor Augen Training Institute, Vakathanam inaugurated by **Rev. John Weir**, Senior Chaplain of Trinity Church, Dubai. He also distributed certificates of the course completed students of both institutes at the general meeting convened at Mor Malke Training Institute, Kurichy. During his inaugural speech he pointed out that women empowerment is the remedy for a balanced society. He added that Sr. Hatune Foundation plays a key role in the

women empowerment and the free training institutes run by them are the living testimony for that. He also pointed out that he is going to inaugurate the classes of Trinity Training Institute at Othara sponsored by Trinity Church, Dubai. He also inaugurate the Onam celebrations and cultural programmes performed by the students of both institutes. Commander T.O. ALEYAS, General Secretary to Sr. Hatune Foundation chaired over the function. Mr. P.J. Thomas, Kottayam District Secretary, CPM, Mr. Alex M. Chacko, State General Secretary, Merchants



Association of Kerala, Sri. Biju Poozhikunnil, Kurichy Panchayath Vice President, Sri. Ln. Rajan Daniel, Governor of Lions club etc. were participated in the meeting.



Later Rev. John weir inaugurate the classes of Trinity Training Institute, Othara sponsored by Trinity Church, Duabi. He also visited Mor Stefanos Training Institute, Vallamkulam, Mor Dimet Training Institute, Kuttanadu. There was a reception at Ranny for Rev. John weir organized by Merchants Association Ranny. The Ranny chapter of Sr. Hatune Foundation convened an interaction session with Rev. John Weir. He also inaugurated an ecumenical meeting at Salem Marthoma Church, Elanthoor, Pathanamthitta.

Students : Mor Malke Training Institute, Kurichy and Mor Augen Training Institute Vakathanam

Belgium Chapter convened a social charitable event

Hatune Foundation Belgium Chapter convened a social charitable event on 14.09.2008 for helping the Iraque War Refugees. A group from Indian chapter also participated in the party. Music and dance continued up to 3 AM. Students group from India also perform Bollywood dance in the party and the event became colourful. Commander T.O. Aleyas, General Secretary (World wide), Sr. Hatune Dogan, the Chairperson of the Foundation and several distinguished leaders from both countries participated in the event.



Indian Team at Brussels

Helping Hand to the Iraque War Refugees : Sisier Hatune Dogan urged the social activists in Belgium to extend the helping hands for the support that is made for rehabilitation process of the Iraque War Refugees. Sister Hatune Dogan was speaking at the inaugural function of "Social Workers Meet" conducted by Belgium Chapter. Hatune Foundation already started relief works in Turkey, Jordan & Syria. Hatune Dogan appreciated the support of different voluntary organizations in the world. Hatune Foundation General Secretary Commander T.O.Aleyas presided the meeting.

For helping the Iraque War Refugees Hatune Foundation already started efforts in Turkey, Jordan and Syria. Foundation collected money and materials through various chapters of the foundation world wide and distributed money and materials for the refugees in Turkey and Jordan. The help provided by Wilfred Wong from United Kingdom is also significant and thankfully remember the donors who supported through Mr. Wilfred Wong. Sister Hatune Dogan honored prominent social workers in Belgium during the function.

Best Wishes

Marrigae between **Binoj** son of Late T.O. Baby (Founder of ST. MARYS GROUP , Thiruvalla) and **Dr. Linda** daughter of Resso Kurt and Zakkia Kurt of Netherlands consecrated at St. Kuriakose Church , Enscherde Netherlands. The marriage ceremony conducted by **His Grace Mor Julios Hanna Aydin** the Arch Bishop of Syrian Orthodox Church, Germany.

