



Azim Premji University Colloquium Series

presents a lecture on

“The Theory and Practice of Nonviolence in Building Social Movements”

Speaker

P V Rajagopal

President and Founder-Member, Ekta Parishad

Date: July 23, 2015 (Thursday)

Time: 2.00pm to 3.30 pm

Venue: 10th Floor Auditorium, Pixel A, Azim Premji University

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About the Lecture

The talk will discuss various components of nonviolence and illustrate through examples how they relate to social movements. It will look at the impact of globalization as it affects marginalized communities and the need for their organized efforts to deal with the emerging situation

About the Speaker

P V Rajagopal (known as Rajaji) has been intimately associated with non-violent activism for land reform in North India for several years. He began his work on non-violence when he spent many years rehabilitating the dacoits in the Chambal region of Madhya Pradesh. In 1976 more than 500 dacoits gave up arms and moved into settled life and much of this was the result of hard work of Rajaji and others. From here he spent the next fifteen years building the capacity of rural youth through training programs and other initiatives. In 1993 he became the Secretary of Gandhi Peace Foundation, and subsequently its Vice-Chairman. In the mid-1990s the work of Rajaji galvanized into a mass movement. In 1999-2000 he began to carry out long-marches across the country in different states. In 2007 and in 2012 he carried out 25,000 and 45,000 strong non-violent marches, known as Janadesh and Jan Satyagraha, respectively, from Gwalior to Delhi to demand control over land and livelihood resources for the landless and small farmers.