



FOUNDATION FOR
UNITY OF RELIGIONS AND
ENLIGHTENED CITIZENSHIP



ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT FUREC

Q 1. What Is FUREC?

FUREC is a Non-profit organization set up by 15 spiritual leaders to sustain human spirit on the basis of acceptance of, and respect for, all religions, spirituality, economic well being and on the practice of Non-Violence (Ahimsa).

Q 2. When was FUREC launched?

FUREC was launched by Hon'ble President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on the birthday of H.H. Acharya Mahaprajna, the 15th June 2004 at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

FUREC was registered as Society with Registrar of Societies, Delhi Government on 21 October 2004.

Q 3. What is the genesis of FUREC?

The Hon'ble President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has always been perturbed by divisive forces and religious fundamentalism disturbing the Unity and bonhomie among our countrymen as well as state of 'underprivileged segment' of our society. His vision for a fully developed beautiful India with prosperous and harmonious life for its citizens, especially the youth, motivated enlightened spiritual and religious leaders who organized a Conclave under the aegis of H.H. Acharya Mahaprajna the spiritual leader of Jain Community at Surat on 15th October 2003 also the birthday of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, President of India. The Action Plan discussed during the Conclave was documented and is known as 'Surat Spiritual Declaration' (SSD).

The SSD Action Plan envisages Five Garland Projects. The emphasis of four projects was on celebration of inter religious festivals, multi religious projects, healthcare and employment, imbibing value based education in schools and encouraging interfaith dialogue among religious/spiritual heads. In order to pursue the above in sustained manner and to coordinate all activities, a national level independent and autonomous organization managed by religious/spiritual leaders as well as scholars and Enlightened Citizens was set up. This organization was named "Foundation for Unity of Religious and Enlightened Citizenship' (FUREC).

Q 4. Who are the signatory of FUREC?

15 Spiritual/Religious Leaders belonging to nine religions followed in India, are the signatory of FUREC. They are, Archbishop Stanislaus Fernandez, Bishop Dr. Thomas Dabre, Brahma Kumari Sudesh Didi, Dr. Homi B. Dhalla, Dr. J.S. Neki, Jagadguru Sri Sri Shivaratri Deshikendra Mahaswamji, Mahathero Rahul Bodhi, Maulana Wahiduddin Khan, Prince Husaifa Moyiduddin, Rev. Ezekiel Isaac Malekar, Sadhvi Kanakprabha, Sri Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji, Swami Jitatmananda ji, Syed Jilani Ashraf and Yuvacharya Mahasraman.

Q 5. What are the activities of FUREC?

FUREC functions at three levels of Human Existence. At the level of the individual, it seeks to develop a common agenda for the development of a violence free individual or the Enlightened Citizen; at the level of the Society, it seeks to eradicate poverty through economic upliftment, harnessing the teachings of spirituality; at the collective level, it seeks to bring about better understanding between the different faiths/religions and bring about amity between them.

Q 6. Where is FUREC located?

The Registered Office of the FUREC is situated at 2nd Floor, Nehru House 4 Bahadurshah Zafar Marg, New Delhi 110 002. Regional chapters of FUREC are launched by the Signatories.

Q 7. How can we assist / participate in FUREC?

FUREC invites all like minded people to join the Support Group to start a Project especially in rural and underdeveloped areas anywhere in India, and offer their support in terms of their ideas, their time and their influence. Every Project for alleviating poverty requires a Patron. FUREC values its PROJECT PATRONS and hails them for its effective working.

For more details contact FUREC Secretariat at the above given address or contact us on:

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FROM THE DESK OF APEX BODY MEMBER
SRI BALAGANGADHARNATH SWAMI



The Adichunchanagiri Math and Indian Cultural Council conducted a unique training camp for religious leaders at the BGS International School at Vivekanandanagar near Bangalore, from 11 to 16 April 2005.

His Holiness Sri Balagangadharanatha Swamiji who delivered the benediction speech said brain-drain was affecting Hindu Dharma and causing a decline in cultural values.

Nation building had to be achieved on the foundation of Hindu Dharma. The people had to be made aware of nation's rich heritage. Training camps of the kind under way would help produce the right leadership to achieve this objective, Sri Swamiji said.

The task had to be accomplished setting aside consideration of faith, caste, ego and selfishness. The protection of India culture and Hindu Dharma would be possible when everyone worked in unison, Sri Swamiji added.

Religious leader like Sri Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, Sri Sri Vishvesha Teertha Swamiji, Sri Sri Shivapuri Swamiji, Sri Sri Dayananda Saraswathi Swamiji, Sri Sri Ravishankar Guruji and Sri Sri Siddalinga Swamiji participated in the camp and gave their blessing.

Letters received from Readers evincing interest in taking part in the Core Activities of FUREC are given below:

*Mr. Dhalchand Jain, Ex MP, Chairman: Vishwa Ahimsa Sandh, New Delhi.
Madhya Pradesh Swatantrata Sangram Senani Foundation, Bhopal*

"I am impressed by the activities undertaken by your young organisation and I am keen to be part of FUREC to carry forward the noble work undertaken by it. Please send me the details regarding Membership and Rules & Regulations of FUREC."

Mr. Nagaraj, Ideal Institute of Technology, Ghaziabad.

"I would like to participate in the development work undertaken by FUREC. Kindly send me all the details."

Mr. Balubhai M. Patel, Gurukrupa, Patidar Street, Near Satkeval Temple, Umra (Athwa), Surat

"Kindly send me detailed information regarding registration to participate in the activities of FUREC."

*Col. Dr. Virendra Kumar Sahi (Retd.), Vir Chakra,
Sahi Enclave, 560A Colonel's Colony, Airport Road, Jammu Cantt - 180 003.*

SUPPORT GROUP FOR J & K CHAPTER

"The most pertinent evaluation of religious thought, concept, action and implementation lies in its universal application; well above any man made differentiation and dogmas, rituals and orthodoxy that has come to be known to distinguish, men from men/women of whatever origin. Spiritual values may extend well beyond the mankind and engulf in their fold of love, all lives; human, animals, plants and injure no one - not even(in) a thought.

With backdrop of such personal faith, I have learnt broadly about the proposed functions of the FUREC. The state of J & K, despite its ongoing bloodshed and derailed life, yet has a ray of hope for revival of its known traditions and great human values. That have survived and remained kindled in some kind hearts and withstood all that came against them in past six decades.

I have known and respected religions of our land but I am no religious entity. At this stage I would like to know more about your organisation, and the ways to assist the cause of your J & K chapter. I have some four decades of administrative experience in the Army/Government, now heading an NGO. Possibly I could contribute efforts for establishment, administration & liaison activities."

Mrs. Sadhana Pandey, Executive Director, Vivekananda Institute of Professional Studies, New Delhi has sent a telephonic message, excerpts of which are as under:

"I am interested to join FUREC for the noble cause it is working. Please let me know details and modalities with regard to Membership of your esteem organisation."

Foundation for Unity of Religions and Enlightened Citizenship

Thank you for your interest in becoming an Associate Member of FUREC. Your Membership is extremely important to us. FUREC welcomes to you to its Fold and assure you that your Associate Membership as Project Patron/Member will be both satisfying and rewarding.

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Please go through the details given in the Associate Membership Form below, and provide this Foundation the inputs for our perusal and consideration.

Brig. P.K. Langar (Retd.)
Coordinator

Associate Project Patron Membership Application Form

Full Name _____

Father's/Husband's Name _____

Profession/Organisation
you belong to _____

Address (Work Place) _____

Address (Residence) _____

Telephone No. _____

Mobile No. _____

Fax No. _____

Email ID _____

How do you get to know
about this Foundation _____

Associate Project Patron Membership Desired

Type of Membership	Requirements
Platinum Project Patron Membership	Requested to donate Rs. Five Lakhs or above, or start a project under the Core Activities of FUREC at place of your convenience to be completed within two years and thereafter donate Rs. Two lakhs every year or start another project to be completed in one year.
Gold Project Patron Membership	Requested to donate Rs. Three Lakhs or above, or start a project under the Core Activities of FUREC at place of your convenience to be completed within two years and thereafter donate Rs. One Lakh every year or start another project to be completed in one year.
Silver Project Patron Membership	Requested to donate Rs. Two Lakhs or start a project under the Core Activities of FUREC at place of your convenience to be completed within One year and thereafter donate Rs. 50,000/- every year or start another project to be completed in six months.
Bronze Project Patron Membership	A Dedicated Enlightened and Spiritual Individual will be offered this Associate Membership provided he undertakes to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Provide and supervise volunteers to work relentlessly for implementing ongoing FUREC projects in his state/city/village■ Spread FUREC message to people in his place of influence and make efforts to fulfill FUREC objectives by providing his expertise and leadership.■ Remit a yearly fee of Rs. 1000/- to FUREC.

NOTE : DONATIONS ARE EXEMPTED UNDER SECTION 80G OF INCOME TAX ACT 1961 AND WILL BE ACKNOWLEDGED IN FUREC SECTION OF MAGAZINE 'YOU CAN CHANGE THE WORLD' AS ALSO IN FUREC WEBSITE WWW.FUREC.ORG.

*Donations may be sent in favour of “**Foundation for Unity of Religions and Enlightened Citizenship**”*

Donations from people located in foreign countries can be sent to:

Syndicate Bank,

I.P. Estate Branch, New Delhi - 110 002,

Swift Code No. **SYNBIN BBA070**, For credit of **C/A 9017-101-5587** of FUREC

I have understood the above and am interested to take part in the Core Activities of FUREC. I am desirous of enrolling myself with FUREC as (Please tick (✓) the desired box):

- Platinum Project Patron
 Gold Project Patron
 Silver Project Patron
 Bronze Project Patron

Date:

Place:

Signature of Applicant with Name

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