



## **Unity in Diversity Companies - MUMBAI, INDIA**

April 8th was a unique day for Thodomal Shahani Group of Institutions. About 60 members from the corporate world assembled for A UNIQUE WORKSHOP FOR BUILDING UNITY IN DIVERSITY.



Prominent corporate groups like TATAs, Yes Bank, Colliers Intl, Kotak, HSBC, DCW, etc., were represented by senior functionaries. The NGO sector as well as Professionals, Doctors, Lawyers were the other groups along with representatives from various religions and media.

The workshop was part of an ambitious initiative called "UNITY IN DIVERSITY-World Civil Society", launched last year by the Shahani Group & Global Dialogue Foundation (GDF) in collaboration with the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC).

The workshop was anchored by Peter (Pece) Gorgievski, Director-General & CEO Global Dialogue (Melbourne), Maya Shahani Chairperson, Shahani Group, Iliana Schmatelka, Intl Consultant from Vienna & GDF Deputy Director-General, and Akhil Shahani MD, Shahani Group.

Each of the 7 groups of participants were encouraged to come up with suggestions as to how they can, in their respective domains, bring about UNITY IN DIVERSITY. All the 60 participants displayed huge enthusiasm, gave their ideas & suggestions, and developed individual action plans - these ideas were noted by other groups, as well.

THE UNITY IN DIVERSITY, India Chapter was officially launched in Mumbai in March last year by Hanifa Mezoui - Senior Advisor, UNAOC. It was followed by the inauguration of a PEACE GARDEN at Santacruz. Subsequently, an Interfaith Dialogue on the UN International Tolerance Day was held in Nov. A round table discussion on 'Business For Building UNITY IN DIVERSITY' was conducted among 50 top business leaders, under direction from Senior Advisor - UNAOC.

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