

## **Satyagraha is a science with its own set of rules, Anna shall educate people on Democracy says Asim Sarode**

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“Satyagraha is a science which must be followed with its own set of rules. One cannot hold ill-feelings even against an enemy while organizing a Satyagraha. Rather than doing frequent Satyagraha now Anna Hazare shall take a tour of the country and use the present situation to create awareness amongst the common public on concept of Democracy” said Advocate Asim Sarode.

He spoke about the need to curb desires of personal glory while pursuing a social goal like Satyagraha. He was speaking at a seminar on ‘Rightful place of Satyagraha in today’s democracy’, organized by Community Aid and Sponsorship Program (Casp) recently in the city. Eminent personalities debate on the movement’s place in today’s democracy

It is necessary for us to ponder over whether staging a Satyagraha can have impact in a democracy like India where people are indifferent policies, said social activist Bhai Vaidya.

Gandhian Shobhana Ranade; former Union cabinet secretary BG Deshmukh; city businessman and philanthropist, Abhay Firodia; and human rights lawyer, Asim Sarode; were also present along with Casp trustee and president emeritus, Sharadchandra Gokhale.

“Voting once in five years cannot become our sole duty as several operations like farmers’ suicides and taking away land special economic zones are taking place within the framework of the current democracy. People have to raise their voice against such oppressions,” said Vaidya.

Ranade said Satyagraha could achieve the desired goal if it was based purely on truth and courage.

Firodia said, “Earlier, the power was concentrated in the hands of kings, whereas today’s leaders are involved in concentrating power in their own hands to impose their will on common people.” He spoke about Mahatama Gandhi’s role in the Satyagraha movement.

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