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### **Bhagwan Mahavir's Prescription of *Sarvodaya* for Peace and Harmony**

#### Abstract

The great Acharya Samantabhadra (2<sup>nd</sup> century CE) in the 61<sup>st</sup> stanza of his book called *Yuktyanushasanam* introduced the term called *sarvodaya*, (a binary compound word in Sanskrit, meaning welfare of all at all times and all places) as the *summum bonum* gospel of Bhagwan Mahavir. The *sarvodaya* can be achieved by embracing the principles of fraternity, care and share, self-regulation and equanimity, and guided by the duality of truth and evidence. The world is going through conflict and disharmony due to lack of logic and dialogue. The global surveys also reflect the impact of violence, hunger, malnutrition and income inequality to be the rising issues of the modern world. Bhagwan Mahavir prescribed the solution of *sarvodaya* by the adoption and practice of which all hurdles to peace and prosperity could be put to an end at every moment and every place. It is a sure cure to the issues like conflicts, violence, inequality, poverty, and malnutrition witnessed in the world if only the rulers and masses understand and adopt it in their daily lives.

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