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## MESSAGE

Today we are member of global culture in which socio-cultural environment is being radically transformed. Our cultural horizon today embraces almost all the planet. Societies have become less and less mono-cultural. Different cultures are developing in such a way that it is no longer possible to think of adaptation of a homogeneous environment.

Globalization can lead us to cut throat competitions, rejection of even one's own valuable culture and traditions. It can also contribute to a new cooperative human society, a more caring and compassionate human being. The right attitude towards globalization can serve as a vehicle for promotion of inter-connectivity and interdependence.

A healthy happy society is one in which all its members feel included and do not feel that they are excluded from the processes of the society because of their colour, culture, caste, religion, gender or community.

We must understand that our own life and long term peace, prosperity and happiness is endangered if societies are not build on inclusivity. Peace and security are facing new challenges that could have negative implications if we do not address them positively.

On this backdrop, it is praiseworthy that New Acropolis Cultural Organisation is celebrating 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Rashtra Pita Mahatma Gandhi and to mark the celebration, an event with the theme, Empowering Real Change: Leadership for a Better World has been organized.

I congratulate New Acropolis Cultural Organisation to have taken this initiative as a tribute to Mahatma Gandhiji's legacy and I wish all success in their future initiatives also.

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