

Protect Lanka war survivors: Jaggi Vasudev

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CHENNAI: Rather than lamenting what has happened in Sri Lanka, it would be better to try and protect the Tamils who survived the terrible war there, said Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev, founder of Isha Foundation and spiritual master, here on Saturday.

Addressing a gathering after releasing 'Eelam-Mounathin Vali,' a compilation of poetry by 100 renowned personalities from all walks of life (including Jaggi Vasudev, actors Kamal Haasan, Surya, Prakash Raj, Sathyaraj, film directors A R Murugadoss, Cheran, Seeman, Amir, Bala, poets Vairamuthu, Kanimozhi and writer Arundhati Roy) on the pain and sufferings of the Lankan Tamils during Eelam war, Jaggi Vasudev said wars had taken away hundreds of thousands of lives during the 20th century and when such a war happened at India's doorstep, humaneness also died along with human beings.

"A permanent solution can never be found to a problem through violent methods or war. Redeeming all that was lost during the war (in Sri Lanka) is not possible. Efforts should, hence, be made to at least protect the future generations from such devastating losses." It's no use lamenting what has already happened. Now, the task before people is to take steps that could help, protect and support the Tamils in Sri Lanka. "Such efforts, even if small, will be a source of hope and peace to those people, telling them that there are men and women who would stand up for them." Citing perpetration of injustice and biased conduct as root causes for all upheavals, the yoga guru said that people, however, forget the wrongs committed by themselves and complain about those committed by others.

"Considering the advances the world is witnessing today, including those in science and technology, no room should be given to violence or war," he said.

Archbishop Chinnappa said the blood of the innocents would have its revenge and hoped that Eelam would flower and justice would flourish one day. The book release was organised by Journalists Against War, Naller Publications and We-Indians Against Genocide. Director A R Murugadoss, actors Sivakumar, Prakashraj, Surya and others received copies of the 112- page book.

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