## **MISSION 21... Building A BETTER WORLD**

'From United World to Spiritual World'



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#### <u>synopsis</u>

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The United Nations (UN) is the institutional expression of the international community and the basic reference for one who aspires to dream a Better World. It is expected that every member state of UN to confront common challenges, manage shared responsibilities and exercise collective action as an enduring quest for a peaceful, inclusive and sustainable developed world. The innumerable challenge sand failures of the contemporary world and the UN today in solving diverse issues and problems have driven to think and bring out this book. It becomes crucial to understand and analyze the global trends – the dynamics of geo political, demographic, climatic, technological, social, cultural and economic nature. The globalization and technological progress did foster extra ordinary economic growth and created conditions for reduction of extreme poverty and general improvement of living standards. But their unbalanced nature led to high income concentration and extreme inequality, exclusion, competition over resources, short coming in governance-----further contributing to the eruption of violent conflicts. We observe multiplicity of armed actors spreading threats to international peace and security. We also come across diverse calamities, terrorism, organized crimes and epidemics which loom persistently on the horizon. Climate change affects economies and

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people, their land, oceans and seas. It is required to further strengthen the nexus between peace and security, development and sustainability, human rights and dignity...... It is the recognized fact that there is no peace without development and no development without peace. It is also true that there is no peace and sustainable development without respect for the human rights.

Taking into account all the above factors and also with an intention to stir the critical thinking and consciousness of the humanity at large and ultimately to bring out a better life in a Better World is consolidated as – 'Mission 21.....Better world'.

What is a Better World? The scope, the structure, the systems, the strategies....?The Better World is conceived and conceptualized as a system with 7 constituents (like the 7 colors of a rainbow) such as the United World, the Spiritual World, the Peaceful World, the Green World, the Smart/Technological World, the Cultural World and the Prosperous/Economic World. It is conceived to create a global platform – Better World Forum (like World Economic Forum, World Social Forum....) to discuss and debate and to bring out recommended policy guidelines to realize the set goals of the constituent forums. It is planned to drive critical and ethical thinking to realize major transformations such as from United Nations to United World Organization, from Religion to Spirituality from Terrorism to the Non-Violent Society, from Luxuries to Adequacies, from World Wars to a World Without Wars (WWW), from Destructive Scientific ventures to Creative Scientific ventures from Illiterate world to Educated World and Cultural World.... The Better World Forum do bring out diverse projects under global philanthropy, gender equality and women's progress, youth development and social service clubs. The vocabulary such as Better World index is evolved to be used as an analytical tool for continuous betterment. The book refers to the Lessons To Learn from the past as well as the proposed strategies for the future and associated priorities as well as projects. A detailed appendix is provided

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with Better World quotes, slogans, vocabularies, publications, case studies, role models...