

# SAVE DEMOCRACY CONVENTION

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Dear friend,

Recent events in the country have shown that our democracy is in danger. Those of us who have been trained under the Leadership of the founders of the Constitution and the generals of the non-violence struggle against the British regime cannot view with equanimity the gospel of violence that is being openly preached by a particular section of the people.

The method followed by certain other countries for obtaining their political ends will not suit our age long culture and civilisation. India stands for something much higher than mere brute force. There is no denying the fact that violence begets violence and the consequent chain is endless.

I believe that you are interested in following the path of peace, orderliness and non-violence and hate plunging the country in headlong bloody revolution. As it is we are extremely poor, our resources have to be increased and strengthened and not crushed under physical violence hence it is the duty of all lovers of real freedom and progress to combine and chalk out a method for combating the growing spirit of violence gaining ground in the country.

I have consulted certain friends who agree with me that some steps has to be taken to save democracy and divert the minds of the people from the path of violence. I have received numerous communications from friends and well wishers urging me to take some step in the matter.

Under these circumstances I have decided to call a convention of such persons who feel along with me about the urgency of taking concrete steps. I, would, therefore, request you to make it a point to kindly attend the proposed convention to be held at Patna on the 25th and the 26th of April, 1970.

With cordial greeting,

Yours sincerely,

(Mahamaya Prasad Sinha)  
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