

Prepared to broker peace: Ravi Shankar



Comments 0



AT News 7 September 2017 9796 views

Spiritual [leader](#) Ravi Shankar on Thursday evinced keen interest to broker peace with the rebel groups operating in the north eastern region.

Talking to media in the sidelines of the meeting of the north eastern [indigenous](#) groups in Guwahati, thr spiritual [leader](#) said hr wants the region to restore peace with active role of the rebel groups.

Flanked by [ULFA](#)(I), [leader](#) Anup Chetia he said ,“Several youth have already expressed their desire to come overground if the government ensures a respectable [deal](#). They are watching how the government handles the case of the 68 youth who recently surrendered in [Manipur](#) with our intervention,” he revealed.

He said diverse groups have come together on a common platform to discuss the issues facing the region. “There are differences of opinions and I see it as a healthy [sign](#). Once the basic principle of peace is established, all differences can be sorted out,” he added.

Earlier delivering the keynote address at the STRENGTH IN DIVERSITY: [North East](#) Indigenous People’s [Conference](#), he said, “This is a new beginning for the [North East](#). For the very first time, there is a reconnect of people of this region, which is so diverse.”

Saying that his [heart](#) goes out to the people of the region who had to undergo much suffering for decades, Gurudev observed that while the aspiration of every [group](#) that has gone into militancy has been to achieve prosperity and [welfare](#), it cannot be achieved with conflict and has to come with cooperation. It is only this understanding that can mark the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the region, he remarked.

The conference saw the participation of [leaders](#) from all walks of life, including [leaders](#) who have formerly taken up arms. Several former underground [leaders](#) led by General Secretary of United Liberation Front of Assam ([ULFA](#)) Anup Chetia were among the conveners of the event. Other prominent names include former [leader](#) of armed [Tripura National Volunteers](#) Bijoy Kumar Hrangkhawl and Dilip Nunisa of Dima Haram Daogah, the Assam-based militant outfit that laid down arms in 2013.

Anup Chetia, along with the other prominent [leaders](#) at the conference acknowledged and appreciated Gurudev's interest and commitment to the region and resolved to continue to work together to bring peace and prosperity in the region.

The conference saw the attendance of a large contingent of [leaders](#) from [Nagaland](#), including former army chief of [NSCN](#)(IM) Lt Gen VS Atem and several other [leaders](#) from various social, ethnic, linguistic and religious groups.

R S Mooshahary, former [Governor](#) of [Meghalaya](#) was present too and hailed Gurudev as a peace ambassador.

The day long deliberations at the [Conference](#) ended with the signing of the Guwahati Declaration by The Art of Living representatives and other [conference](#) partners, including the convener committee as well as all the linguistic, tribal, ethnic and insurgent groups of [North East](#) states. Everyone present pledged to bring together the [indigenous](#) peoples and ethnic groups of the region, and work collectively to achieve the ultimate goal of genuine peace, prosperity and happiness for [North East](#).

He will visit [Arunachal](#) Pradesh where he will attend the Maitreya Diwas celebration in the Indo-China border town of Tawang. He will also attend several programs hosted by the government of [Arunachal](#) Pradesh, including an address to [ministers](#), MLAs and bureaucrats.

AT News

Assam Times Staff. editor@assamtimes.org

BY AT NEWS

USTM concludes workshop on academic writing and scholarly publishing

‘Grit & Glory’ released in Guwahati, highlights RSS work in Northeast

Art exhibition raises awareness for vulture conservation in Jorhat

ABSU holds youth motivation programme at Rangia College

Israeli Journalist Gideon Levy Receives 2026 PEC Award

ON THIS DAY

9 Assam Workers Killed in Ennore Power Plant Mishap

BJP suspends Dibon Deka

Children-literateur Gagan Chandra Adhikari's death condoled

BJP leader surrenders before police

Bijitt Gwra Narzary new BTC EM

RELATED

USTM concludes workshop on academic writing and scholarly publishing

‘Grit & Glory’ released in Guwahati, highlights RSS work in Northeast

Young poet Avinash Bastabha’s ‘The Tale of Termites’ unveiled in Jorhat

Art exhibition raises awareness for vulture conservation in Jorhat

NTPC Bongaigaon establishes football field for Kokrajhar youth
