Country needs enlightened leadership: Jaggi Vasudev

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MYSORE: The country needs an enlightened leadership, who could translate this nation’s population into a great human resource power, even from the grassroots level, exhorted ISHA Foundation, Coimbatore, founder Jaggi Vasudev.

He was speaking after inaugurating a three-day interaction programme for legislators organised by Suttur Mutt here on Tuesday. Lack of spiritual consciousness not only among legislators, but also among people, has pushed the nation to the brink of corruption. “Spiritual process is not about giving up materialistic life, but understanding the engineering of inner-self to enhance the level of performance. Today’s leaders need to be spiritual to enhance the optimum level of leadership”, further, emphasising on this, the spiritual guru stated that lack of spiritual consciousness among leaders lead to lower level performance thereby wasting the human resource. It is necessary that leaders should feel that they are one among the people to reach out to the needy.

When MLC Capt Ganesh Karnik sought his suggestion on how to utilise Indian population to great human resource power, Vasudev said it has become a challenge before leaders to translate the population from stagnant to viable population. There is no proper planning and vision in nation building process by leaders. Even if one government does, the next government alters it, thereby hindering the nation’s progress. He further said nation building is not about having lot of industries but about building people’s strength. “Although the country has diverse population, we must draw a common element to be one. It should begin from grassroot level”, he added.

He called upon the legislators set high visions for the nation, but allow people to take one step at a time.

Opposition leader, Legislative Council V S Ugrappa, chief guest on the occasion, said despite his long stint in political life, he is upset being a public servant.

As the values of democratic nation are dipping low, the politicians need to introspect where the country is going. He urged the seers of various mutts to raise voice against corruption and guide them to give a better leadership.

“Today’s politics has become an opportunistic politics”, observed former chief minister and JD(S) MLA H D Kumaraswamy. It is regrettable that everybody wants to change the society without bringing a change in themselves.

“Even I am not honest to talk about this from this podium. But we must work for a panacea to cure today’s politics,” said Kumaraswamy. This camp is being held after eight years (first it was held in 2000), and lot of corruption has crept in various levels, he observed and hoped that this camp would serve the purpose. Kumaraswamy suggested the seer to hold a workshop on humanity for all the legislators, for, he felt, is much needed.

Later, Suttur seer Shivarahathi Deshikendra swamijiji and Jnaneyogasrama, Bijapur seer Sideshwara mahaswamiji too addressed the gathering.