

President calls for mutual respect by followers of all faiths for world peace

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President Droupadi Murmu stressed the importance of mutual respect and cooperation by the followers of different faiths for world peace. "From 'Inner Peace to World Peace' is an essential message for the welfare of the entire humanity in today's global environment," said the President while addressing a gathering at the Global Spirituality Mahotsav in Hyderabad on Friday evening.

Global Spirituality Mahotsav, organised by the Ministry of Culture (Special Cell) and Heartfulness with the theme 'Inner Peace to World Peace', began at Kanha Shanti Vanam on the outskirts of Hyderabad on Thursday.



President Droupadi Murmu and others during the Global Spirituality Mahotsav at Kanha Shanti Vanam in Hyderabad on Friday. ANI

"Consciousness itself is spiritual consciousness, and there is no room for any kind of discrimination and division in this consciousness," she said. The President said a life based on morality and spirituality is beneficial at both individual and social levels.

She said only the good deeds done in the present

determine the nature of the future. "Our thinking creates our destiny, and our passions and hostility affect our lives. To create our destiny, we have to control our mind and for this we have to take the help of meditation," said the President.

"If all persons ensure their own improvement

and work altruistically, then together we all will be able to take the entire humanity in right direction," she said.

Musical rendition

The event witnessed musical rendition by Shankar Mahadevan, Kumaresh Rajagopalan and Shashank Subramanyam, according to a press release.

The event, being held at the world's largest meditation centre, is attended by spiritual leaders from all faiths.

The summit is slated to host various panel discussions; **cultural programmes** associated with spirituality; an exhibition showcasing India's spiritual history; narratives of peace; and an immersive experience of spirituality through books and music.