

Swami Dayananda Saraswathi dwells on economic disparity

Human beings are capable of turning adverse situations into advantage by understanding the deficiency through intelligent reasoning with the help of Free Will given to them by God.

But it needs a spiritual giant in the form of Swami Dayananda Saraswati to elucidate the current disparities in the world cutting across economic, social and political systems for a clear perspective on the real causes for the global downturn and how it could be set aright.

'The global economic system is designed to doom from the beginning as there is no parity in the wage system, working conditions and varying type of infrastructure facilities across different countries. Moreover without a single global currency, the market system is a disaster,' he said.

He was delivering a spiritual discourse on the topic of 'Turning adversity to one's advantage', a series of talks being organised by AIM for Seva (21 to 27 June) at Kamaraj Memorial Hall.

'Our economic system is defective for it made rich richer and poor poorer. But then any system in the world is found to be deficient and we have to understand the real causes of breakdown to set them aright,' said the Swamiji. 'No country has escaped the impact of economic crisis and right conclusions have to be drawn after a post-mortem.

'Analysing the financial meltdown from a spiritual background, Dayananda cited Lord Krishna's words from Bhagavad Gita to say that desires were another manifestation of Eswara. 'But in order to fulfill desires and ambitions, if one transgressed the Dharmic values then greed comes into play. The dividing line between desire and greed is not thin, but quite obvious,' he said.

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Explaining further, he said desires and ambitions revealed a healthy mindset, but greed denoted the violation of Dharmic values. Moreover, the urge to multiply money through hedge business without focusing on producing wealth through industries had to lead to needless speculation which resulted in the downfall of stock markets.

Freedom to think was inborn and therefore any philosophy against this basic human right could be termed reductionism, he said. Quoting Lord Krishna's words that body, mind and sense were part of His manifestation, the Swamiji said they however were subservient to Dharma, the universal code that governed human interaction.

Adverting to the current economic recession, he said there was 'something unnatural' in the process of business outsourcing in the US. The pressure to outsource jobs was mounting in the US due to wage increases by trade unions. While it was natural to form unions for safeguarding the workers' rights and privileges across the world, the Swamiji took a dig at China saying there was one country which has been insisting that their workers enjoyed all rights and hence they did not have such unions in their industries. 'Such an attitude on the basic freedom to form unions is dangerous,' he said and cited the disintegration of Eastern bloc of Communist nations due to their faulty economic systems.

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