## Celebrating Differences, Melting Divisions Asia Plateau at Fifty



## 17-21 January, 2018

You are warmly invited to join in a time of thankfulness, reflection and looking ahead as Asia Plateau, completes fifty years of inspiring people to build bridges of trust!

Asia Plateau, the Initiatives of Change (IofC) centre at Panchgani, through its journey so far, has endeavoured to inspire the inner change that has led to melting divisions while respecting differences, answering hate, healing hurts, bringing reconciliation, tackling corruption and dishonesty for a change in society.

Across the world, divisions, rooted in prejudice, in selfishness, in injustice, seem to be deepening. Some think of walls, whether physical or in minds and hearts, as the solution to difficult problems. Asia Plateau's experience suggests that bridges are more effective than barriers and are built when people allow themselves to be touched by the spirit of honesty, forgiveness, compassion, and of conscience rather than convenience.



Since its inception in 1968, Asia Plateau has

- hosted dialogues on development and on democracy, and for understanding between divided groups and communities;
- conducted education and training in ethical leadership;
- held conferences, workshops, and seminars for youth, educators, farmers, business representing labour and management, politicians and civil servants, the armed forces, families, artists and activists;
- visualized a new society through song, drama and other creative expressions;
- pioneered ecological practices of water preservation, re-forestation, and waste management.

The occasion in January 2018 is to

- recollect and give thanks for Asia Plateau's amazing history thus far;
- recognise the dedication, commitment, giving and service of the many who have made this possible;
- reflect on Asia Plateau's role in the context of national and world concerns and challenges;
- explore together the part each person, individually, and in cooperation with others, will play in answering these needs.





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A contribution of Rs. 2500 per person per day is suggested. You are welcome to contribute according to your means and conviction.

The January temperatures in Panchgani usually range between 15C and 25C and therefore light woollen clothes would be recommended.

