

Thank you very much for honouring me with the prestigious award of Traglia. I will cherish it forever.

It was a beautiful and spiritual moment for me being with all of you in Molise. I could pay homage to mother earth and the grain that nourishes life. The grain is sacred as it contains the entire creation and is also the source of creation. There cannot be a better symbol of peace than the grain. The festival of harvest of Jelsi was a celebration of peace and non-violence. As I had said to you I paid my homage to the sacred animals that serve humanity as well as the mother earth.

It was a very moving experience to see the rural folk from Punjab integrated in the society of your great country. The people of Punjab are known for their courage, culture and hospitality. I am really touched that they are receiving the same hospitality and friendship from the people of Molise.

Please accept my gratitude for all your hospitality.

I have returned to India with the divine echo of the sound of *campane di Agnone*.

With friendship from India,

Yours sincerely,



(Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee)