

'US does not want India to progress'

BY OUR CORRESPONDENT

Bangalore, March 11: Chief minister S.M. Krishna said the "US is still hostile towards India and does not want the country to progress." He was speaking after releasing the book *As I See It ... The Karan Singh Reader*, written by politician and philosopher Dr Karan Singh.

He said the US is "scared" of India's progress in the fields of science and technology and agriculture.

"There is an undercurrent of hostility that the US has against India and they don't want a mighty country like India to progress," Mr Krishna said.

However, he was quick to add that India cannot pick up a quarrel with the US.

He expressed the hope that India may not fall into the trap set by the developed countries and said, "with personalities like Dr Karan Singh, Dr M.S. Swaminathan, Sharad Joshi and Rajaramanna, we will not walk into the trap."

Dr Singh, who celebrated his 70th birthday, spoke against the forces of fundamentalism and fanaticism, particularly on Tal-

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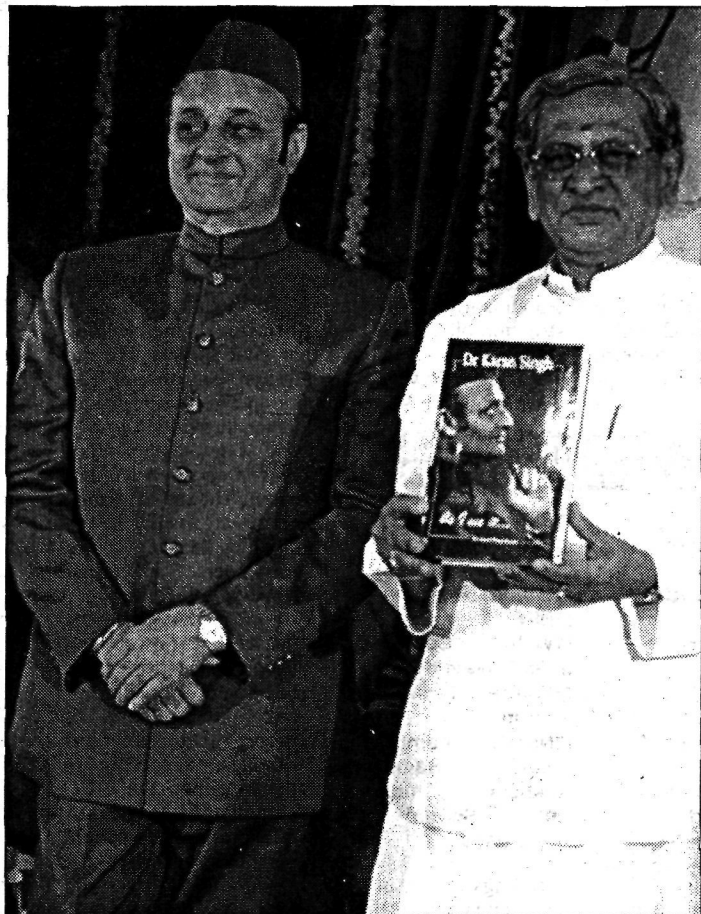
Dr Singh's latest book is a representative selection of his writings and is divided into seven sections, including India, philosophy, education, political life, interfaith harmony, world peace and global consciousness.

Well-known nuclear scientist Dr Rajaramanna and litterateur Prof U.R. Anantha Murthy recalled the fond memories they had with Dr Singh.

Member of Parliament and film producer T. Subbarami Reddy, president of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan Mr Ramanujam, director of Bangalore branch of Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan M. Krishnamurthy were also present at the function.

Farmer commits suicide: A farmer depressed over being asked to vacate a government land allegedly committed suicide in Dharwad district of Karnataka, taking the number of farmers suicide in the district to six this season.

Kallappa, who had been cultivating the three-and-a-half acre government land, was upset as the revenue authorities had ordered him to vacate it, police added. (UNI)



TREASURE OF THOUGHTS: Chief minister S.M. Krishna releases the book *As I see it*, written by member of Rajya Sabha Dr Karan Singh (left) in Bangalore on Sunday. A photograph by Manjunath Kiran