



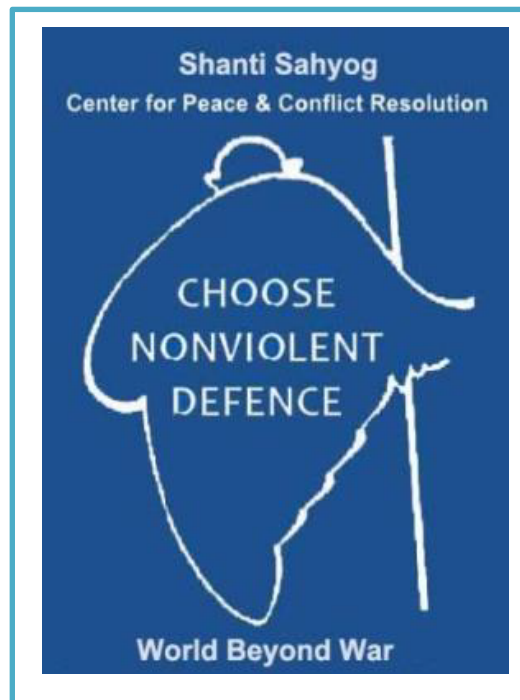
Give the gift of Love to future generations.

Join the movement for a World Beyond War.



***“The Law of Nonviolence which is the Law of Love
is the Law of our Species”***

- Mahatma Gandhi



Join this International Initiative / *Satyagraha*

#ChooseNonviolentDefence

(in line with UN SDG 16)



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*“We are constantly being astonished at the amazing discoveries in the field of violence. But I maintain that far more undreamt-of and **seemingly impossible discoveries will be made in the field of nonviolence.**”*

- Mahatma Gandhi

“There is a multitude of socially and politically significant instances of nonviolent action (which) if carefully studied and analyzed, shed light on the political potentialities of nonviolent action.”

- Dr. Gene Sharp

(an internationally recognized authority on Nonviolent Action)



What is Nonviolent Defence?

- ❖ Nonviolent Defence is the recognition of nonviolence as an instrument of conflict resolution on the national and international stage
- ❖ There are 198 Nonviolent tactics and at least 24 successful examples in the History of Nonviolent Action
- ❖ Nonviolent Defence doesn't seek to replace military defence, but to complement it
- ❖ Nonviolent Defence stems from love and trust, rather than mistrust and aggression
- ❖ Nonviolent Defence seeks to preserve human lives and upholds peace as the highest goal
- ❖ Nonviolent Defence **draws its legitimacy** from the following:
 - The Preamble of the **United Nations Charter** which states:
'We the peoples of the United Nations determined to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.'
 - **Article 18** of the **United Nations Convention** on Human Rights which states:
'Each Individual has the right to ...Freedom of Conscience.'

Did you know?

- ❖ **Global Military Spending per minute is over USD 2 million**
- ❖ **18,000 children die daily** in our global village (UNICEF) due to malnutrition and lack of health care. They die quietly in some of the poorest villages on earth, far removed from the scrutiny and the conscience of the world.

*“In politics, the vast possibilities of nonviolence are yet unexplored I feel in the innermost recesses of my heart ... that **the world is sick unto death of blood - spilling** and is seeking a way out. I flatter myself with the belief that, perhaps, it will be **the privilege of the ancient land of India to show that way to a hungry world.**”*

- Mahatma Gandhi

What are we asking for?

- ❖ Our aim is to politically legitimise nonviolence as an instrument of conflict resolution.
- ❖ To this end, **#ChooseNonviolentDefence** petitions all National Govts. & the United Nations for the following:
 1. **That without abandoning the present Military Defence, a parallel, Nonviolent Defence be instituted in National Defence Systems globally. #NonviolentDefenceGlobally**
 2. **The Legal Democratic Option to be trained in Nonviolent Defence rather than the present Armed Military System. #Let’sLearnNonviolence**
 3. **The Legal Democratic Option for taxpayers to divert their Defence Tax from Military Defence to Nonviolent Defence. #IHaveAConscience**

The cost of war is tremendous. And we, ordinary citizens, are the ones who must bear the consequences.

*“He who wishes to fight must first count the cost. Anger may in time change to gladness; vexation may be succeeded by content. But a kingdom that has once been destroyed can never come again into being; **nor can the dead ever be brought back to life.**”*

- Sun Tzu, The Art of War

Can we ordinary people, living in democracies, collectively experiment to lead humankind to a World Beyond War by opting for Nonviolent Defence in our respective nation states?

We believe we can. The power is in our hands! If we unite in our call for peace, everything is possible.

What you can do:

1. **Sign** the Petition for **#ChooseNonviolentDefence** here: <https://goo.gl/nqujDe>
2. **Donate** here: <https://shantisahyog.org/make-a-donation/>
Select: Domestic or Foreign Donation according to your Country / Currency to help collect USD 2 Million, symbolic of one minute of global military expenditure.
The money collected will fund Shanti Sahyog Education Project for Slum Children. **#2MforSlumChildren**
3. **Empower** 10 more people to join this Initiative. **#SpreadTheWordforPeace**
4. **Meet** your local MP / Senator to apprise him/her of your petition. Don't forget to take a chocolate - a gift of love for your chosen representative!
#PetitionYourMP/Senator
5. **Help** obtain the signature of an Ambassador for Peace. **#AmbassadorForPeace**
6. **Participate** in a Candle-light Event protesting the daily death of 18,000 children world-wide (UNICEF) **#Save18KChildrenDyingDaily**
7. **Observe a Fruit Fast** on your Birthday as your personal protest against war
#FruitBirthdayForPeace
8. **Sing** the Peace Song composed specially for this Initiative **#SingForPeace**
9. **Wear** a T-shirt, put up a Sun Screen on your car, or **use** other products with **#ChooseNonviolentDefence** printed on them
(Also available through Shanti Sahyog. Contact us for more details.)
10. **Join & Support** **#MothersForPeace**
11. **Learn** more about Nonviolence and see how you can apply it in your daily life
12. **Spread the word!** Share this initiative on social media, speak to people about it, raise awareness about Nonviolence and Nonviolent Defence



“An eye for an eye makes the whole world blind.”

- Mahatma Gandhi

Let's Give Nonviolence A Chance!

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