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Prime Minister

MESSAGE

I am pleased to learn that a conference on the theme “Empowering Real Change: Leadership for a Better World” is being organized by the New Acropolis Cultural Organisation on the occasion of 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi.

When the country was yearning for freedom, Mahatma Gandhi developed a collective sense of purpose among the people. Such was the commitment to the ideals of freedom, that every action, task or endeavour performed was dedicated to the nation. In using the charkha, keeping surroundings clean, making salt – in every task Bapu inculcated a national consciousness.

One of the firm beliefs of Mahatma Gandhi was that, it is only through a ‘*Swachh Bharat*’ (Clean India) that we can ensure a ‘*Samridh Bharat*’ (Prosperous India). It is a matter of pride that, today, the nation is walking in his footsteps with immense vigour and hope. Due to widescale participation of people, cleanliness has become a mass movement.

We, as a nation, must come together to fulfil our collective destiny. To build a New India of opportunity, economic development and social empowerment, leadership is crucial.

Mahatma Gandhi showed that effective leadership combines the power of example and action. Acting upon ideals and leading by example is the best form of leadership. It fills me immense hope and happiness to see the young generation coming forward to take the lead in ushering a social transformation.

I appreciate the efforts of the New Acropolis Cultural Organization in providing a platform to develop leadership for a better world, inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi.

I am positive that the conference will be instrumental in leveraging the strength of quintessential Indian ideals that Bapu symbolised.

I convey my best wishes to the organisers and hope that the conference attains its goals.

(Narendra Modi)

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