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It is again proved that right people take right initiative at right time. It is all about the two day convention organized by Brahma Kumaris. At a point where we all see violence against women hitting the peak across the nation, they have organized a two day national convention on non-violence and truth. The convention focused the topic "**Ahimsa paramo dharma and Bhagawad Gita**". This was inaugurated by **Dr. K.Rosaiah**, His Excellency The Governor of Tamilnadu, on 21st December 2013 at 6.30 p.m at Rani Seethai hall, Chennai.

The speakers hailed the initiative of Brahma Kumaris and the importance of such conventions. They also have said, non-violence ahimsa is supreme conduct and the ancient people of India lived by these principles. Bhagawad Gita has been widely acclaimed as text of profound spiritual wisdom and universal values. There are clear references in the Gita towards a subtle war. God establishes a righteous world not through violence but through complete non-violence. Reading some part of Bhagawad Gita should be a daily routine and taking the richness of the Bhagawad Gita to the younger generation is important.

The word Bharath has three letters in Hindi Bha – granaries of food, sign of prosperity – Ra – culturally rich, ancient - tha – divine and spiritually rich. Bharath is land of Buddha and Gandhi. Our nation has got freedom through this great divine virtue of non-violence. But now, we feel ashamed, when we see what happens around us. This is called as Dharma Gani. At this junction, these events bring people together to say that we do not belong to this land that we see today, but belong to land of Gods, the same Bharath, where peace and happiness prevailed.

The other eminent speakers were **Justice Eswaraiah**, Former Acting Chief Justice, High Court, A.P. and Chairman, National Commission for Backward Classes, **Justice Tamil Vanan**, **Judge Madras High Court**, **Justice Rama Subramanian**, **Judge, Madras High Court**, **Dr. D.R. Kaartikeyan**, Former Director, CBI, Advisor: Law Human Rights, Corporate Affairs, **Srimath Swami Buddhianandaji Maharaj**, Sri Ramakrishna Mutt., Chennai, **Shri S. Gurumurthy**, Chartered Accountant & Corporate Advisor, Scholar & Writer, **Thiru La. Ganesan**, Chairperson – Brahma Gyana Saba & Founder-President, Potramarai – Trust, Chennai, **Prof. S.M. Mishra**, Sanskrit Scholar, Faculty, Kurukshetra University, **Shri I. Trinath**, Gita Scholar, **Dr. Mrs. Pushpa Pandey**, Gita Scholar, Rajyogi **B.K. Brij Mohan**, Addl. Sec. General, Brahma Kumaris, Mt. Abu, Editor, PURITY Magazine, Rajyogini **B.K. Asha**, **Director**, Om Shanti Retreat Centre, Delhi.

Earlier B.K. Beena, service coordinator, Brahma Kumaris, Tamil Nadu briefed about the institution and welcomed one and all to the convention. BK Uma, Senior Rajayoga Teacher and BK Muthumani, Senior Rajayoga Teacher made participants to bask in peace with their guided mediation commentaries. Ms.S.J.Janani, Singer & Music Director made participant's ears sweet with her invocation song. Students of Sree Jagathguru Vedha Vidya Bhavanam School chanted the Shrimad Bhagawad Gita slogans making the atmosphere more divine. Welcome dance was performed by Students of "Kalaimamani" Smt. Parvati Ravi Ghantasala, Kalapradarshini. BK Sundaresan and BK Neelima coordinated the programme on the first day.