

Agus Indra Udayana
Recipient of the International Award
for Promoting Gandhian Values Outside India - 2011

Born: 6th September, 1969

Agus Indra Udayana since a decade has been actively engaged in promoting Gandhian values in Indonesia through his four ashrams in Bali and Lombok based on the principles of non-violence, truth and humanitarianism. He has been constantly participating in various national and international forum on nurturing democracy, religious harmony through inter-faith dialogue, education and involvement of youth in activities promoting Gandhian values.

Agus Indra Udayana is disseminating Gandhian ideologies particularly those relevant to the prevailing social concerns through seminars, workshops, competitions, camps, interfaith dialogue and prayers. He has translated Gandhian writings into Indonesian language.

Prompted by a serious concern for the spiritual, cultural, social and economic life in Bali, the Ashram Gandhi Puri was instituted to promote enduring interfaith and dialogue to create cultures of peace, justice and healing.

Under the leadership of Agus Indra Udayana, the four Ashrams facilitate accommodation and overall developmental support to the economically poor students. These Ashrams are Ashram Gandhi Puri - Chhatralaya, Denpasar Ashram Gandhi Puri - Sevagram in Klungkung Regency, Ashram Gandhi Puri - Vidyagiri at Lombok; Ashram Gandhi Puri - Satyadharma. All these Ashrams are managed by the students who have been provided with infrastructure and finance to manage daily affairs of the Ashrams.

Each student is required to attend regular activities of the Ashram such as morning and evening prayers, reflection as well as human resource development through Yoga classes, cleaning the surroundings, daily discussions on Gandhian philosophy, Maha Shanti Puja program and more. They are also required to be involved in the youth environment, social, culture, as well as peace and interfaith movements. The local people have benefited a great deal from the services and teachings of the Ashram in the areas of brotherhood, self reliance, environment, etc.

Agus Indra Udayana has been a steadfast friend of India and actively assisting in promotion of Indian art and culture in Indonesia. He has also been promoting Balinese art and culture in India with the assistance of Indian Council for Cultural Relations. He has been co-ordinating, alongwith officials from the Provincial Government of Bali, for establishing a Bali Dwipa Pura Cultural Centre in Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.

Agus Indra Udayana maintains close contacts with the prominent Gandhian scholars in India, as also with Gandhi Smriti and Gandhi Smiti, New Delhi; Sarvodaya International Trust, Bangalore; and Gandhi Peace Foundation, New Delhi among others. He regularly participates in social work activities in India, Indonesia and other parts of the world working in close co-ordination with the NGOs promoting Gandhian values and Hinduism.

International students from Universities in America visit Gandhi Puri Ashram in Bali for learning about the activities of the Ashram under Gandhi Vichaar Studies and for interacting with the Balinese youth working and promoting Gandhian values and ideals. The students from various Indonesian universities also visit the Ashrams for research/doctoral projects.

Awards and Honours

Agus Indra Udayana has been conferred the Pemuda Pariwisata Harapan Award, in 1999 for his contribution towards promoting tourism and culture through youth. Earlier, in 1990, Remaja Dewata Award was presented in the field of promoting art and culture.

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