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Dear Friend,

Let me wish you a very happy New Year. May God bless us all so that we succeed in our attempt to lead a life befitting a human being. I have come to the conclusion that the greatest achievement for an individual in today's world is to be able to live on this earth like a human being. Indeed, it is great to be human. Who is a Manav (Human being)?

1. One who is eager to share his/her happiness and joy which he derives from life through his Karma (work).
2. One who is anxious to share other's sorrows and is prepared to do his best, to alleviate them.
3. One who will always raise his/her voice against injustice, repression, exploitation and senseless violence.
4. One who is naturally inclined to be fair, courteous, and considerate towards his fellow beings.
5. One who respects all religions and believes in the brotherhood of men.
6. One who constantly makes an attempt to drive away all prejudices, about religions, class, caste colour and race.
7. One who consistently attempts to practice what he believes in and lives to fight the evil of hypocrisy and pride which come in the way of human advancement.
8. One who is ever ready to acknowledge mistakes and shortcomings and then takes care not to repeat them in the future.
9. One who is sincerely trying to search for Truth in every sphere of human activity and then tries to live up to it.

These are the nine mantras, which if sincerely practised by all of us to the best of our capacity will bring us all the material happiness as well as peace of mind and in the process, India will also once again become great.

I think that the time has come when this simple and basic truth must be accepted by us, that no genuine change for the better can be brought about either by attractive slogans, or by heavy doses of propaganda or even by lifting the emergency, holding elections and establishing a two-party rule, unless all the thinking people of this country realise that what India needs is eradication of the poverty of the soul and spirit of its people, before they can even dream of the eradication of the physical poverty of its people.

If we have therefore to survive as a nation, we must make a determined attempt not to allow our souls to be dead and our spirits extinguished for the sake of mere physical survival. We cannot live like dumb cattle. We can only thrive if we learn to live like human beings and therefore humanisation of ourselves is the first step in the direction of building a strong, happy, prosperous and generous India.

This is the message of the Hindustani Movement which will be completing its third year of existence on Sunday, 30th January 1977, which is Gandhi Nirvan Din. Let us all take a solemn pledge to live up to the ideals of our Movement for time is running short and we must once again rebuild the solid foundation of Dharma; (Ethics, Morality) on whose edifice we survived all these thousands of years. Let us realise once again that politics divorced from Dharma will only lead us to disaster.

Let all of us select one or as many programmes that have been given by the Movement and work hard to implement them in our lines. Besides I am also giving a few more suggestions for you to adopt on the 30th January 1977 which will be observed by us a Manav Nirman Din.

1. Let each one of us feed one hungry person on that day and persuade others to do the same. Let no one remain hungry on Gandhi Nirvan Din.

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2. If you are staying in a village or in a compact mohalla of a town, then persuade others like your neighbours and friends to share or donate a meal and see that nobody in the mohalla remains hungry.
3. If you succeed in this, you will be inspired to do this very often. Please make sure that you are not encouraging idlers and professional beggars. There are so many people and families who starve out of sheer lack of opportunity to make enough money even to eat one square meal a day.
4. You can spend an hour with your or other peoples' children. Try and talk to them with a view to understand them and give them love and laughter. and/or
5. If you are a Congressman/woman take a pledge to implement sincerely even one point out of 25 point programme..
6. If you are an opposition worker, then stop being obsessed by Smt. Gandhi. Please utilise your energy in rendering concrete service to the people.
7. If you are a political leader of any party then please step down from your pedestal and try and understand people by going to them, listening to them, their complaints, their problems, their anger and frustrations if any, and find out what they want and above all please first think like an Indian before you think like a partisan/poritician.

Finally let me just say one thing. We may belong to different political opinions, or we may just be simple peace-loving Indians, but if we are anxious to lead a peaceful and civilised existence, then this message of the Hindustani Movement must be understood thoroughly and then spread it to as many people as possible by each one of us. If as a result of our activity we become good Congressmen or good Opposition men, sensitive and responsive, responsible and wise, courteous and considerate towards each other and above all not apathetic to our country's problems, we will have justified the existence of our Movement. In any case please write to me about how you propose to implement my suggestions. Just think if as a result of your adopting the above programme, if thousands of people are made happy for even a day, what great satisfaction, we will get. Let us not worry about what others do or do not, let us do what we can ~~do today~~ in the service of our dear motherland.

In the end, I sincerely appeal to our Prime Minister, Smt. Indira Gandhi to invite the leaders of the opposition to join her, if not for talks, at least to pray together on the morning of 30th January 1977 at Rajghat. We may be divided politically on many issues but, by and large, we are all one in our devotion and faith on the path of progress shown by the father of the Nation.

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I am sure the Prime Minister will not find it difficult to accept this suggestion. I am also sure that a person like Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan will be very happy to join her in a common prayer meeting.

If you, friends, like this idea, may I request you to send a polite letter to Indiraji and J.P. to come together on this day and pray together. India deserves this break, and I pray that these leaders rise to the occasion.

In any case, I appeal to all the Hindustani Movement members and convenors wherever they are, to hold such prayer meetings and bring together people of various shades of opinion.

Looking forward of hearing from you.

I remain,

Yours sincerely,

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