



Thadomal Shahani Centre for Management in collaboration with UNAOC unveils first-ever Unity in Diversity-World Civil Society in India

Mumbai: Tuesday the 15th, proved to be a day to remember when Thadomal Shahani Centre for Management and Global Dialogue Foundation Australia, in collaboration with UN Alliance of Civilizations and NGO DPI, unveiled the Unity in Diversity-World Civil Society, India Chapter. Hosted at K C College, Mumbai, the launch brought together thought leaders and key stakeholders who shared projects this society will undertake towards strengthening the motto of 'Unity in Diversity' across communities.

The day exemplified diversity in true sense in the presence of Dr. Zeenat Shaukat Ali, Islamic Research Scholar & Founder of Wisdom Foundation, Hindu Spiritual Head Gurudev Shankar Abhyankar and Father Errol D'Lima. Other eminent Indian and international guests present at the landmark day were Pece Giorgievski, Co founder & CEO, Global Dialogue Foundation, Iliana Schamatelka, Dave Rogers, Mukund Rajan, Tata Group, Ameya Dabli, Swades Foundation, and Samyak Chakraborty many others.

These eminent speakers also participated at a panel discussion conducted at the event and were sharing their interesting thoughts on unity in diversity. It is evident that in areas where there is no dialogue and no understanding of each other's insecurities, there is conflict. Therefore, a collaboration by citizens with Governments, and Religions as three basic pillars of the new world order based on Unity in Diversity will find its pathways for progress through dialogue and will build trust as the basis for respect and living as good neighbors.

Dr. Hanifa Meziou, Senior Advisor to United Nations Alliance of Civilization shared, "This day is a noteworthy step towards aligning India with global communal inclusion and integration. I urge all NGOs, private businesses, the government, religious and spiritual organizations to leverage the support of UN and forthcoming Indian institutions such as TSCFM to be the change they want to see in the world towards ensuring an inclusive tomorrow."

"India has stood out to the world for its unity in diversity; however communal discord has divided us time and again. The recent winds of intolerance further indicate the need for a collective regime. A policy framework coupled with measures such as identification of a grassroots Community Leadership Team and formation of National Steering Committee will go a long way in enabling UN's Sustainable Development Goals," stated Akhil Shahani, Managing Director, The Shahani Group.

The event continues on Wednesday 16 March, from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm at Thadomal Shahani Centre for Management, 257 SV Road, (next to Shroff Eye Hospital, Bandra, Mumbai 400050). From 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, the Unity in Diversity Peace Garden will be inaugurated at Muktanand Peace Garden, off Linking Road, Mumbai 54.