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INDIA CONFERENCE WAVES 2023

27TH INDIA CONFERENCE OF WAVES
MAN AND NATURE IN VEDIC TRADITION: MODERN PERSPECTIVE
1-3 DEC. 2023

27th India Conference of WAVES is being jointly organized by the Department of Sanskrit, South Campus, University of Delhi and WAVES-India on 1-3 Dec 2023 in the Conference Room, Faculty of Arts, South Campus, University of Delhi. The Conference was inaugurated by **Prof. Shri Prakash Singh**, Director, South Campus, University of Delhi. **Prof. Shrinivas Varakhedi**, Vice-Chancellor, Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi graced the occasion as Chief Guest. **Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad Mishra**, Former Dean, Faculty of Indic Studies and Former Chairperson, Department of Sanskrit, Pali & Prakrit, Krukshehra University was the Key Note Speaker,





Editorial

We have great pleasure in presenting the Twenty-fifth issue of the WAVES newsletter, covering brief reports of all the Academic activities held between August, 2023 to August, 2024.

WAVES is recognized worldwide for encouraging innovative, multi-disciplinary, and quality scholarship related to the Vedas and ancient knowledge. As an internationally acclaimed learning organization, WAVES has established a long reputation for providing scholarly forum for research and facilitating productive discussion. It is trying to popularize Vedic views with the understanding of Vedic concepts by organizing academic programmes including national or international conferences since three decades.

We organized the 27th India Conference on 'Man and Nature in Vedic Tradition' at South Campus, University of Delhi in Dec. 2023. The conference received a wholehearted response from scholars and students from different parts of India and abroad.

Our members will be delighted to note that the proceedings of 2020 and 2022 conferences are published in two different volumes this year.

WAVES, at present, has 319 Life-members. We are looking forward to enlightening insights through comments and queries. We welcome our new members in the family of WAVES and hope for their active participation in the coming years.

Shubham Bhūyātiti.

SHASHI TIWARI
Chief Editor

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The session was presided by **Prof. Om Nath Bimali**, Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi. The session was coordinated by **Prof. Ranjit Behera**, General Secretary, WAVES-India.

The main theme 'Man and Nature in Vedic Tradition: Modern Perspective' was well received by the researchers. They presented papers related to nature, environment, Vedic prayers, natural aspects, consciousness, mind and *chitta*, happiness and health. About 100 delegates from different parts of India and from the University of Delhi took part in this meet. The program was divided in fifteen sessions including Inaugural session and valedictory session. Senior members of WAVES and teachers of Sanskrit department mostly chaired these sessions. The concluding thought which came up from the conference may be defined here in short.

Chief Guest in the Valedictory Session was **Prof. Balram Pani**, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi. **Prof. Bhaskar Nath Bhattacharya**, Vice-President, WAVES-India was the Guest of Honour.

The valedictory session was presided by **Prof. Shashi Tiwari**, President, WAVES-India. **Prof. Om Nath, Bimali**, Head, Department of Sanskrit, DU graced the occasion by his remarks, **Prof. Bhartendu Pandey**, Professor-in-charge, Department of Sanskrit, South Campus, University of Delhi gave welcome address and vote of thanks was proposed by **Dr. Vijay Sankar Dwivedi**. The session was coordinated by **Dr. Aparna Dhir Khandelwal**, Secretary, WAVES-India.



INDIA CONFERENCE



Prof. Shri Prakash Singh—“Vedic mantras should be remembered and why deities are adorable should be known.”

Prof. Shrinivas Varakhedi—“Ignorance about the knowledge of our own roots is the cause of our problems in modern age. Attitude of man that he is the lord of nature, (*Prakriti*) in wrong.”

Prof. Rajeshwar Prasad Mishra—“*Pratriti* and man both are offspring of *Prajapati*.”

Prof. Om Nath Bimali—“Man is *Suddha Chaitanya* who in association with *Prakriti* gets *Ananda*.”

Prof. Balram Pani—Vedic seers are very sure about their statements .There is no ifs and buts.”

Vedic views revolve around the concept of nature and life. Individuals live, grow, multiply and die and the species



continues to exist and revolve. The inter relationship among individuals of one and the same species and with different species and with their surroundings all make the personality and growth of one individual. Vedic seers named cosmic order as '*ritam*' which is the true and right order to maintain this creation. It could be understood as the science of living and non-living. Upanishdic philosophy preaches the cosmic identity of man on upper levels as Self or *at*. Science and philosophy both play a significant role to understand both nature and man.

In the line with its traditions, this time WAVES has announced five prizes of Rs.10000/- for outstanding research papers of young scholars and for this **Svargiya Smt. Pramila Behera & Svargiya Kubera Behera Memorial Awards-2023** was constituted by Prof. Ranjit Behera, Department of Sanskrit, Delhi University.

The following young scholars were awarded:-

- **Shri Ashrut Swaminathan, 1st Prize (Rs.3,500/-)**
- **Ms. Akansha Shree, 2nd Prize (Rs.2,500/-)**
- **Shri Chiranjeev Sarkar, 3rd Prize (Rs.2,000/-)**
- **Dr. Ritika, Encouragement Award (Rs.1,000/-)**
- **Ms. Chanda, Encouragement Award (Rs.1,000/-)**

Prof. Pratibha Shukla from Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Prof. Srivatsa from University of Delhi and Prof. Kamla Bhardwaj from SLB Sanskrit University were judges to evaluate these papers in all aspects.

The conference was coordinated by Prof. Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES-India, Prof. Bhartendu Pandey, Professor-in-charge, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi & Prof. Ranjit Behera, Department of Sanskrit, DU & General Secretary, WAVES-India.

*A brief report by
Dr. Shashi Tiwari*



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WAVES CONFERENCE IN NEPAL

- ★ Vedic Traditions in South and South-East Asian Region, July 12-13, 2003

WAVES CONFERENCES IN INDIA

- ★ Indian Identity and Cultural Continuity, Delhi, Dec. 27, 1997
- ★ Ancient Indian Wisdom & Contemporary Challenges, Delhi, Dec. 24-25, 1998
- ★ Challenges of Modernity: The Vedic View, Delhi, Jan. 7-8, 2000
- ★ State & Society : An Ancient Indian Perspective, Delhi, Dec. 15-16, 2000
- ★ Vedic Wisdom & Global Issues, Shri Shailam, Dec. 28-30, 2001
- ★ Vedic Intellectual Tradition : Modern Context, Dec. 27-28, 2002
- ★ Contemporary World Order, Pondicherry, Dec. 27-29, 2003
- ★ Consciousness & Vedic Heritage, Bangalore, Dec. 31-2 Jan., 2005
- ★ Approach to Health and Happiness in Indian Thought, Jaipur, Dec. 16-18, 2005
- ★ Cultural Consciousness in Ancient Indian Society, Delhi, Dec. 15-17, 2006
- ★ Vedic Value System : Relevance, Vrindavan, Dec. 14-16, 2008
- ★ Harappan Civilization and Vedic Culture, Dec. 24-25, 2008
- ★ Creation and Existence: Indian Perspective, Delhi, Dec. 24-26, 2009
- ★ Relevance of Ayurveda, Hyderabad, Delhi, Jan. 21-23, 2011
- ★ Veda and Thought Revolution, Haridwar, March 14-17, 2012.
- ★ Vedic Views on Man and Nature, Delhi, Dec. 24-26, 2012
- ★ Vedic Views on Education and Morality, Lucknow, Nov. 22-24, 2013
- ★ Vedic Philosophical Tradition, Varanasi, Nov. 15-17, 2014
- ★ Science and Spirituality in Vedic Traditions, Delhi, Nov. 27-29, 2015
- ★ Scientific Aspects of Vedic Knowledge, Delhi, Dec. 15-18, 2016
- ★ Practical Aspects of Vedic Knowledge, Delhi, Dec. 10-12, 2017
- ★ Vedic Perspectives of Indian Arts, IGNC, Delhi, Nov. 27-29, 2018
- ★ Vedic Wisdom and Women: Contemporary Perspective IGNC, Delhi, Nov. 5-7, 2019
- ★ Impact of Vedic Wisdom on the World Today, Webinar, Dec. 2020-Jan. 2021
- ★ The Concept of Liberty and Equality in Vedic Perspective, webinar, Delhi, Dec 10-12, 2021
- ★ (27th India Conference) Man and Nature in Vedic Tradition : Modern Perspective, South Campus, DU, 1-3 Dec. 2023.

WAVES CONFERENCES IN USA

- ★ (28th India Conference with WAVES International) , Prevention, Management and Resolution of Conflicts in Vedic Tradition, Orlando, USA, 13-15 September, 2024 (Offline & Online Mode).

ONLINE PROGRAMS

वेद विमर्श पर एक दिवसीय 'वेद-संगोष्ठी'

24-9-2023

वेद संस्थान, राजौरी गार्डन, दिल्ली



राजौरी गार्डन में स्थित वैदिक ज्ञान को समर्पित संस्था "वेद संस्थान" एवं "बृहत्तर वैदिक अध्ययन परिषद्" (WAVES) के युवावर्ग (तरुण-तरंग) के संयुक्त तत्त्वावधान में 24-9-2023 को एक दिवसीय 'वेद संगोष्ठी' का आयोजन किया गया। मुख्य रूप से यह संगोष्ठी वेदसंस्थान के संस्थापक वेदों के अध्यायी, वेदप्रचारक, वेद के प्रतिष्ठित विद्वान विद्यानन्द विदेह के सुपुत्र स्व० अभयदेव शर्मा के 90वें जन्मदिवस के अवसर पर आयोजित की गयी थी, जिसमें प्रतिष्ठित विद्वानों, कुलपतियों, सेवानिवृत्त प्राध्यापकों एवं शोध-छात्रों द्वारा उत्साहपूर्वक भाग लिया गया। संगोष्ठी का विषय था; "वेद विमर्श-विधि आयाम"।

इस संगोष्ठी के चार सत्र थे, इन सत्रों में, वर्तमान में वेदसंस्थान के अध्यक्ष आदरणीय श्रीमान् प्रद्युम्न जी ने प्रथम सत्र की अध्यक्षता बहुत ही गम्भीरता से करते हुए सत्र को सम्बोधित भी किया। अगले सत्र के अध्यक्ष डॉ० वेदव्रत आलोक-प्राध्यापक (संस्कृत) दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय दिल्ली, रहे।

इस सम्मेलन में वेक्स की अध्यक्ष प्रो. शशि तिवारी महोदया द्वारा 'वेद व्याख्या की पद्धतियाँ' विषय पर प्रकाश डाला गया। उन्होंने अपने व्याख्यान में बताया कि वेद ज्ञान की शब्दात्मक राशि है। एवं वेद के अर्थों को जानने वाला प्रशंसनीय है। मन्त्रों के अर्थों को समझने के लिए वेदांगों का ज्ञान अवश्य ही होना चाहिए। उन्होंने इसी क्रम में भारतीय प्राचीन भाष्यकारों जैसे-उब्वट, माधव, मुद्गल आदि के विषय में चर्चा की और आधुनिक भाष्यकारों की वेदव्याख्या पद्धति पर भी प्रकाश डाला।

डॉ. उमा आर्या ने द्वारा वेदों में 'गुरु-शिष्य संबन्ध' विषय पर प्रकाश डाला गया। उन्होंने बताया कि वैदिक कालीन शिक्षा



में गुरु शिष्य संबंध विशेष प्रकार के थे, जो अत्यंत मधुर, आत्मीय एवं अनु-करणीय थे। गुरु और शिष्य के मध्य भारोसे और

जिम्मेदारी के संबंध हुआ करते थे। गुरु शिष्यों के साथ पुत्रवत् भावना से व्यवहार करते थे। इसी क्रम में तरुण तरंग (वेक्स) की अध्यक्ष एवं एसो. प्रो. डा. करुणा आर्या ने द्वारा वेदार्थ प्रतिपादन में महर्षि दयानन्द जी के योगदान की विशद चर्चा की।



तरुण तरंग (वेक्स) के पूर्व अध्यक्ष डॉ. धनंजय आचार्य जी द्वारा निघण्टु शब्द का क्या अर्थ है-वह दुनिया का पहला शब्दकोश है यह बताते हुए निघण्टु और निरुक्त के आधार पर वेदमंत्रों का अध्ययन किस प्रकार से किया जाए इस विषय पर प्रकाश डाला। यास्कप्रणीत निरुक्त का आधार निघण्टु है। उन्होंने बताया कि कोशपरम्परा का आरम्भ निघण्टु नामक ग्रन्थ से हुआ एवं निघण्टु वैदिक शब्दों का संग्रह है।

उत्तराखण्ड संस्कृत विश्वविद्यालय, हरिद्वार के कुलपति प्रो. दिनेशचन्द्र शास्त्री जी द्वारा वेदों का एकत्व, त्रित्व, चतुष्टयत्व, अनेकत्व पर विशद व्याख्यान हुआ। उन्होंने बताया कि वेद शब्द के एकवचन प्रयोग से वेद की एकत्व की सिद्धि होती है-सर्वज्ञानमयो हि सः (वेदः)।

वेदत्रयी की सिद्धि में उन्होंने शतपथब्राह्मण का प्रमाण दिया वेद चतुष्टयत्व का प्रमाण उन्होंने पुरुषसूक्त के मंत्र से दिया "तस्माद्यज्ञात्सर्वहुत ऋचः सामानि..। (10/90/9; ऋग्वेद)

वेद-अनेकत्व पर उन्होंने कहा कि वेद की शाखाएँ, ब्राह्मण ग्रन्थ, आदि वेद की एक कोटि में ही आते हैं अतः वेद के अनेकत्व की सिद्धि होती है।

उपसंहार में उन्होंने पुरुषसूक्त के मंत्र का आश्रय लेकर वेद की संख्या चार ही निश्चित की।

श्रीलालबहादुर संस्कृत विश्वविद्यालय के प्रो. देवेन्द्र मिश्र का व्याख्यान-विषय था, वेदों में विनियोग प्रकरण। इस विषय पर प्रो. मिश्र ने सस्वर मन्त्रोच्चारण करते हुए कई उदाहरणों के विनियोग विधि को सरलतया स्पष्ट किया। एसोसिएट प्रो. मीना कुमारी ने अरण्यानि सूक्त का आधुनिक वनसंरक्षण विषय पर व्याख्यान प्रस्तुत किया। वेदसंस्थान के निदेशक, श्रीमान देवकृष्णदास द्वारा "लोकप्रचलित मान्यताओं से दिग्भ्रमित वेदव्याख्यान" विषय पर उदाहरण प्रस्तुत करते हुए व्याख्यान प्रस्तुत किया गया।

दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के प्रोफेसर एवं बृहत्तर वैदिक अध्ययन के महासचिव प्रो. रणजित बेहेरा द्वारा अन्तिम सत्र की अध्यक्षता की गयी। जिसमें कई शोधपत्र पढ़े गये। प्रो. बेहेरा ने सभी शोधविद्वानों के पत्रों की समीक्षा करते हुए सन्देश दिया कि वेदों का स्वाध्याय निरन्तर करते रहना चाहिए। वेद सभी विद्याओं के मूल हैं। विशेषकर उन्होंने सूर्य की व्युत्पत्ति निरुक्ति करते हुए अनेक उदाहरण प्रस्तुत किये।

इस सत्र में डॉ० प्रेम देवली, असिस्टेंट प्रोफेसर ने महर्षि अरविन्द के वेदभाष्य, अरविन्द की जीवन प्रक्रिया तथा उनकी कृतियों पर प्रकाश डाला। अन्य पत्र भी पढ़े। शोधपत्र के माध्यम



से वेद के विविध आयामों की चर्चा की। कुछ उल्लेखनीय नाम हैं—शोध-छात्र मनीष कुमार द्वारा ऋग्वेद में दान-सूक्तों का



महत्व प्रतिपादित किया गया। शोध छात्र पिन्दू कुमार द्वारा वेद में रसायन विज्ञान एवं शोध-छात्र देवराज द्वारा वेद में चिकित्सा पद्धति पर प्रकाश डाला गया।

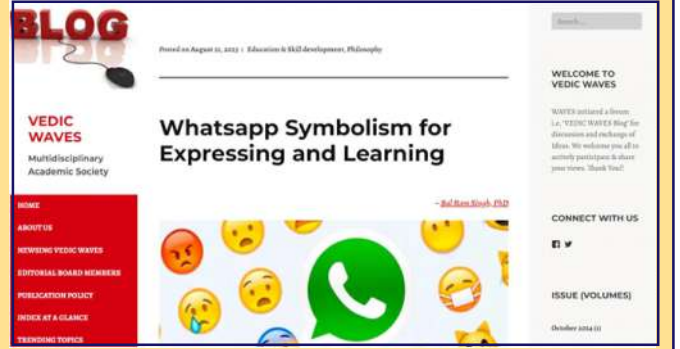
शोधछात्रा चंदा द्वारा भी 'आधुनिक युग में यज्ञ' विषय पर विचार प्रस्तुत किये गये। "वेद संस्थान" एवं "बृहत्तर वैदिक अध्ययन परिषद्" के संयुक्त तत्वावधान में आयोजित की गयी एकदिवसीय वेदसंगोष्ठी में शोध-छात्रों ने उत्साहपूर्वक सोल्लास भाग लिया। श्रोताओं की दृष्टि में यह कार्यक्रम अत्यंत सफल रहा।

A report by Dr. Karuna Arya

DISCOVERING NEW DIMENSIONS OF VEDIC KNOWLEDGE THROUGH VEDIC WAVES BLOG

<https://vedicwaves.wordpress.com/>

Since the year 2015, Vedic WAVES Blog as a peer-reviewed publication with its global views has reached over 3,08,000 organic views deliberating 188 published articles so far. Articles like 'Sensibilities and Bhāratvarsha—India's New Parliament'; 'Bāla Rāma Ayodhyā Mandir 'Prāṇa Pratiṣṭhā'—A Vedic Perspective'; '2023 August, the Month of Bharat', 'Whatsapp Symbolism for Expressing and Learning'; 'Celebrating the Year of 'Millets' through its Knowledge from Vedas to Present' and many more from time to time were published at Vedic WAVES Blog expressing



contemporary perspectives along with their deep intellectual Vedic thoughts.

It is often understood that Vedas or our ancient scriptures are meant to narrate age-old intensive treasure of knowledge but with such articles, WAVES blog allows and encourages authors to think beyond that and try to find out the connection between present day situations and the ancient traditional practices.

Hence, authors and writers are always welcome to share their out of box scholarly ideas in search of true Vedic wisdom at this platform.

Till date, readers and followers have shown their utmost interest in Vedic WAVES Blog by sharing their opinions and appreciation through over 700 comments that were received directly on the blog articles or through many other media of communications.

The editorial team of Vedic WAVES Blog is grateful to all its contributors, readers, reviewers, subscribers and followers for their appreciation for all these years since its inception.



INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON SRIRAM TATVA UNDER VIKSHIT BHARAT YOJNA

Satyawati College, Delhi
23-01-2024

There was an International Seminar in Satyawati College (DU) with IQAC, on Vikshit Bharat and Sriram Lalla tattva on January 23, 2024. The inauguration ceremony at Ayodhya was well supported by our Vedic scholars with their highly intellectual views in this seminar where many scholars gave an idea on our *Sanataniya dharma*. **Prof. Dayashankar Tiwari**; presided over the program. Dean of DU, **Prof. Balram Pani** was invited as chief guest. He elaborated on the dutifulness of Lord Ram. Chief speaker **Prof. B.R. Singh** talked about the popularity and spread of Ram Gathas in various countries. Invited speaker **Prof. Shashi Tiwari** gave an expounded talk on the basis of Ramcharitmanas, Valmikiya Ramayan and contemporary Ram Kathas.

Her research based talk was highly endorsed by the audience. She told that from the beginning of Vedic era to present day, our Indian knowledge system is very rich and vast. Not only Adiguru Shankaracharya propelled his theory of Adveta—all other such as Dveta, Dvetadveta are to be studied with rich glorious statements of sages and scholars.

The Principal of Satyawati College, **Prof. Anju Seth**, In charge officer of *Vikshit Bharat* mission **Dr. Ratnesh Kumar Tripathi**, Faculty member **Prof. Ajay Kumar Jha**, and President of WAVES, **Prof. Shashi Tiwari**—with other scholars highlighted and elaborated moral principles laid down in the story of Ram.

The session through these talks make the teachers and students proud on the certain aspects of Indian Knowledge system, explained in simple and interesting way. Indeed session was declared by students a grand success.

A report by Dr Dhananjay Bhanj

विकसितभारताभियान्तर्गते श्रीरामः एवं भारतराष्ट्रम् इति परिसंवादः

अयोद्यानगरे श्रीरामलला-मन्दिरस्य प्राण-प्रतिष्ठावसरे नवभारत-
राष्ट्रस्य निर्माणे प्रभोः रामस्य अवतारः तस्य कृतित्व-पूर्ण-
जीवनोपरि पंडितप्रवरैः मौलिकी चर्चा, निबन्धसारः परिप्रकाशिताः

(विश्वस्य वृत्तान्तः)

नवदेहली। दिल्ली विश्व-विद्यालयसंलग्ने सत्यवती महाविद्यालये बृहत्तर वैदिक अध्ययनपरिषद् तथा आन्तः गुणात्मक गुणवत्ता-स्वासनप्रकोष्ठम् इत्यनयोः मिलिता-नुकूल्येन एक-दिवसीयः अन्ताराष्ट्रिय-परिसंवादः समायोजितः।

अयोद्यानगरे श्रीरामलला-मन्दिरस्य प्राण-प्रतिष्ठावसरे नवभारत-राष्ट्रस्य निर्माणे प्रभोः रामस्य अवतारः तस्य कृतित्व-पूर्ण-जीवनोपरि पंडितप्रवरैः मौलिकी चर्चा, निबन्धसारः परिप्रकाशिताः। कार्यक्रमे संस्कृत-विभागाचार्याः प्रो. दयाशंकर तिवारी आध्यक्षीयं प्रबोधनं दत्तवान्। संकायानुशासी प्रो. बलराम पाणिः मुख्यातिथि-स्थाने रामावतारस्य पुरुषोत्तम-रामस्य माहात्म्यं प्रकटितवान्। आधार स्थाने मुख्यवक्ता प्रो. बलराम सिंहः, विशिष्टवक्त्री बीजप्रवाचिका प्रो.



शशि तिवारी च श्रीरामतत्वम्, रामचरितमानसम्, वाल्मीकिरामायणात् आरभ्य अर्वाचीनलौकिक साहित्येषु श्रीरामजीवनामृतोपरि गभीरशोधपरकं व्याख्यानं चोपस्थापितवत्यौ।

वैदिकवाग्मयात् लौकिकसाहित्यं पर्यन्तं भारतीय-ज्ञानपरम्परा अति विशाला, अति समृद्धा यत्र द्वैत-अद्वैत-विशिष्टा-द्वैतवादानां मध्ये समन्वयेन सह विरोधाभासस्य सावलीलं मार्मिक-मुपस्थापनं बभूव।

सत्यवती महा-विद्यालयस्य प्राचार्या प्रो. अंजू सेठः, प्रभारी, चि क सित - भार त म् अभियानम् डॉ. रत्नेशकुमार त्रिपाठी, संयोजकः प्रो. अजयकुमार झा, एवं च वेक्स भारतशाखायाः अध्यक्षी प्रो. शशि तिवारी सम्पूर्णकार्यक्रमस्य समन्वयकाः, संयोजकाः, आवाहकाः रूपेण उपस्थिताः सन्तः परिसंवादः सजीवं ज्ञानवर्धकं कृतवन्तः।

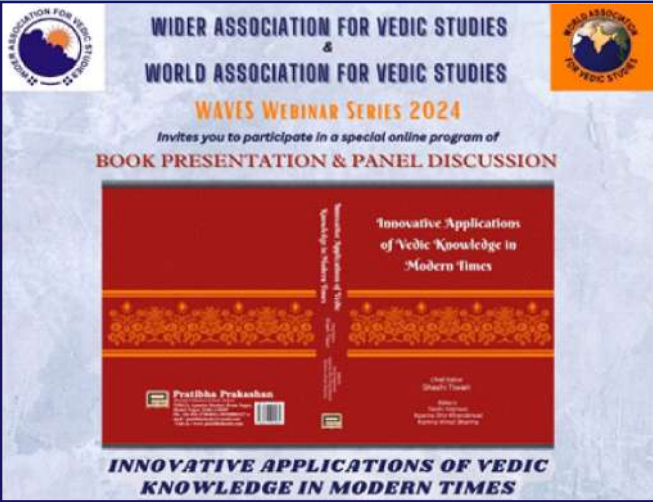
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APPLICATIONS OF VEDIC KNOWLEDGE IN MODERN TIMES

1st April, 2024
Webinar : Talk No. 4

World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES, International), USA, and Wider Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES, India) in its WAVES 2024 Webinar Series organized a special online program of Book



Release and Panel Discussion titled “Applications of Vedic Knowledge in Modern Times”; on 1st April, 2024.

Dr. Aparna Dhir Khandelwal, Secretary, WAVES, India moderated the first part of the program, which was the Book release. The inaugural session commenced with an invocation by Dr. Raghav S. Boddupalli, Botanical Scientist and WAVES Life Member, Bangalore, setting a spiritual tone by reciting Veda mantras for the event. This was followed by playing the auspicious WAVES Kulgeet, “Vedādhyayana hai lakśya hamārā,” to set a positive and uplifting atmosphere for the audience.

After the invocation and the Kulgeet, a short video was presented to give attendees a glimpse into the ‘WAVES 2022’, the 15th International & 26th India conference of WAVES, highlighting its theme, speakers, and objectives.

The special online program was graced by Shri Dharendra A. Shah, treasurer of Waves-International, as the President of the session. In his address, he extended gratitude to the presenters and panelists for their invaluable contributions to the study of Vedic



literature, philosophy, and the rich history of Bhārat. Shri Shah’s words resonated deeply with the audience, emphasizing the collective responsibility to uphold and cherish the knowledge of Vedic *Dharma* and the need for Vedic culture to permeate every community to preserve it from generation to generation.

As the Chief Guest, **Prof. Ramesh C. Bhardwaj**, the Vice Chancellor of Maharshi Valmiki Sanskrit University, Haryana, delivered an insightful address. During his speech, Prof. Bhardwaj highlighted the role of Vedic education in fostering global harmony and peace. He quoted Mahatma Gandhi, saying that the Hindu civilization is based upon Vedic traditions, which can make the welfare of the whole world possible.

On this occasion, Prof. Ramesh C. Bhardwaj released the latest WAVES Publication, based on the WAVES 2022 conference, which was jointly organized (virtually) by both WAVES-International (USA) and WAVES-India. The conference was held under the theme “Innovative Applications of Vedic Knowledge in Modern Times.” The book comprises fifty selected and edited papers from the WAVES 2022 conference, representing contributions in English, Hindi, and Sanskrit. These papers are organized into eight thematic sections, each delving into different aspects of Vedic traditions.

Of notable significance are the contributions from esteemed overseas delegates, including Prof. Nicholas Kazanas, Greece, Prof. Bal Ram Singh, USA, Prof. Narayanan M. Komerath, USA, Dr. Aleh Perzashkevich, Belarus, Dr. Raj Vedom and Sitaram Ayyagari, USA, Prof. Madan Lal Goel, USA, and Dr. Koenraad Elst, Belgium. Dr. Anirban Chakraborty, Dr. Shashi Tiwari, Dr. K. C. Sharma, Brig. J.S. Rajpurohit, Prof. R. S. Kaushal, Prof. Rupa Bhaty, Prof. Soma Basu, and Mr. Anand Gaikwad are a few other distinguished contributors from India. Their insightful perspectives enriched the

वर्तमानकाले वैदिकज्ञानपरम्परायाः नवाचारप्रयोगः

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discourse on Vedic studies and broadened the understanding of its global significance. The book was prepared by Prof. Shashi Tiwari as Chief Editor, along with Shri Sashi Kejriwal, Dr. Aparna Dhir Khandelwal, and Dr. Kamna Vimal Sharma as Editors. This volume has been published by Pratibha Prakashan, a renowned publishing house for Indological books in India, and is available for purchase on their official website.

The second part of the event was moderated by **Dr. (Brig.) J.S. Rajpurohit**. The panelists who participated in this segment are:

- ✿ Shri Sashi Kejriwal, President of WAVES, USA.
- ✿ Dr. Aleh Perzashkevich, Historian, Belarus.
- ✿ Dr. Raj Verma Sinha, Philosopher, Delhi.
- ✿ Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director of WAVES, USA.
- ✿ Dr. Koenraad Elst, Historian, Belgium.
- ✿ Prof. R. S. Kaushal, Scientist, Delhi.
- ✿ Ms. Rinika Bansal, Youth Author, USA.
- ✿ Dr. Mousumi Chattopadhyay, Sanskrit, Kolkata.

During this segment of the program, one of the moderators delivered the message by Shri Sashi Kejriwal, regarding his vision for the WAVES 2024, conference to be held in Orlando, FL, USA. His message read as follows: "WAVES' successful virtual conferences in 2022 & 2020 and the acquisition of technical expertise in conducting such events will help us in our upcoming conference, even though it is an in-person conference, but we may have some content or talks through remote means for a wider participation. We also had a good concentration of youth presenters and hope to grow that in our future conferences. We also hope to do better in getting more international participation in our 2024 conference".

Other panelists presented their insights based on their research papers that were presented during the 2022 conference and which are part of the published book. Additionally, other scholars and contributors enthusiastically took part in the program and were given the opportunity to speak about their papers featured in the volume. For instance; Shri Charan J.S. Manektala spoke on the relevance of Vedic knowledge in

understanding contemporary economics and social issues. He emphasized the potential of *Dharma* and *Rta* to foster balance and harmony in modern times, showcasing the enduring wisdom of Vedic principles in addressing current challenges and promoting holistic well-being.

Following the panel discussion, Dr. Shashi Tiwari, President of WAVES-India, offered profound reflections on WAVES' collective academic journey across various ventures. She expressed pride in WAVES' status as a globally recognized association and its ongoing commitment to fostering innovative, multidisciplinary scholarship focused on Vedic knowledge. She further highlighted the promising caliber of the 15th published volume, indicating the in-depth and quality of research contributions. This volume represents the culmination of WAVES' dedication to promoting scholarly inquiry into Vedic traditions.

The event was well-attended, with nearly 100 guests, and was streamed live on the WAVES' YouTube and Twitter platforms. Some of the attendees shared their thoughts on the program. Such as, Reena Kannojiya wrote, "Thanks to WAVES president Prof. Shashi Tiwari and her team for bringing out the paper presentations in the form of a book and release."; Prof. Soma Basu, Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata wrote, "A great event indeed, extremely happy to be a part of this book release program! Thanks, and regards to all."; Dr. Aleh Perzashkevich, one of the panelists, wrote, "It has been a real privilege to be part of all that. Thank you again."; "Beautiful and Inspiring", message from Ms. Satyavani Kakarla, USA; Dr. J.S. Rajpurohit, the moderator of the program, wrote, "It has been an excellent learning session. I am grateful to all Modern Rishi Panelists for the exposition. Thanks to all the scholars.

At the end of the program, Dr. Radhey Shyam Shukla, publisher of the volume presented the vote of thanks to the editors and all the contributors of the book. Dr. Kamna Vimal Sharma, editor, concluded the session and expressed the collective gratitude on behalf of WAVES to all scholars and guests for their support and participation in the event and wished for the same for future initiatives.

A report by Supriya Chopra

WAVES 2024 Webinar Series
organized its Talk No. 5

Dr. Bhu Dev Sharma Memorial Lecture

BASIS AND PURPOSE OF SHRI RĀMA'S BIRTH

6th May 2024
Webinar : Talk No. 5

Dr. Aparna Dhir Khandelwal, Secretary, WAVES, India, moderated the program. The inaugural session commenced by playing the auspicious WAVES Kulgeet, "Vedādhyayana hai lakśya hamārā," to set a positive and uplifting atmosphere for the audience.

Dr. Bal Ram Singh, Scientist and Board Member of WAVES-USA, in his talk, provided a far and wide, comprehensive overview of the historical context, timeline, scientific, social, linguistic, and geographical aspects of Shri Rāma's life journey, emphasizing a logical and scientific approach to understanding the basis of his birth, the purpose of his life, and why we should uphold his values. Dr. Singh explored the *jivan mulyas* of Shri Rāma that make him a revered figure, bringing the concept of *Rāma-Rajya*. Dr. Singh emphasized that keeping one's word, as embodied by Shri Rāma, is the basis of science, enlightenment, and welfare for all. "Raghukula Riti sada chali Ai, Prana jahu, baru bachanu na jaī" (Ayodhya Kand 27.4)



These concepts are well explained in Dr. Bal Ram Singh's book "A Different Take: An NRI View of India in the Tradition of Ram, Krishn and Gandhi"

In recognition of Dr. Bhu Dev Sharma's life journey, learned Professor Dr. S. Rama Rao Pappu was invited to offer his views on the given talk and the occasion. His association goes back to the founder of WAVES, Dr. Bhu Dev Sharma, from before the inception of the Academic Multidisciplinary Society. Prof. Pappu summed up his point: "Why is Rāma popular? because he is a kind of moral exemplar, a paradigmatic individual. The lesson of Rāmāyana is what is possible to Rāma who is born like a human, suffered as a human, and that is possible for every other human being." This relates to Dr. Bal Ram Singh's finding that "Essentially, Ram does not have failures in life, despite many failures: *Rājayābhiṣek*, death of his father, *Sītā-haraṇ*, *nāgpaś*, inability to kill Rāvaṇa, vanquishing of Sita."



Subsequently, the President of WAVES India, Prof. Shashi Tiwari delivered her insightful viewpoints. The topic for the talk was chosen by her, based on Dr. Bal Ram Singh's most recent article on the subject, which was published in the South Asian Times. She thanked Dr. Singh for giving the memorial talk and expressed Dr. Bhu Dev Sharma's strong relationship with WAVES International and WAVES India. She further emphasized the importance of this program being conducted jointly by both WAVES organizations. Regarding the talk, she focused on Dr. Singh's two significant findings, which basically inspired her to organize the talk.

She said, "All the stories which were given before the birth of Rāma, especially in Tulsidasa's Ramcharitra Manas, stories about Shatruga, Narad, Shravan Kumar, Jay Vijay... are all related to his birth, and because he takes birth, all these stories will be fulfilled." She further added that Dr. Bal Ram Singh remarkably manages to add the dimensions of time and space to these stories, which adds great value to the subject. Secondly, she

WAVES PROGRAMME REPORTING IN NEWSPAPER

एकदिवसीया वेदसंगोष्ठी सुसंपन्ना



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नवदेहली। दिल्लीस्थ वेदसंस्थानम्, वेक्ससंस्थायाः कनिष्ठशाखायाः तरुणतरंगस्य संयुक्ततत्त्वावधाने गतदिवसे एकदिवसात्मकी वैदिकसंगोष्ठी समायोजिता। भारतस्य सुप्रतिष्ठितैः 15 वेदविद्भिः शोधपत्राणि उपस्थापितानि। अनेन सह अनेके शोधविद्यार्थिनः च अंशग्रहीतारः आसन्। वेदसंस्थानस्य प्रमुखः प्रद्युम्न शर्मा, निदेशकः डॉ. देवकृष्ण दासः, वेक्स अध्यक्ष प्रो. शशि तिवारी, उत्तराखण्डसंस्कृतविश्वविद्यालयस्य कुलपतिः प्रो. दीनेशचंद्र शास्त्री, वेक्समहासचिवः प्रो. रंजीत बेहेरा, सचिव डॉ.

अपर्णा धीर खण्डेलवालः, जनसंपर्क अधिकारी डॉ. धनंजय आचार्यः, तरुणतरंगस्य अध्यक्ष डॉ. करुणा आर्या, डॉ. प्रेम देवली, डॉ. उमा आर्या, प्रो. एम.एम.बजाजः, डॉ. नीलम गौरः, डॉ. मीना कुमारी, डॉ. विजेन्द्रः, प्रो. दे.प्र.मिश्रा, डॉ. सुमनाः च शोधपरकनिबन्धान् उपस्थापितवन्तः। एतेषां विमर्शात्मक व्याख्यानं वैदिकविमर्शः शिखरं स्पृशति स्म। एतेषां शोधपत्राणां भविष्यति वेदसंस्थानस्य वेदसविता इति नियमितपत्रिकायां प्रकाशनं भविष्यति। कोरोनाकालोपरान्तं वेक्सपक्षतः एषः कार्यक्रमः यत्र तरुणतरंगस्य उद्यमी-उपस्थापनं प्रशंसनीयं बभूव।



spoke on the topic of “Power,” Shri Rāma was not seated on the throne of Ayodhyā when he killed Rāvaṇa and demolished his army of Rākśasas. Thus, Shri Rāma, without any worldly power, established Dharma, his purpose, and the reasons for his birth as Rāma.

Dr. Lallan Prasad, Former Professor of Business Economics at the University of Delhi, Board Member of WAVES India, and a close friend of Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, was invited for his remarks on the program. He reflected on the talk: “In the present context, Shri Rāma’s birth is relevant because of the purpose for which his birth happened; that purpose exists even today. Like the forthcoming *avatār* Kalki, which is set to fight the evil forces and remove them, this is the continuous process of History.” In essence, the cause was Rāvaṇa, who threatened the *Ṛṣī* and *Dharmic* followers, and thus, his destruction became the original purpose of Rāma’s birth. This relates to the battle of good vs. evil, which has been going on since time immemorial.

Nearing the end of the program, Dr. Asha L. Panday, whose research area is Rāmāyaṇa, asked a question, which she described as a query that has been bothering her for a while: “Were the four brothers born at the same time? Prof. Lallan Prasad answered her question, “The answer lies in Valmiki Rāmāyaṇa; there was a time gap in their births; first came Rāma, then Bharat, Laxman and lastly, Úatrugan, their dates are not given.”

Lastly, Dr. Aparna concluded the session and expressed collective gratitude on behalf of WAVES to all scholars and guests for their support and participation in the event, wishing the same for all future endeavors.

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A report by Supriya Chopra

WHAT HAVE WE GAINED IN OUR QUEST TO KNOW INFINITY?

3rd June, 2024
Webinar : Talk No. 6

WAVES invited the renowned speaker Shri Rajiv Malhotra for the monthly webinar, where he gave a talk on the topic, ‘*What have we gained in our quest to know Infinity?*’ June 3, 2024

He has strong ties with WAVES as a philanthropist and expressed his ongoing interest in WAVES and its objectives.

In his 40s, he left the corporate world to pursue deep research. His quest resulted in a first-of-its-kind Think Tank on Hindu Thought known as the ‘Infinity Foundation.’ His journey spans thirty years and entails “*the quest for infinity and applying that knowledge in the finite existence.*”

Mr. Malhotra spoke of having influential spiritual experiences, which led him to invest the rest of his life in investigating those experiences. Starting from funding related research at Harvard University and Jawaharlal Nehru University and discovering the deep bias that



hinders pure results, after a period of time, he, due to necessity, became a scholar, studying a wide spectrum from Indology and Shastras to Western thought, philosophy, religion, and politics. He established a school of thought by developing his way of thinking. Many volumes have been published, and many more are in the pipeline to establish “*A Current Vedic School of Thought,*” rooted in Vedic Universalism: this, he asserted, is the new innovative thinking to resolve contemporary tribulations.

He emphasized the depth of Vedic Knowledge: “*It is vital to take into consideration the legacy of the Vedas. For instance, we recognize the need for a Vedic Framework for AI.*”

Further, he stated the three aims:

- 1) Knowledge: School of Thought, Research, Framework, and Discourse.
- 2) Human Resources: A team of Scholars and trained professionals to carry the ‘*Paramparā*’ forward to the Future.
- 3) Institutional Resources: Vedic-friendly Education, introducing Vedic Social Sciences in Universities.

At the end of the talk, Prof. Shashi Tiwari, President of WAVES, India, discussed with Mr. Malhotra the significance of the two theories he had developed.



- 1) U-turn Theory, which explains the psychology of Westerners adopting and repurposing Hindu tradition, often without acknowledging the source.
- 2) The Being Different Theory insists on explaining why we are different and on accepting and preserving differences with mutual respect and understanding.

Prof. Tiwari described his book ‘Being Different’ as a thought-provoking and significant work for spreading knowledge.

One of the participants asked Mr. Malhotra about how it is possible to study AI in Silicon Valley through the Vedic Knowledge System.

“Machine learning takes experience, data, and an algorithm that keeps increasing. This is a certain model of neurology and neuroscience; it is called Neural Networks. Our Sāṅkhya theories—ideas of mind, intelligence, and memory—are a framework of mind and intelligence, which can be the backbone for machine learning. I am heavily invested in and writing on this topic; it’s a huge topic.” Mr. Malhotra responded.

Subsequently, Dr. Asha Lata Pandey requested Mr. Malhotra to elaborate on the various Frameworks, including Sanskrit’s Non-translatability.

In his speech, he mentioned the terms ‘Shakti’ and ‘Prana,’ emphasizing that these words do not have precise English equivalents and that English lacks the concepts of mantras and vibrations, which are prevalent in Sanskrit Philosophy.

He stressed that each Sanskrit word has a purposeful sound and is not selected arbitrarily. Sanskrit’s non-translatability is a Framework with its unique vocabulary, much like the 30 to 40 other Frameworks the Infinity Foundation has been evolving.

“The importance of Sanskrit is not even known by our people; they believe that it is just another language. We aim to offer a certificate course in Sanskrit focusing on the study of Sanskrit philosophy; we are seeking partnerships with organizations for collaboration.” Mr. Malhotra announced.

Dr. Aparna Dhir Khandelwal, the moderator, concluded the session and expressed gratitude on behalf of WAVES to Mr. Malhotra and all the attendees for their support and active participation in the event.

The program was well-attended by scholars and students.

YouTube Link of the Talk:
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A report by Supriya Chopra

THE TATTVAS AND THEIR POTENTIAL USE IN MODERN SCIENCE

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WAVES recently hosted Dr. Subhash Kak, a distinguished computer scientist, historian, and author who has been honored with the Padma Shri award, to lead their monthly webinar. During the webinar, Dr. Kak delivered a presentation on the topic of “The Tattvas and their Potential Use in Modern Science,” exploring the practical application of the Tattvas in fields such as consciousness studies, neuroscience, and the development of cutting-edge technologies. The speaker provided valuable insights into how the Tattvas could inspire innovative solutions to complex problems.

Leading into the question of what consciousness is, he cited a line from the Kulgeet of the WAVES organization: “Take us from ‘Apara’ to ‘Para.’” In the Vedic tradition, Apara represents knowledge of the outer world, including the physical realm and all embodiments.

Conversely, Para knowledge relates to transcendent knowledge associated with the Atman, or consciousness. According to the Vedic perspective, these two forms of knowledge are complementary aspects of reality.

Dr. Kak articulated, “Consciousness is transcendent and lies at the core of the Vedas; it permeates like light, and there exists only ‘One’ consciousness.” Additionally,



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The Tattvas and their Potential Use in Modern Science
 "आधुनिक विज्ञान में तत्त्व और उनका सशक्त उपयोग"
 Dr. Kak's talk explores the recent research that shows that akasa is not to be considered equivalent to the space of Modern Science. Akasa as an active element has the potential to provide new insights into physics and help resolve some fundamental questions of cosmology. These findings will be summarized and further applications of akasa and other tattvas in science and psychology will be explored.

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he conveyed that freedom is attained through becoming cognizant of consciousness and realizing one's identity as *Atman-Brahman*. "Atman is the microcosm, and Brahman is the entire cosmos, both in a reflexive relationship; this awareness is what separates a two-legged pæœu from a four-legged pæœu. Manas is how we operate through the world, but the anchor is the Atman."

The speaker emphasized that today's predominant focus on the body-centric or *Apara* view of reality, while not inherently wrong, is incomplete and has contributed to global confusion and delusion; when one thinks of oneself solely as a physical body, it becomes natural to view concepts like gender as interchangeable, challenging the foundation of traditional biological norms.

He then raised the question, "How can the concept of Consciousness get integrated with the mainstream science narrative and transform science?" Dr. Kak spoke of the limitations of mainstream science compared to the insights offered by Quantum Mechanics, aligning

with the Vedic tradition and recognizing consciousness as another aspect of reality. He also drew parallels between the Vedas and the Deepest Science. One profound insight is the Vedantic concept of '*Shristi Drishti Vada*,' which asserts that creation occurred through observation. Quantum mechanics has challenged traditional scientific paradigms with phenomena like superposition and observer effects, echoing the notion that consciousness may indeed play a fundamental role in the evolution of the universe.

In his research, Dr. Kak discovered a synthesis between the 25 cognitive centers found in neuroscience and the 25 Tattvas in the *Sânkhya* system, which forms the foundation of the Vedic understanding of reality. Dr. Kak explained that "the *Akasa* Tattva, rather than simply representing space, is a vital element. In this 'E-dimensional' space, every point in physical and biological space is *Akashic*, constantly connected to every other element. *Akasa* serves as the medium of Consciousness in the Vedic model of the mind."

The basis of this theorem, as expressed by Dr. Kak, lies in the Brihadaranyaka Upanishad; in this text, the sage Yâjñavalkya tells Gargi: The *Tattvas* are all entangled; within *Vayu* is *Akasa*, *Akasa* is within *Tejas*, they are all within each other and not separate. This concept inspired Dr. Kak's research, marking the beginning of his eight-year journey into exploring these interconnected principles.

Following the conclusion of the presentation, the Chair of the program, Director, and Treasurer of WAVES-International expressed profound gratitude to Dr. Kak and then invited questions from the audience.

Renowned economist and academic Professor Lallan Prasad inquired, "*Among the Five Tattvas, Akasa takes up the most space; it exists both within and outside the*

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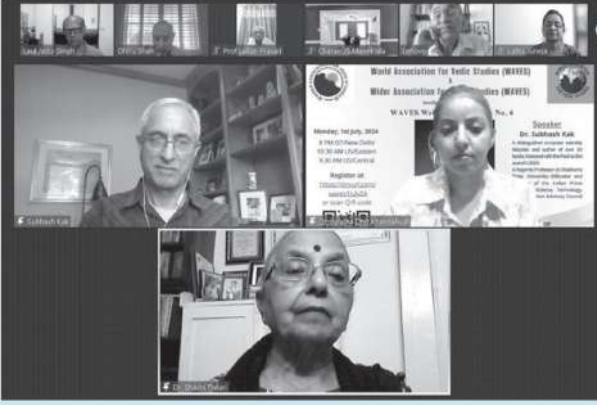
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body and throughout the entire Universe. Considering this, which Tattva came first?" Dr. Kak's response emphasized the complexity and ambiguity surrounding the concept of the primordial Tattva, particularly focusing on Akasa and its presence across different elements. "Just as sage Yajnavalkya said, Akasa is also present in the other tattvas. Therefore, if one analyzes the physical element - the Bhautik Tattva - as most Modern Sciences do, great insights can be extracted from there."

Dr. Shashi Tiwari, President of WAVES, India, praised Dr. Kak for delivering a 'thought-provoking' lecture and posed a question regarding Akasa. "In the Rigveda and other Vedas, various terms such as Duo, Swaha, and



Diva are used for Akasa. We commonly understand it as light space, and Antaraiksha as aerial space, and Prithavi as our space, where we can perceive things. What is the connection between Duo and Akasa?"

Dr. Kak, in his response, mentioned the correlation between the Five Tattvas and the Five Indiras. Additionally, he noted that Prithavi is connected to the sense of smell, while Akasa is associated with hearing. He clarified that Akasa is not directly linked to sound but rather to the message carried by the sound wave. Dr. Kak emphasized that transcendent knowledge is conveyed through Akasa, serving as the medium through

which Jivatman or Manus connects with the Higher 'Cosmic' Reality. However, he highlighted the need for further examination of this matter.

After the engaging Q&A session, Shri Dharendra A. Shah officially announced the dates for the upcoming 'WAVES 2024' conference at the Hindu University of America (HUA), Orlando, Florida, September 13-15. Dr. Kak is set to present his paper aligning with the conference theme. Concluding the webinar, Dr. Aparna Dhir Khandelwal, the moderator, expressed gratitude on behalf of WAVES to Dr. Kak and all the attendees for their unwavering support and active participation.

Overall, the webinar was highly interactive, with a knowledgeable audience of scholars and academics actively participating. Attendees posed thought-provoking questions to Dr. Kak. The session facilitated a rich exchange of ideas and insights. Several attendees shared their sincere thoughts following the event:

"Attended presentation by a US university professor of Physics and Computer Sciences, expanding on Tattvas, and importance of Aakash... He is published in the Nature magazine journal, a journal where potential Nobel Laureates publish, and is a recipient of Padma Shri award from India." by Shri Charan Manektala, USA.

"It was a wonderful lecture given by Prof. Subhash Kak; it has enlightened much as it is very close to my humble effort to explore the mystery of the origin of the universe." by Dr. A.R. Tripathi.

"A very enlightening lecture by Dr. Subhash Kak with Vedic references and modern scientific research. Learned audience and high-level discussion made the session lively. Thanks to Dr Subhash Kak for accepting WAVES request." commented Dr. Shashi Tiwari in the concluding hour in the chat box.

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