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23rd April, 2026

Dear Friend / Friends,

I cordially invite you to attend the 12th International Conference on Peace and Nonviolent Action (ICPNA) to be held at Ladnun, District Didwana–Kuchaman (Rajasthan), India from 05th December to 07th December, 2026, with the concluding session on 08th December, 2026 (morning). The theme of the conference is: "Nonviolence (Ahimsa): A Global Imperative for Sustainable Peace."

I am sorry to say that this conference in person is being organised after 07 years i.e. after the 10th ICPNA which was held in December 2019 at New Delhi, On account of the outbreak of the dreadful Covid in 2020-21we could not organise any conference in person. We did organise 11th ICPNA online in 2024 but the conference with the physical presence of all candidates is to be held on the above date only.

The venue of the conference is Ladnun, the town where Jain Vishva Bharati Universty is situated. Moreover, it is globally known as the birthplace of late HH Acharya Tulsi. I would also like to bring it to your kind attention that the 1st ICPNA was held exactly in these very dates in the year 1988 at Ladnun. It was presided over by the first Anushashta HH Acharya Tulsi in the benign presence of late HH Acharya Mahapragya (then Yuvacharya).

It is a matter of great joy for us to announce that the 12th ICPNA will be held under the auspices of the current Anuvrat Anushashta, Acharya Shri Mahashraman.The detailed conference brochure is enclosed for your perusal and decision. We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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International Coordinator

Shri Pratap Dugar
President
ANUVIBHA

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Chair Organizing Committee
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12th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND NONVIOLENT ACTION

December 05 to December 08, 2026

Theme

Nonviolence (Ahimsa): A Global Imperative for Sustainable Peace

Venue

Ladnun Didwana-Kuchaman (Rajasthan), India

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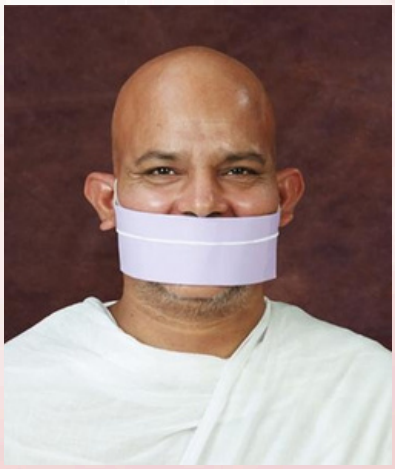

Anuvrat Anushasta His Holiness Acharya Mahashraman

His Holiness Acharya Mahashraman is the distinguished successor to his illustrious gurus, His Holiness Acharya Tulsi and His Holiness Acharya Mahapragya. He is the eleventh Acharya of the Jain Shwetambar Terapanth order and the spiritual head of the Anuvrat Movement, a global initiative dedicated to the rejuvenation of moral and spiritual values. As a Jain monk, he exemplifies the highest ideals of ascetic discipline, strictly observing the five great vows – nonviolence (Ahimsa), truth, non-stealing, non-possession, and celibacy – in thought, word, and deed. A dynamic and sagacious leader, he is widely regarded as an embodiment of spirituality and ethical living.

Deeply concerned about the rising tide of violence across the world, Acharya Mahashraman draws particular attention to the growing prevalence of verbal and emotional violence within families, educational institutions, and society at large. He cautions that such subtle forms of aggression, if left unchecked, can escalate into severe conflicts and even wars. Through the Anuvrat Movement, he advocates individual responsible behaviour and self-discipline, encouraging people to commit themselves to a life free from unnecessary violence. His vision lays the foundation for personal transformation, social harmony, and enduring global peace. He enjoins individuals to observe the 11 small vows (anuvrats) and resist nonviolently wars, racial prejudice and injustice.

12th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PEACE AND NONVIOLENT ACTION (12th ICPNA)

Nonviolence (Ahimsa): A Global Imperative for Sustainable Peace

05th December to 08th December, 2026

Aims and Objectives

1. To promote a global understanding of nonviolence as a powerful philosophy and practical method for achieving lasting peace.

2. To create an international platform for scholars, activists, policymakers, and community leaders to exchange insights on nonviolent approaches to conflict resolution.

3. To encourage collaborative action toward building cultures of peace at local, national, and global levels.

About the Theme

Every right thinking person in the world is deeply concerned about the rising trends of violence and hatred in all parts of the world. What worries us most is that many children and youths are being systematically indoctrinated to commit heinous crimes in the name of religion. Not a day passes when we do not hear of the incidents of the rape of minor girls, murders of women, children and senior citizens. The incidents of verbal and emotional violence are galore at school, college and family levels. Moral and spiritual values are at their lowest ebb. The prospects for peace at global level also appear quite bleak. Racial, ethnic and caste conflicts in different parts of the world are continuing unabated. The big nations are vying with one another to produce more atom bombs and weapons of mass destruction for hegemony and bullying. The UN which prevented wars and conflicts in the post world war II era has been weakened by big veto wielding nations. The prospect of war is looming large even now when most people of the world are struggling to make both ends meet.

In such dismal scenario of decadence at all levels only a culture of ahimsa, love and tolerance can save the humankind from extinction. Ahimsa does not mean mere abstinence from physical violence but it also means refraining from violence in thought and word. The seeds of violence or nonviolence first sprout in our mind so efforts should be made to nip the evil in the bud during childhood itself. We have to find out how educators can resist this trend towards nihilism, cynicysm and dictatorship. We affirm that nonviolence remains a key tool for universal peace and sustainable global civilization in which all can live in peace and non-harm with all others. It is possible only through both individual and collective efforts. As humanity transfers its unique capacity for intelligence into autonomous systems, a new moral frontier has emerged. In a world torn apart by strife, escalating wars, structural inequalities and environmental collapse Artificial Intelligence (AI) stands at a crossroads: it will either deepen our divisions or provide the tools to heal them.

The 12th ICPNA is more than a conference; it is a global inquiry into whether the ancient value of Ahimsa (Nonviolence) can guide the design of our future. We seek to evolve a roadmap for a civilization where both human and machine intelligence are consciously aligned with ethical restraint, compassion and reverence for all forms of life.

Call for Papers

We invite proposals to speak on the sub-themes given below. There will be nine Plenary Sessions in all. The duration of each Plenary Session will be one hour and 45 minutes. There will be five speakers excluding the chairperson for each session. Only fifteen minutes will be given to each speaker however for publication the written paper may be longer. Thirty minutes are reserved for discussions.

Plenary Sessions and their Sub-themes

1. The Quest for a Nonviolent Future: Is a world without violence possible through the convergence of interfaith wisdom and technical ethics?
2. Race for Nuclear Arms in the Present Age. Is Nuclear Holocaust Looming Large?
3. Building Cultures of Peace Through Education and Community Action.
4. Interfaith Insights, Interreligious Understanding and Cooperation for a Nonviolent Future.
5. The Algorithmic Economy: Ecological implications of AI energy use and the pursuit of nonviolent lifestyles in a high-tech world.
6. Seville Statement on Violence, Its Background and Conclusion that Both the Seeds of Violence and Nonviolence First Arise in Human Mind. Do you agree?
7. Essential Ingredients of Nonviolent Lifestyle: Can Nonviolence Lead to the Advent of a World Without Violence?
8. Anuvrat as Digital Antidote: Updating the vows of simple living and self-restraint for social media and algorithmic consumption.
9. Climate Crises and Ahimsa : Towards Ecological Non-Violence.

Suggested Topics for Workshops

1. The Seville Statement on Violence and Machine Learning: Connecting the rejection of biological determinism to how AI "learns" peaceful or violent patterns.
2. Digital Governance & Human Rights: Ethics, data justice, and democratic accountability in an AI-dominated society.
3. Social Cohesion: Opposing gender, family, and racial violence in the age of screens and digital amplification.
4. Preksha Meditation and Jivan Vigyan as Instruments for attitudinal changes in individuals.
5. Artificial Intelligence and its inherent perils : What measures do you suggest to escape these perils?

Note : The above sub-themes are mere suggestions. One can choose one's own sub-theme broadly matching the theme of the conference.

Guidelines for Plenary Presenters

Those who want to make plenary presentations are advised to read the sub-theme of a particular session minutely and stick to its spirit. The papers of those who write irrelevantly and whose language is full of errors will not be considered for presentation. If the content is good, please get it edited by an English language teacher or professor.

For a presentation at any of the above Plenary Sessions please use the suggested format and email it to icpna@anuvibha.org giving following details:

1. Title of the paper or presentation
2. Name of the plenary session for which it is meant
3. Summary of your paper in 150 - 200 words. Please use Seperate Sheet for it.

The programme committee will inform you of its decision in the 1st week of October 2026.

Workshops

In addition to the above Plenary Sessions there will be nine parallel workshops in all but organizing more workshops or less may be considered if the need arises. The organizers will have the liberty to club together three or four proposals for a workshop. We request you to specify the topic of your workshop clearly. Each workshop will be of one and a half hours duration. The workshop will be led by the proposer and he or she will be free to choose other speakers – not more than three. Each speaker will get fifteen minutes only. Thirty minutes are reserved for interactive discussions.

To submit proposals for a workshop just write the title and a summary of what you would like to discuss in two hundred words. It should be emailed to icpna@anuvibha.org

A Round-table for Youths

Topic – The Role of Youths in Building a Peaceful Society

There will be one Round-Table for youths on the above topic. Youths from all over the world are invited to participate in this Round-Table. The youth who wants to participate in it should email to icpna@anuvibha.org his views about the topic in 100 words. The Round-Table Convener will choose nine best participants on the basis of their write-ups. The youths must register in large numbers. They can sit as observers, listen to speakers and participate in discussions at the round- table or any other session they would like to attend. The Round-Table will be of one and a half hours duration. Each youth participant will get seven minutes. The last date for the proposal will be 30th September,2026.

Last Date for Speakers at Plenaries, Workshops and Round-table for Youths

30th September, 2026

For Registration

Every participant whether he or she is a presenter or a non - presenter will be required to register himself or herself before 30th September, 2026 in the prescribed format given at the end of this brochure. There is no registration fee.

The officially confirmed presenters or non - presenters will be provided free local hospitality including accomodation, breakfast, lunch and dinner. They will be accommodated in the guest houses situated in the sprawling JVB Campus furnished with Gandhian Simplicity.

Venue and Related Information

The venue for the 12th ICPNA is Ladnun, Dist. Didwana – Kuchaman (Rajasthan). It is the birth town of Late His Holiness Acharya Tulsi – the ninth Acharya of Jain Svetamber Terapanth. It is also the seat of the Jain University and Jain Vishva Bharati, an organization dedicated to service and traditional studies of Jainism. JVB Campus houses the Jain University, staff quarters, Jain University office, hostel, Amritayan – a residence for samanis (semi-nuns) and also a specific complex used for visiting monks, Acharya Shri or Chaturmas of Acharya Shri or any other monk. The town Ladnun is also known for some very old Jain Temples. It is well connected to Jaipur by a good road and to Delhi by train.

Travel Information for Both Overseas and Domestic Participants

For overseas friends it is advised that all should arrive in Jaipur by the evening of 3rd or 4th December, 2026. They can arrive in Delhi or in Mumbai from Europe or North America, South America, South Asia etc. They can fly to Jaipur by any of the several domestic airlines. If they come to Jaipur they should consult the Associate International Coordinator Mr. Jai Bohra Mobile & WhatsApp No +91- 9829216435 a week before they fly to India and he will book your room at ANUVIBHA Kendra. Participants may conveniently travel to ANUVIBHA Kendra on their own via taxi or app-based cab services (Ola/Uber). The address of Anuvibha Guest Houses at Jaipur is: B01–B02, Opp. Gaurav Tower, JNL Marg, Jaipur – 302017, India. One or two special buses depending on the number of participants will leave for Ladnun after lunch at 02.30 PM. Those who fail to reach Anuvibha Kendra before 2:00 PM on 4th December should hire a taxi and reach ladnun at their own expenses.

Visa Information

Those who have attended earlier ICPNAs are already aware that the best way to get visa for India is to apply for a tourist visa only.

Language

For 12th ICPNA only English language will be the medium of expression. The participants of some countries who do not know English will be allowed to bring their own translators / interpreters but the time taken by the presenter and the the translator will not exceed twenty minutes. So they should trim their texts to fit into this time limit.

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05th December to 08th December , 2026 at

REGISTRATION FORM

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1. Full Name : _____

Family Name First Name Middle Name

2. Title: Mr./Mrs./Ms./Dr. etc.: _____

3. Age (Years): _____ Male or Female: _____4. Nationality _____

5. Passport No. (If a foreigner): _____

6. Postal Address: _____

City/Postal Code and the name of the country:_____

Mobile No. : _____ Office: _____

WhatsApp No. : _____ Email: _____

7. Institutional Affiliation: _____

8. Accommodation : The delegates will be accommodated at the Guest Houses at JVB Campus Ladnun furnished with Gandhian simplicity.

9. Anticipated Date and Time of (i) Arrival : _____

(ii) Departure :_____

10. Are you going to make a presentation at a Plenary or Panel Session or any Workshop? If yes, please write the title of your paper _____

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11. Your brief profile (100 words only) You can use a Separate Sheet for it :

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12. If you are a presenter, please write the name of the Plenary Session, Workshop or Youth Session at which you will speak or read the paper. Please write the title of your presentation and summary of your speech or paper in 200 words. (Use a Separate Sheet for it.)

Note: Email this registration form to icpna@anuvibha.org