

## **CRIMINALISING WAR: Enshrine love and purity in our hearts**

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**I REFER to two recent letters on the same topic, "Give peace a chance" (NST, June 6) and "Easier said than done" (NST, June 7). The letters were thought-provoking, but no solutions were offered.**

Who wants war? No one in the world would want one. We all will pray that there should be no such human destruction anymore.

We all talk of peace, but where is it to be found? Has man actually found the meaning of peace? He clamours for peace in every nook and corner of the world and says "I cannot find it" because he has not understood the meaning itself.

Peace can only come from the foundation of peace within.

When man moves away from his moorings, hate spreads far and wide. The fumes of hatred have poisoned human relations since ages and now it has taken root in nearly every class of society.

This has contaminated families, villages, nations and international organisations.

Peace is what everyone seeks, but it can never be found or secured from the outside world. It is not a saleable commodity. It is just like the case of an old woman who dropped her needle in her house but searched for it under the street light as she had bad eyesight.

One has to start with oneself in developing peace within and this will grow to envelope the family, the neighbourhood, village and finally, the world, including international forums talking of peace.

The world can see less belligerent attitudes and be saved only by the power of the self inherent in everyone. This power has to be tapped by individual disciplines through love, purity and service. If these are absent, devastation is certain by way of wars.

Where do we start? The dawn of peace can be brought about only by learning, practising and teaching the art of living together in peace and amity in homes. Start this practice today. Enshrine love in your heart and be universal.

How can you find peace in a world which is in "pieces"? Holding an atom bomb in one hand and talking of peace is an affront to logical thinking. This is exactly what the powers are doing today.

Small nations are not given respect as nations of people who are desirous of genuine peace. Rising powers seem to push their thinking without apprehension.

But do not be mistaken that a morally strong nation, which has developed vast strength in peace within, cannot defeat such boisterous nations.

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