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Dr. Sudarshan Kapur speaks on influence of Mahatma Gandhi on America and South Africa

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Dr. Sudarshan Kapur began his career working as the field officer of the UK-based War on Want, Campaign Against World Poverty, subsequent to which he directed Friends Rural Center, an anti-poverty project of the Religious Society of Friends—Quakers—in India. The years he spent with the poor are foundational to his teaching and scholarship. He has taught extensively at the Iliff School of Theology, the University of Denver and the University of Colorado at Boulder in the areas of religion and social change,

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He is the producer of several educational videos. Dr. Sudarshan Kapur has published several essays and is the author of *Raising Up a Prophet: The African American Encounter with Gandhi*, named an outstanding book by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Human Rights. In 1993, he was nominated for the PEN Center USA West Literary Award in nonfiction.

Dr. Kapur visited India in connection with 50th year celebration marking the visit of Dr. Martin Luther King to India. Contribution of Dr. Martin Luther King towards Civil Rights Movement in the USA and Mahatma's influence on Dr. King are well known. Dr. Kapur spoke about the influence of Mahatma Gandhiji's non-violence movement on the civil rights movement in USA and Anti-Apartheid movement in South Africa. It may be recalled that Dr. Martin Luther King also addressed Bangaloreans, at Indian Institute of World Culture during his visit.

Dr. Kapur was in Bangalore on 20th March and addressed the gatherings at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, St Joseph's College and Indian Institute of World Culture. He visited Mysore and addressed Gandhi Centre, Mysore on 21st March and Department History, Mysore University and Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Kendra, Mysore on 23rd March 2009. He was received at Bhavan's Mysore Kendra by Shri. Ramanuja, Chairman Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Karnataka Regional Centre and Dr. Narasimha Murthy, Chairman, Mysore Kendra.

Here are some of the photographs of the functions in Mysore.



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