



SDJF Newsletter

LET'S CELEBRATE THE UNITY IN DIVERSITY WITH SOLIDARITY ON INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY DAY ON DECEMBER 20.

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International Human Solidarity Day is celebrated every year on December 20th to raise awareness about the importance of solidarity. On the other hand, it is an attempt to celebrate the world's unity in diversity. According to the United Nations (UN) that the day is marked to promote public awareness of the value of solidarity, to stimulate new efforts for the eradication of poverty, and to remind governments of all nations of their obligations under international accords.



The word "solidarity" has the broad meaning that it is going beyond cultures, gender, and ethnicity and ensuring there is mutual care and concern for justice. Between solidarity and respect have a good connection because solidarity is best shown when one shows respect for another with mutual understanding. Understanding the needs and circumstances of others, on the other hand, is a component of solidarity. When combined with solidarity, unity becomes the most powerful word, defining an awareness of shared interests and objectives based on a psychological sense of unity. Therefore, solidarity can be said to be a method, which refers to the ties in society that bind people together as one. Also, solidarity is an important component in reducing poverty in any community.

History of the world solidarity day and world solidarity fund.

The United Nations General Assembly established the World Solidarity Fund on December 10, 2002. Later, in February 2003, the fund was established as a trust fund of the United Nations Development Program based on objectives such as eliminating poverty. Apart from poverty reduction, it is used to promote human and social development in developing countries, especially among the poorest segments of their populations. According to the United Nations Millennium Declaration, solidarity is one of the fundamental values that are important for international relations in the 21st century. According to the United Nations Millennium Declaration, solidarity is one of the fundamental values which are important for international relations in the 21st century. International Human Solidarity Day is designated as a day to celebrate global unity in diversity. It is also a day to remind governments to respect their commitments to international agreements, a day to raise public awareness of the importance of solidarity; a day to encourage debate on the ways to promote solidarity for the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, including poverty eradication; a day of action to encourage new initiatives for poverty eradication.

SDJF promotes unity among Sri Lankan university students through Project EMPOWER, which aims to foster a sense of solidarity among Sri Lankan youth.

Co-existence, diversity, pluralism, preventing violent extremism, and non-violent communication are co-features of democracy and peace, and those are the key areas in a solidaristic society. Learning about the characteristics of peace and democracy is especially important for youth groups living in a multiethnic country like Sri Lanka in order to preserve ethnic harmony. However, finding the solution to achieving peaceful cohabitation among ethnic groups with various cultural traditions in a multiethnic state is a significant issue that exists not only in Sri Lanka but globally. "Harmony" refers to the feelings of cultural sharing and tolerance, which encompass many religious and cultural traditions and peaceful coexistence in the same social setting. Every ethnic community has different identities, ways to settle disputes logically, and other things. There have been numerous instances in Sri Lanka over the last

What is the significance of human solidarity in Sri Lanka?

Sri Lanka is a country where people of different religions and cultural backgrounds live together. Therefore, Sri Lanka has a diverse society, with people belonging to various communities and having different needs and expectations based on their beliefs. In general, it can be recognized as multiethnicity or multiculturalism.

However, a diverse environment has multiple benefits, especially for personal and social development. It can assist in dispelling old misconceptions in addition to helping people become more welcoming and knowledgeable of other cultures. Living in a multicultural environment

helps people understand the world around them and break down cultural stereotypes.

The predominant feature of Sri Lanka is its religious, cultural, and ethnic diversity. It is a home for diverse people from diverse ethnic backgrounds, professing different religions, and nurtured by an array of cultures. However, because of this diverse environment, developing a mature nationalism that unites all the communities is a challenge due to their cultural and ethnic diversity. Even after ending 30 years of ethnic conflict, Sri Lanka continues to face challenges due to its multiethnic diversity. Religious and cultural misunderstandings are a challenge that Sri Lankans face from time to time, and each community frequently has small ethnic conflicts with each other based on religious beliefs or cultural misunderstandings. Therefore, it is important to have that mutual understanding and respect for each community's cultural values and religious beliefs, which will enable Sri Lanka to conquer the social, economic, and cultural challenges it faces as a third-world country.

decade that demonstrates how ethnic issues can become key factors influencing people's lives regardless of which community or ethnic group they represent. Therefore, promoting democratic values such as diversity and equality is an important factor in Sri Lanka, especially to overcome the socio-economic challenges that the country is facing today as a third-world country. With the objectives of promoting diversity and coexistence among Sri Lankan youth and building up a sense of unity among each of the ethnic communities in Sri Lanka, the Project Empowering Youth-Led Initiatives in Prevention of Violent Extremism (PVE) in Sri Lanka (EMPOWER) was launched by SDJF with the collaboration of Helvetas Sri



Lanka and financial support from the Global Community Engagement for Resilience Fund (GCERF). Over the course of seven months, this project will work with university students to increase their understanding and knowledge of the drivers of violent extremism and transform them as change agents to spread coexistence and peace among peer university students, thereby creating a community of students who are exceptionally sensitive and respectful of different cultures, religions, and ethnicities. Not only that, SDJF is taking on the responsibility of promoting equality and justice while fostering harmony, which are also values of solidarity. SDJF and its partner organization Helvetas organized a successful panel discussion with the young university students who contributed to Project InSpire during the 16 days of activism, which was a period when the entire world talked about gender equality and the rights of females and girls.

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