

Strengthening Secularism

Emerging socio-political trends in India have shown a discouraging, even disturbing, graph which dangerously veers away from the nation's cherished values as a democratic republic. The fabric of secularism, harmony and tolerance is undermined and violated, and polarizing forces are seen working along divisive agendas to create a religious and cultural hegemony that is detrimental to the flourishing of the country. Injustice, violence, greed and lies have become so rampant that there is real danger to the human value index. The sweep of damage resulting from misplaced priorities, bigotry and irrelevant policies, includes in its path, the marginalized, the historically disadvantaged, the minorities and the other weaker sections of society.

Against this background a program is organized by the National Council of Churches in India (NCCI), the Evangelical Fellowship of India (EFI) and the United Maharashtra (UM) from April 30 to May 2, 2016 in MLA Hostel, Civil Lines, Nagpur. The program seeks to bring together Church leaders, Civil Society Organization leaders, heads of institutions and other concerned people for the purpose of discussing the Indian political situation (with particular emphasis on Maharashtra State) with a view to understanding its implications for Christians in the country, and developing united responses that not only mitigate the harm done to the community, but also lead to the strengthening of Christian witness and service for the benefit of Church and nation.

The program is expected to equip Churches in Maharashtra with factual knowledge and resolute plans towards strengthening democracy and secularism in which the values of harmony, mutual respect, freedom, love, tolerance, truth and trust, can continue to define our beloved country, its wonderful people.

Program: Maharashtra Manthan

Organizers: NCCI, EFI, UM,

Venue: MLA Hostel, Civil Lines
Nagpur- 440001

Dates: April 30 – May 2, 2018