

**Dates: September 13, 14 and 15, 2024**

**Location:** Pine Lake Retreat Center, Groveland, FL

**Organizers:** World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES, International), USA and Wider Association for Vedic Studies, WAVES (India), India

Hosted by Hindu University of America (HUA), FL, USA

*The conference was hosted both in-person and virtual presentations.*

WAVES International, a 501 (c)(3) Multidisciplinary Academic Society, is an Educational and Cultural Organization, that recently hosted its 16th International Conference on the theme "Prevention, Management, and Resolution of Conflicts in Vedic Traditions." The conference was organized in association with WAVES (India) and hosted by HUA in Groveland, FL. It featured an engaging schedule with 20 academic sessions, including presentations, panels, and plenaries held throughout the weekend. Renowned experts, scholars, and peace advocates led thought-provoking sessions, providing an immersive experience for attendees.

The conference brought together Vedic scholars, academics, researchers, educators, students, and enthusiasts to explore the relevance of Vedic knowledge in addressing global conflicts. The event included enriching discussions, workshops, and roundtables that offered insight into Vedic strategies and best practices in conflict resolution and peacebuilding.

Graced by distinguished guests such as Mr. Nikunj Trivedi, President of CoHNA (Coalition of Hindus of North America), Shri Braham Ratan Aggarwal, Founder & Former Chairman of the Hindu University of America, and Dr. Vishwa P. Adluri, Professor at Hindu University of America and Hunter College in New York addressed the inaugural session. The conference commenced with a Vedic Puja and Mantras performed by Shri SreeAswath, a renowned Vedic scholar and faculty member at HUA.

Distinguished speakers such as Dr. Tony Nader, MD, PhD, MARR, Vedic Scholar, USA, Leader of the Global Country of World Peace, gave a plenary talk: Consciousness Is All There Is, and Prof. Subhash Kak, Computer Scientist and author of books like "The Architecture of Knowledge," "The Nature of Physical Reality," "Mind and Self," and "Matter and Mind," presented his paper "The Tattvas and their Potential Use in Modern Science," sparking curiosity among intellectuals and scholars who draw inspiration from the Vedas in their work.

Three illuminating panel discussions were conducted, addressing the subjects of Arthashastra, Ayurveda, and the Distortions of Hindu Ethos in our Educational System. The panels were graced by esteemed scholars, including Dr. Sangeeta Sharma, a faculty member in the Department of Physiology and Health, and Director for Clinical Training for MAVIM at Maharishi International University; Prof. Kundan Singh, a distinguished historian and educator in California; and Dr. Vandana Baranwal, the President of the Ayurveda Association of Ohio, among other notable figures.

The conference showcased over 100 research papers written in English, Sanskrit, and Hindi, spanning various disciplines, including Philosophy, Psychology, AI, Anthropology, History, Mythology, Architecture, Advanced Science, Medicine, Ethics, Morals, Conflict Management, and Resolution. Notable presenters included Shri Nilesh Oak, a Researcher, Author, and Engineer from Maharashtra, India, whose thesis focused on "Revealing India's Deep Antiquity" ; Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director of WAVES International & Director of the Institute of Advanced Sciences in Dartmouth, MA, USA, who presented on "Cutting the

Conflicts with Karma as Kartavya"; Dr. Joydeep Bagchee, Prof. of Philosophy & Core Doctoral Faculty member, Hindu University of America, presented his paper titled "The Timelessness of the Veda"; Dr. Raj Vedam, a Historian, Author, and Independent Scholar at HUA, USA, who presented "An Evidence-Based Rejection of 'Caste' to Describe Social Life in Bharat"; Prof. Kaushal Panwar from IGNOU in Delhi, India, who discussed "Medical Elements in Indian Knowledge Tradition"; Vedika Chamaria, a young author from Texas, USA, who spoke on "Etiquette and Code of Ethics during Wars in Ancient India"; and Ayush Nanda, also from Texas, USA, who explored "The Connection between Ancient Vedic and Mayan/South American Cultures." These diverse speakers contributed to giving a global resonance to the message of the WAVES Organization.

WAVES is committed to hosting and facilitating the academic study of Vedic knowledge through conferences, blogs, and publications. The proceedings of WAVES 2024 will be available for purchase by the end of the year.

### **Feedback:**

**Professor Shashi Tiwari, President of WAVES (India)**, said "The success in our endeavors relies on two strong pillars. First, the organizational aspect of the conference, and second, the delivery of excellent presentations by knowledgeable scholars to explore and disseminate valuable insights."

I met different scholars. The speakers and moderators and chairpersons of the panel, the moderators and chairpersons of the academic session, all seemed like diamonds and pearls to me. - **Prof. (Dr.) Kaushalya (Kaushal Panwar) Professor of Sanskrit and Director, School of Humanities, IGNOU, New Delhi**

It's the people who make a gathering, and enough words cannot be said about the people at WAVES 2024. The humility, clarity, and focus serve as an inspiration for me and any other aspirant. Looking forward to its impact for many more years to come! - **Ashruth Suryanarayanan, Student, Valmiki Ashrama, WEBOLIM**

WAVES is an invaluable global forum for the rejuvenation and practical application of Vedic Shastras, from dharma and karma to Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam. The enthusiastic and cogent presentations by many youths at the WAVES 2024 conference augur well for the long-term success of this mission. I enjoyed presenting on the scientific Vedic path to World Peace and also enjoyed hearing other excellent presentations on a wide variety of topics by learned scholars from around the world. Many thanks and congratulations to the WAVES leadership team and the local hosts for this wonderful event in Orlando, Florida. -**Dr Anil Maheshwari, Professor, Maharishi International University, USA.**

Bharath's past, in all its glory, came alive at the WAVES 2024 conference. Truly blessed to have been able to attend and participate in this conference. It was an intellectual feast. -**TG Sriram, MD, St Petersburg, Florida**

WAVES 2024 was an absolutely amazing experience. People who looked so ordinary and humble on the outside turned out to be Ph. D.s and Professors at top universities. The immense and vast knowledge they had about Vedic scriptures, while still maintaining a sense of humility was truly inspiring. The information I learned about how our ancient literature is

still relevant and can be applied to our lives today is something I'll carry with me lifelong. Thank you so much for giving us these unforgettable memories! - **Vedika Chamaria Junior at Imagine International Academy of North Texas, McKinney, Texas**

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