

**“Consciousness and thoughts impact the physical state of our world. They create the attitudes behind decisions and lifestyles** potentially resulting in environmental issues. I believe the solution lies in a profound shift in our awareness as well as in our lifestyles. Sustainability involves three fundamental levels: sustaining the self, sustaining relationships and sustaining communities. I first need to ask myself if I have respect for my home, for my planet and for all forms of life.”

— *Sister Jayanti, Brahma Kumaris World Spiritual University*



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For over 50 years, Sister Jayanti has been an emissary for peace. She has a vision and experience that are truly global and deeply spiritual. Her travels as a keenly sought-after speaker and broadcaster have taken her into more than 90 countries. She is based in London as the Director of the International Co-ordinating Office of the Brahma Kumaris (BK) and of BK Centres in over 20 European countries and the Middle East.

As the University's main representative to the United Nations (UN) in Geneva, she has undertaken extensive research into the role of spiritual values in world change, through her participation in many UN Conferences and projects. Sister Jayanti participated in the Geneva preparatory meetings at the UN leading up to the Rio Earth Summit in 1992 where she assisted in the creation of the Earth Charter. Even now, there is ongoing interest in the application of the principles outlined in this Charter. Her participation in these international meetings is outlined below.

- Head of delegation and speaker at every the UN Climate Change Conferences ([www.unfccc.int](http://www.unfccc.int)) since COP 15 Copenhagen, Denmark (Dec 2009).
- Head of delegation and speaker at the UN Conference on Sustainability Rio +20 (June 2012).
- Speaker World Economic Forum. Panel: Will the glass ceiling ever be shattered? Davos, Switzerland.

## Spirituality and Sustainability

Recognising the urgent need for a more sustainable world, Sister Jayanti has an interest in exploring the deep connection between the quality of thought of the world's people and the quality of matter in all domains.

**“No political, economic, social or environmental system can fulfill its purpose unless peoples' lifestyles and value-systems correspond to the sustained continuity of that system or state of affairs. The quality of any society or community is no better or worse than the personal qualities of its members, and to achieve economic growth and social development it is crucial to achieve personal growth. Without this the very building blocks of the future will themselves be the downfall of that future. ”**

## Looking ahead...

The Brahma Kumaris' community is active in many environmental fora and initiatives including the UN Climate Change Conferences COP27 in Sharm-El Sheik, Egypt and the Solar Thermal Power Project ([www.india-one.net](http://www.india-one.net)), in addition to daily awareness-raising efforts at each of the BK centres across the globe.

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## Sister Jayanti Kirpalani 'Climate Change & Sustainability' Speaking Engagements

- 2021 Glasgow, UK – COP 26:** Delegate and speaker on *Resilience and Visionary Leadership in Climate Emergency*
- 2019 Madrid, Spain – COP 25:** Delegate and speaker on *Inspiring Courage to Act and Adapt in a Climate Emergency and Collective Adaptation to the Climate Emergency.*
- 2018 Katowice, Poland – COP 24:** Delegate and speaker on *Building a Spirit of Solidarity to Overcome the Climate Crisis and Finding Hope in a Time of Transition.*
- 2017 Bonn, Germany – COP 23:** Delegate and speaker on *Visionary Leadership for Transition to a Sustainable Future and The Challenge of Changing Mindset.*
- 2016 Marrakesh, Morocco – COP 22:** Delegate and speaker on *Faith and climate resilience: Solutions around the world and Creating Inner Resilience in Challenging Times.*
- 2015 Paris, France – COP 21:** Delegate and speaker on *The role of ethics and human awareness in climate change solutions and Climate of Hope for the Future.*
- 2014 New York, USA.** Delegate and speaker at Interfaith & Climate Change Summit. *Faith Communities, Divestment and Renewable Energy.*
- 2013 Warsaw, Poland – COP 19** Delegate and speaker on *Global Justice, Equity and Sustainability.*
- 2012 Doha, Qatar – COP 18** Delegate and speaker on *Protecting our atmosphere: State and individual responsibilities and the rights of Mother Earth.*
- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – Rio+20.** Delegate and speaker on *The Future We Want – Aligned Awareness and Action.*
- 2011 Durban, South Africa – COP 17.** Delegate and speaker on *Sustainable Capacity Building – Empowering Individuals and Communities to Act.*
- 2010 Cancun, Mexico – COP 16.** Delegate and speaker on *Inner Dimensions of Climate Change.*
- 2009 Copenhagen, Denmark - COP15.** . Delegate and speaker on *Consciousness and Climate Change: Confluence of Two Living Systems.*
- 2007 London, United Kingdom – Event To Protect the Earth – Owning our responsibility** with Ranchor Prim, author and founder of the environmental charity Friends of Vrindavan.
- 2005 Madrid, Spain –** Keynote speaker during *Businesses with Soul and Responsibility in a Changing Environment.*
- 2002 Johannesburg, South Africa –** Delegate at *UN World Summit on Sustainable Development.*
- 1992 Geneva, Switzerland –** Participation in the Geneva preparatory meetings at the UN leading up to the *Rio Earth Summit* where she contributed to the creation of the Earth Charter, [www.earthcharterinaction.org](http://www.earthcharterinaction.org).

