

Veerayatan's Pledge for Non-Violence

The twentieth century has been called the most violent century in all of human history. The human mind is capable of engendering a level and intensity of violence so severe that it is unmatched by any of the earth's other creatures. Yet, the human mind is equally capable of creating an ideal world filled with peace and love. Just as a single stick can be broken, but a group of sticks, entwined by understanding and bound by love is unbreakable, so too must we unite to counter the violence that has pervaded the world. By coming together, our strength is indestructible. Veerayatan has initiated the pledge for non-violence so that human beings worldwide can join us in the movement to create a more peaceful world.

Veerayatan began as a dream in the mind of the great Indian scholar, Rasthrasant Upadhyaya Shri Amar Muniji. Inspired by his vision, Acharya Shri Chandanaji nurtured this seed into what is now considered one of India's leading non-governmental humanitarian organizations: Veerayatan. Established in 1973 in the unwelcoming environment of Bihar, Veerayatan has succeeded in bringing light, energy and hope into the lives of hundreds of thousands of people all over the world. With its world-renowned eye hospital and orthopedic center in Bihar, its educational institutions throughout Kachchh, its inner development center in Pune and its offices in America, England, Kenya, Singapore, Australia and Canada, Veerayatan has inspired a world movement devoted to improving the health, education and quality of life of all of humanity, without regard to caste, creed, race, religion or socioeconomic status.



Mission

- Veerayatan is devoted to uplifting and empowering humanity through seva (humanitarianism), shiksha (education) and sadhana (inner development).

Visions

- To inspire active awareness of individual responsibilities to humanity
- To encourage individuals to act for ecological protection and conservation
- To develop concerned, humble human beings through education
- To reinvigorate and strengthen humanity through inner development

I believe in these visions and I take
Veerayatan's Pledge for Non-Violence:

1. I will spend at least one week every year physically doing humanitarian work.
2. I will spend 1% or more of my income on charitable causes.
3. I will plant at least three trees every year.
4. I will spend at least twenty minutes everyday in self-introspection and meditation.
5. I will eat only vegetarian food and I will not serve or spend money on non-vegetarian food.
6. I will avoid drinking alcohol, smoking or using recreational drugs.
7. I will spend at least four hours a week reading literature that contributes to individual and social upliftment.
8. I will not participate in riots and other types of violent activities.
9. I will channel my political and social passions into productive activities and peace.

I honestly take Veerayatan's Pledge for Non-Violence
and agree to abide by it in letter and in spirit.

Date: _____

Location: _____

Signature: _____

Membership to the Veerayatan Family

We are very happy to be including you in the Veerayatan Family. Please provide the following information on the next page. We will keep you informed of Veerayatan's activities throughout India and abroad. For updated information, or to generously contribute to Veerayatan's humanitarian activities, please visit our website at www.veerayatan.org.

One form per member is necessary. Please refer to membership fees as designated below:

Members in the United States, Australia, Africa, Asia, and South America: \$10 USD. Members in the UK: £7 and members in India: Rs. 100. (Differences in membership fees reflect differences in mailing costs.)

You may send money order, cheque or draft (made payable to Veerayatan):

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Please write in all CAPITAL letters. Mandatory fields are designated with a star(*)

DATE FORM FILLED*: _____

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DATE OF BIRTH*: _____

AGE: (Members should be 10 years or older) _____

GENDER*: _____

NATIONALITY: _____

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION: _____

OCCUPATION: _____

COMPANY: _____

ADDRESS*: _____

CITY*: _____

STATE/PROVINCE*: _____

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AREA OF INTEREST FOR SEVA (humanitarian work): Please check all that apply.

- Education**
Teaching English and computer courses, vocational training courses, programs in slums, and so on.
- Health**
Teaching courses on hygiene, mobile medical unit, health education in slum areas, and so on.
- Administration**
Preparing progress reports, contacting well-wishers and donors, writing letters and articles, and so on.
- Environmental Protection**
Teaching, organizing courses on water management, sanitation, general resource conservation, foresting, planting trees and so on.
- Residential Dormitory**
Teaching, tutoring, general care taking of children in the hostel, and so on.
- Technical**
Website development, updating contact databases, updating software, publications, and so on.
- Other**
Please specify your area of interest.
- Check here if you would like information on how to publicize or start a branch of Veerayatan in your area.

I heard about Veerayatan through:

- A Veerayatan Brochure/ Publication
- Internet
- Word of Mouth
- A Community Event
- A Veerayatan Event
- A University _____ (list)
- Another Organization _____ (list)
- Other _____