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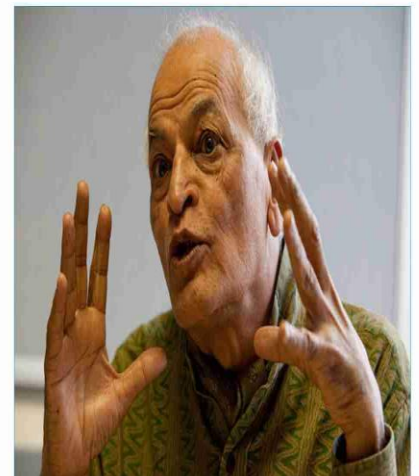
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Presents

Mr. Satish Kumar

on

Ethical and Environmental Aspects of Economy



On Wednesday,

13th April, 2016 at 6.15 p.m.

Indian Merchants' Chamber
Churchgate, Mumbai

Satish Kumar – An Introduction

- ➔ At 9, became a Jain monk.
- ➔ At 18, he ran away from the mendicant order, to become a student of Vinoba Bhave.
- ➔ A nuclear disarmament advocate, pacifist and is the current editor of **Resurgence & Ecologist** magazine published from the UK.
- ➔ Now living in England, Kumar is founder and Director of Programmes of the **Schumacher College** International Centre for Ecological Studies, and of **The Small School**.
- ➔ His most notable accomplishment is a **peace walk** with a companion **to the capitals of four of the nuclear-armed countries** – Washington, London, Paris and Moscow, a trip **of over 8,000 miles without any money in the pocket**. He insists that reverence for nature should be at the heart of every political and social debate.
- ➔ He has also been a contributor to the BBC's "Thought for the Day" strand on the Today programme, and also appeared on Desert Island Discs.
- ➔ Kumar was interviewed by Richard Dawkins in his 'Slaves to Superstition' episode investigating the prevalence of unscientific beliefs in modern society. He also made a film, **Earth Pilgrim** for **BBC2's Natural History Series**.
- ➔ Defending criticism that his goals are unrealistic, he has said, "Look at what realists have done for us. They have led us to war and climate change, poverty on an unimaginable scale, and wholesale ecological

destruction. Half of humanity goes to bed hungry because of all the realistic leaders in the world. I tell people who call me "unrealistic" to show me what their realism has done. Realism is an outdated, overplayed and wholly exaggerated concept."

- ➔ He has spoken at TED X amongst many other wonderful talks available on the web.

Peace walk



Kumar and his friend E P Menon decided to dedicate themselves to undertaking a peace walk from India to the four capitals of the nuclear world: Moscow, Paris, London and Washington D.C. and decided to carry **no money on their trip**. They called it a '**Pilgrimage for peace**'.

Vinoba Bhave gave the young men two 'gifts'. One was to be penniless wherever they walked. The other was to be vegetarian. They first travelled through Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran, Armenia, Georgia, the Caucasus Mountains, and the Khyber Pass. They visited Moscow, Paris, London, and Washington, D.C. Travelling by foot and carrying no money, Kumar and his companion would stay with anyone who offered them food or shelter.

While on their way to Moscow they met two women outside a tea factory. After explaining what they were doing one of the women gave them four packets of tea, one to be delivered to each of the leaders of the four nuclear powers and to also deliver a message, "when you think you need to press the button, stop for a minute and have a fresh cup of tea". This further inspired their journey and became in part the reason for it. They

eventually delivered 'peace tea' to the leaders of four of the nuclear powers. The journey is chronicled in Kumar's book, *No Destination*.

Books



- ➔ *No Destination: Autobiography of a Pilgrim* (2014) [2004] [1978]
- ➔ *You Are, Therefore I Am: A Declaration of Dependence* (2002)
- ➔ *Images of Earth and Spirit: A Resurgence anthology* Edited by John Lane and Satish Kumar (2003)
- ➔ *The Intimate and the Ultimate Vinoba Bhave*, Edited by Satish Kumar (2004)
- ➔ *The Buddha and the Terrorist: The Story of Angulimala* (2006)
- ➔ *Spiritual Compass: The Three Qualities of Life* (2008)
- ➔ *Earth Pilgrim in conversation with Echan Deravy and Maya Kumar Mitchell* (2009),
- ➔ *Soul, Soil, Society: a new trinity for our time* (2013)

