

**World Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES International), USA, and  
Wider Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES, India)**

**WAVES 2024 Webinar Series a special online program of  
Book release and Panel discussion titled  
'Applications of Vedic Knowledge in Modern Times'**

**Report of WAVES Program held on 01/04/2024**

World Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES International), USA, and Wider Association of Vedic Studies (WAVES, India) organized in its WAVES 2024 Webinar Series 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 moderated the first part of the program, which was the Book release. The inaugural session commenced with an invocation by Dr. RaghavBaddupalli, Bangalore, setting a spiritual tone for the event. This was followed by playing the auspicious WAVES Kulgeet, "*Vedaadhyayanahailakshyahamara,*" 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 conference, highlighting its theme, speakers, and objectives.

The special online program was graced by ShriDhirendra 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 Bharat. Shri Shah's words resonated deeply with the audience, emphasizing the collective responsibility to uphold and cherish 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 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, 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 from Greece, Prof. Bal Ram Singh from the USA, Prof. Narayanan M. Komerath from the USA, Dr. AlehPerzashkevich from Belarus, Dr. Raj Vedam and Sitaram Ayyagari from the USA, Prof. Madan Lal Goel from the USA, and Dr. Koenraad Elst from 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 discourse on Vedic studies and broadened the understanding of its global significance. The book was prepared by Prof. Shashi Tiwari as Chief Editor, and Shri Sashi Kejriwal, Dr. Kamna...., Dr. Kamna.... as Editors. This volume is published by Pratibha Prakashan (add: ..... The book is available with Publisher).

In the second part of the event, the moderation duties were handled by Dr. Rajpurohit. The panelists who participated in this segment are:

1. Shri. Sashi Kejriwal, President of WAVES, USA.
2. Dr. AlehPerzashkevich, Historian, Belarus.
3. Dr. Raj Verma Sinha, Philosopher, Delhi.
4. Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director of WAVES, USA.
5. Dr. Koenraad Elst, Historian, Belgium.
6. Prof. R. S. Kaushal, Scientist, Delhi.
7. Ms. Rinika Bansal, Youth Author, USA.
8. Dr. Mousumi Chattopadhyay, Sanskrit, Kolkata.

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 depth and quality of research contributions. This volume represents the culmination of WAVES' dedication to promoting scholarly inquiry into Vedic traditions.

Over 70 persons attended the event, which was streamed live on WAVES Facebook and Twitter platforms of WAVES. **Dr. RadhySyam Shukla, publisher** and Dr. Kamna Vimal Sharma finally delivered a closing speech to express their gratitude..

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