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Most powerful means must be mobilized to destroy US: Kim Jong Un

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un told the country's military commanders the most powerful means must be mobilized to destroy the United States and South Korea if they choose military confrontation, state media reported on Monday. Kim said the danger of an armed confrontation on the Korean peninsula is fast becoming a reality because of hostile maneuvers by the enemies including the United States, ... (Details on Page 12)

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Peace education in New Year 2024: From Efforts to Implementations

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As we welcome the start of a new year 2024, it is crucial to reflect upon our efforts to promote peace education and examine the progress made towards implementing its ideals. The pursuit of peace has always been at the core of human aspirations, and education plays a vital role in fostering a culture of peace, understanding, and cooperation. The year 2023 witnessed significant strides in this field, but moving into the New Year, it is imperative to transform efforts into concrete actions. Over the past year, numerous initiatives and programs have launched worldwide to promote peace education.

Governments, non-governmental organizations, and educational institutions collaborated to develop curricula that emphasize conflict resolution, empathy, and global citizenship. These initiatives recognize the importance of inculcating peaceful values and skills in our youth, who will shape the future of our societies. One such initiative is the Global Peace Education Network (GPEN), which experienced remarkable growth in 2023. GPEN organized international conferences, workshops, and online forums, bringing together educators and experts from diverse cultural backgrounds. These platforms facilitated the exchange of knowledge and best practices, encouraging educators adopt innovative teaching methods that promote peace.

In pursuit of making peace education accessible all, governments introduced policies to integrate education into curricula. They recognized that education should beyond teaching traditional subjects but also equip with the necessary tools navigate conflicts, appreciate diversity, and develop a global responsibility. By implementing these policies, governments acknowledged the transformative power of education in shaping attitudes and behaviours, thus planting the peace in early childhood. Another significant development in peace education was the integration of technology into methodologies. The advancements virtual reality (VR) presented unprecedented opportunities for immersive and interactive learning experiences. These technologies create simulated environments that allow students to witness and understand the consequences of violence and conflict. This experiential learning approach enabled students to develop empathy, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills, all essential for building peaceful societies. In recent years, the importance of peace education has gained widespread recognition. Governments across the world have realized that promoting peace and understanding among individuals is crucial in order to build a harmonious society. To ensure that peace education reaches every corner of society, governments have introduced policies to integrate this important discipline into school curricula.

Peace education aims to equip individuals with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to understand and resolve conflicts peacefully. It promotes tolerance, empathy, and respect for diversity, fostering a culture of peace within communities. By making peace education accessible to all, governments hope to create generations of individuals who possess the tools to break the cycle of violence and build a more peaceful future. Integrating peace education into curricula allows for a comprehensive and holistic approach to cultivating peace. It provides a structured framework in which students can develop an understanding of peace building, conflict management, and the importance of dialogue. It also encourages students to critically analyze and reflect upon the causes of violence, inequality, and discrimination. Through this integrated approach, peace education becomes more than just a standalone subject, but rather a fundamental aspect of a well-rounded education.

Moving on a 2024, it is vital to ensure the practical implementation of peace education initiatives. Efforts will made to train teachers in effective peace education strategies and to equip them with the necessary resources and support. Professional development programs and workshops will conduct to enhance educators' understanding of peace concepts and their ability to integrate them into their teaching practices. In addition, partnerships will reformed with universities and research institutions to conduct comprehensive evaluations of peace education programs. Rigorous monitoring and evaluation will allow educators to continuously improve their methodologies and tailor their approaches to specific contexts.

New year 2024 one imperative aspect that needs to emphasize is the practical implementation of peace education initiatives. In a world that is consistently plagued by conflict, violence, and intolerance, it becomes crucial to equip individuals with the tools and knowledge necessary to promote peace and understanding. Peace education initiatives aim to foster a culture of peace by teaching individuals how to resolve conflicts peacefully, respect diversity, and develop empathy towards others. By ensuring the practical implementation of such programs, we can pave the way for a more peaceful and harmonious future.

First, the practical implementation of peace education initiatives can help in addressing the root causes of conflicts. By imparting the necessary skills and knowledge, individuals are better equipped to handle challenging situations and resolve conflicts in a nonviolent manner. Conflict resolution techniques, such as active listening and mediation, can be instrumental in deescalating tensions and finding common ground. Also peace education can provide individuals with the tools to analyze the root causes of violence and identify ways to address them effectively. By understanding the underlying issues that lead to conflicts, we can work towards finding long-term and sustainable solutions.

Furthermore, practical implementation of peace education initiatives can foster the development of empathy and understanding of different perspectives. By exposing individuals to diverse cultures, beliefs, and experiences, peace education enables them to appreciate the value of diversity and promotes inclusive societies. Through interactive activities, dialogue, and experiential learning, individuals can develop a more empathetic and compassionate approach towards others. This, in turn, helps in breaking down stereotypes and prejudices, as well as promoting mutual respect.

Moreover, collaboration across borders and cultural boundaries is essential for creating a global movement for peace education. International organizations such as the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) will play a crucial role in fostering cooperation and guidance to member states. Sharing best practices, resources, and curricula on a global scale can enrich local initiatives and a collective vision of education. At last as we step the New Year, must build upon the made in the year and transform them into tangible implementations. Peace Education will embraced as a fundamental aspect of our educational systems, promoting empathy, conflict resolution skills, and global citizenship. In future investing in training, technology, and fostering international collaboration, it will ensure that the ideals of peace are firmly rooted in hearts and minds of our future generations. By doing so, we will be sowing the seeds of a more peaceful and harmonious world.

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