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Summary: As part of the launch, a Unity in Diversity Peace Garden will be inaugurated in Bandra on March 16, Wednesday. Revolving around advocacy, the Unity in Diversity move will bring together communities, the government, academic institutions, NGOs, corporates and even spiritual groups. Maya Shahani, chairperson, Shahani group, said people to represent each vertical have been selected and they will be discussing ways to take the initiative forward. The initiative has been launched in 19 countries over the last few years in collaboration with the United Nations

Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Thadomal Shahani Centre for Management and Global Dialogue Foundation. The initiative will be launched at KC College on Tuesday.

The initiative is in collaboration with the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations People from various walks of life with the common desire for an inclusive society will come together on Tuesday to launch the India chapter of the 'Unity in Diversity - World Civil Society' in Mumbai. The initiative has been launched in 19 countries over the last few years in collaboration with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC), Thadomal Shahani Centre for Management and Global Dialogue Foundation. Speaking to The Hindu on the eve of the launch, Hanifa Mezoui, senior advisor, humanitarian affairs and civil society, UNAOC, said India was by and large a peaceful country. "This is a country of less conflict.

It is a peaceful country," she said, adding that while there are differences in culture and religion, they haven't escalated like they have in other countries. "People here are interested in doing business. They don't stop. They are very busy making a living," she said, adding that India is not on the global map of conflict. Revolving around advocacy, the Unity in Diversity move will bring together communities, the government, academic institutions, NGOs, corporates and even spiritual groups. Peter Gorgievski, CEO and Director-General of Global Dialogue Foundation, said, "The work we undertake is in communities and it is with people, rather than sitting in offices.

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