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WAVES announces 16th India Conference on

Vedic Views on Man and Nature: Modern Context (मानव और प्रकृति पर वैदिक चिन्तन: आधुनिक सन्दर्भ)

**at New Delhi
on 21-23 December, 2012**

FIFTEENTH INDIA CONFERENCE

FIFTEENTH INDIA CONFERENCE AT HARIDWAR (Vedas and Thought Revolution)



**Inauguration of the conference by the
Chief Guest, Prof. S. Bajpai**

The 15th India Conference of WAVES along with an International Vedic Conference was jointly organized by the Wider Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES); Dev Sanskriti University (DSVV), Haridwar, Uttarakhand; and World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES), USA on the main theme "Veda and Thought Revolution" at the Dev Sanskriti University, Haridwar from March 14th to March 17th, 2012.

After performing *Ishavandana*, and paying homage to founder *acharyas* of DSVV, inaugural session started at Mrityunjay Auditorium of the University with Vedic chanting followed by the opening songs presented by the students of the University. It was a unique spectacle with thirteen dignitaries including four Vice-chancellors on the stage, and a wonderful audience in the hall. On this occasion, Prof. Shiva G. Bajpai, Emeritus Professor in History, California State University, LA, USA was chief guest. Prof. Bhudev Sharma, Former/ Founder President, WAVES USA; Prof. S.D. Sharma, Vice Chancellor, DSVV; Prof. V.P.S. Arora, Vice-Chancellor, Kumayu University; Prof. Balram Singh, Director, Center for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts,



Inaugural Session

EDITORIAL



We are happy to present to our members and scholars the thirteenth issue of the WAVES newsletter, covering brief reports of all activities held between April 2011 and March 2012.

In its fifteenth year, WAVES organized the 15th India Conference partnering with the International Vedic Conference on the theme 'Veda and Thought Revolution' at Haridwar, from 14th to 17th March, 2012. The conference was a collaborative effort with Dev Sanskriti Vishwavidyalaya (DSVV) Haridwar, and the World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES, USA). With the participation of 300 delegates from different parts of India and abroad, the conference was declared a grand success. WAVES expresses sincere thanks to Honourable Dr. Pranav Pandya, Chancellor, and Dr. Chinmay Pandya, Pro-Vice Chancellor of DSVV for hosting a memorable conference at DSVV Haridwar and for their generous support in providing innumerable resources.

In Delhi, we organized eight events where eminent scholars, including Prof. Abel Hernandez, Prof. S.P. Singh, Prof. T.S. Rukmani, Mr. Rajiv Malhotra, Dr. Kosal Vepa, Prof. Balram Singh, Mr. S.R. Krishnamurthy, and Dr. M.D. Thomas, presented their views through symposiums and lectures. WAVES's chapters at Mumbai, Jodhpur, Bangalore and Lucknow did wonderful academic work to promote Vedic morals and traditions.

WAVES currently has 216 life members. We note with satisfaction that a few of our members will be attending the 10th International conference of WAVES at University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, USA in July 2012.

We are looking ahead with new hope, vigor and determination to attaining our goal of intellectual pursuit and cultural growth. 'O Noble! Lead our mind to the path of welfare. May you make our mind intelligent and active.' —*Bhadram no api vataya mano dakshamuta kratum.*

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—*Shashi Tiwari (Chief Editor)*

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INDIA CONFERENCE

Dartmouth; Prof. Lallan Prasad, Former Dean, Delhi University; and Prof. Sudha Rani Pandey, Vice-Chancellor, Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Haridwar; were guests of honour. Prof. Radha Vallabh Tripathi, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi graced the stage as the Keynote speaker, and Shri Gaurishankar Sharma, Manager, Senior Member, Shantikunj chaired the inaugural session.



Prize to Dr. Sampadanand Mishra at Valedictory Session

Dr. Chinmay Pandya, Pro-Vice Chancellor and Director, School of Yoga, DSVV welcomed the guests and delegates and talked about the purification of consciousness through thought- revolution. Thoughts are most powerful instrument in today's world, he said. Delivering the Keynote address, Prof. Radha Vallabh Tripathi pointed out that Vedic Thoughts have played important role in the lives of great leaders and they were instrumental during national freedom movement. Prof Shiva Bajpai suggested that valuable thoughts of Vedas must be described in simple form for the masses by the scholars. Prof. Balram Singh spoke about the significance of Vedic conferences in the present age. Prof. S.D. Sharma stated in his lecture that 'Spirituality is the essence of humanity'. Prof. Sudha Rani Pandey emphasized on the practical impact of morals and values. Giving presidential comments Shri Gaurishankar Sharma said that words and actions must be identical for the advancement towards righteousness. Prof. Sandeep Kumar, Registrar, DSVV explained the concept of '*Vichar- kranti*' and proposed a vote of thanks for all he delegates and guests. Prof. Shashi Tiwari, Secretary General, WAVES convened the program of the inaugural session. The Souvenir of the Conference including 284 abstracts and six messages was also released in this function.

About three hundred delegates from different parts of India and abroad gathered at the pious city Haridwar, Uttarakhand to participate in the conference which was superbly divided into forty sessions under seventeen subthemes mainly related to social, economical, ethical, political, psychological,



Release of Souvenir

philosophical, mythological and medical thoughts in reference to Vedic texts. Some special sessions were organized to discuss the relevant thoughts of some modern thinkers such

as Swami Vivekanand, Swami Dayanand, Sri Aurobindo, Acharya Shri Ram Sharma for the solution of recent problems.

Papers by the delegates were presented in six parallel sessions during three days of conference. Student sessions were arranged separately. All the important delegates and some faculty members of DSVV chaired these sessions. Besides, nine important talks were given in the plenary sessions of the conference:-

INDIA CONFERENCE

1. Prof. Ram Gopal, Jodhpur—*Vedic Science of Human Aura for Medical Treatment and Attainment of Holistic Health*
2. Dr. Christopher Larkosh Dartmouth USA—*But What Do the Vedas Have to Do With Teaching Portuguese? (Non-Prejudicial Approaches to Critical Pedagogy)*
3. Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Noida—*Evolution of Scientific Thoughts in Veda*
4. Prof. Shiva G. Bajpai, USA- 'Sapta Sindhushu'— *The Homeland of the Vedic Aryans: A New Interpretation*
5. Dr. A.V. Rajagopalan, Manipal—*Management Thoughts and Indian Ethos: A study of the Relevance of Vedas for Contemporary Indian Business Scene*
6. Dr. S. Rammohan, Chennai—*The Concept of Guru in Vedanta*
7. Prof. P.C. Muraleemadhvan, Kerala—'*Vedic Exegesis from Kerala*'
8. Dr. Sampadanand Mishra, Pondicherry—'*Sri Aurobindo and Vedic Riks*'
9. Prof. O.P. Sharma, Haridwar—'*Vedas and Thought Revolution*'



Section of Audience at Haridwar Conference

Cultural Evenings were memorable and relaxing for all after long and serious deliberations during sessions. Enthusiasm among young scholars was praiseworthy.

In line with its tradition, WAVES, India, has announced eight prizes for outstanding research papers of young scholars which were given in the valedictory session of the Conference. This year's prizes were instituted by Dr. Vedwati Vaidik in the memory of her mother late Smt. Kasturi Devi Gupta.

A prize committee, comprising Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma (Chairman), Dr. Urmila Rustagi, Dr. Pravesh Saxena evaluated 48 papers. Following is the list of award winning scholars:

1. **Anjaly Pankajakshan**; SSUS, Kalady, Kerala—FIRST PRIZE (Rs. 3000)
2. **Soumya Balan**; DSS, University of Hyderabad, AP—SECOND PRIZE (Rs. 2000)
3. **Monica K. Rathore**; SCSS, JNU, Delhi—THIRD PRIZE (Rs.1000)
4. **Ashok Kumar**; SCSS, JNU, Delhi—ENCOURAGEMENT PRIZE (Rs. 500)
5. **Ashitha R.K.**; SSUS, Kalady, Kerala—ENCOURAGEMENT PRIZE (Rs. 500)
6. **Ruchi Singh**; OS, DSVV, Haridwar, UK—ENCOURAGEMENT PRIZE (Rs. 500)
7. **Rishraj Pathak**; Skt, DU, Delhi—ENCOURAGEMENT PRIZE (Rs. 500)
8. **Dr.Sampadanad Mishra**, Pondicherry—SPECIAL PRIZE (Rs.1000)

Valedictory function of the conference was again a grand meet of scholars on the 17th noon. Prof. Ram Gopal from Jodhpur was the chief guest; and Prof. P.C.

Muraleemadhvan, Head, Department of Sanskrit Sahitya, S.S. University of Sanskrit, Kalady, Kerala, and Prof. Mahavir Agrawal Pro-Vice Chancellor, G.K. University were guests of Honour. Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Registrar, DSVV, and Prof. Balram Singh welcomed guests. Dr. Umesh K. Singh presented a brief report of the conference. Dr. Chinmay Pandya chaired the session. Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma distributed prizes to winners.

Prof. Shashi Tiwari, Chief Coordinator of the conference thanked the authorities of host University and all participants of the conference.

This conference was a grand success in bringing out a number of scholars altogether for highlighting the fact that Vedas are a treasure house of 'total knowledge'—a base much needed for us in the modern era to meet the challenges, and to bring about humanity's bright future in this conflicted world.



Prof.P.C. Muraleemadhvan delivering his talk

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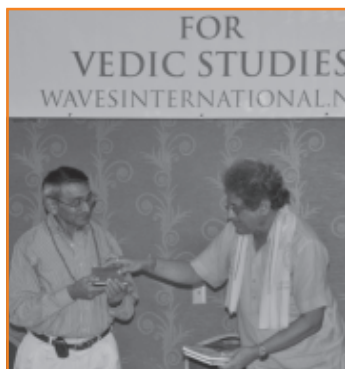
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A REPORT OF WAVES INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

on *Varna, Jati* and *Kula*
July 29-31, 2011, at USA



The conference was inaugurated by Dr. Pranav Pandya, Chancellor of Dev Sanskriti University. Other prominent speakers at the conference included Swami Tattvavidananda, Dr. Subramanian Swamy, Dr. R. Vaidyanathan, Rajiv Malhotra, Dr. MG Prasad, Dr. Madan Lal Goel, Suresh Chauhanke, and Prof. Ved Nanda. In addition, several students participating

in the youth forum made presentations reflecting unique Hindu-American perspectives on the topic of caste. Dr. Pandya, in his inaugural address, remarked, "The origin and purpose of Varna-Ashram-Dharma is rooted in the main purpose of life, which is to achieve Self-enlightenment and perfection". He further noted that, "Had Varna-order been imposed upon the society by brute force, then it would not have survived the test of time in a highly decentralized, diverse, pluralistic and autonomously distributed society that India has represented through the ages." A series of presentations were made highlighting the ways in which the original and practical concepts of Varna and Jati can be integrated with modern social, economic, political, and spiritual lives throughout the world.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The conference drew nearly 100 participants over the course of the weekend, sparking lively and provocative discussions. At the conclusion of the conference, many of the attendees voted to adopt a set of resolutions reflecting several of the key points emerging from the conference presentations. The reactions of youth participants at the conference were of appreciation for the forum and readiness for engagement. "It was fantastic to see Hindu youth brainstorming the values of their tradition in such a constructive way", said Mr. Sashi Kejriwal, President of WAVES.

PUBLICATIONS OF WAVES



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Reference Book

REVISITING INDUS-SARASVATI AGE AND ANCIENT INDIA

Edition : 1998

Editors : Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma
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PRICE

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Rs. 1000/- for Libraries

Reference Book

NEW PERSPECTIVES ON VEDIC AND ANCIENT INDIAN CIVILISATION

Edition : 2000

Editor : Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma

PRICE

Rs. 500/- for Non-Members
Rs. 250/- for Members
Rs. 1000/- for Libraries

Reference Book

CONTEMPORARY VIEWS ON INDIAN CIVILIZATION

Edition : 2003

Editor : Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma

PRICE

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CONTEMPORARY WORLD ORDER: A VEDIC PERSPECTIVE

(Ancient Indian Literary
Heritage-I)

(Proceedings of the 7th India
Conference held at Pondicherry)

Editor: Dr. Shashi Tiwari

Sub-Editor: Dr. Alka B. Bakre

- Edition: 2009
- PRICE: Rs.1,500/-

HARAPPAN CIVILIZATION AND VEDIC CULTURE

(Ancient Indian Literary
Heritage-II)

(Proceedings of the 12th India
Conference held at Delhi)

Editor: Dr. Shashi Tiwari

Preface: Prof. Ram Karan Sharma

- Edition: 2010
- PRICE: Rs.1,795/-

CREATION AND EXISTENCE IN INDIAN TRADITION

(Ancient Indian Literary
Heritage-III)

(Proceedings of the 13th India
Conference held at New Delhi)

Editor: Dr. Shashi Tiwari

Preface: Prof. Ram Karan Sharma

- Edition: 2011
- PRICE: Rs.995/-

BHARATIYA PARAMPARA ME SRISHTI AVM STHITI

(Ancient Indian Literary
Heritage-IV)

(Proceedings of the 13th India
Conference held at New Delhi)

Editor: Dr. Shashi Tiwari

Preface: Prof. Radha Vallabh Tripathi

- Edition: 2011
- PRICE: Rs.1,250/-

Conferences in U.S.A.

- ★ **Indus Saraswati Age and Ancient India**, Atlanta (Georgia) USA, 1996
- ★ **New Perspectives on Vedic & Ancient Indian Civilization**, Los Angeles, USA, 1998
- ★ **Contemporary Views on Vedic Civilization**, Hoboken, NJ, USA, 2000
- ★ **India's Contribution and Influences in the World**, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, MA, USA, 2002
- ★ **India's Intellectual Traditions—Contemporary Global Context**, University of Maryland, Washington DC, USA, 2004
- ★ **Vedic Ideas for Global Harmony and Peace**, University of Houston, TX, USA, 2006
- ★ **Vedic Heritage for Global Welfare**, Orlando, USA, 2008
- ★ **Vedic Knowledge for Civilization Harmony**, Trinidad, 2010

Conference in Nepal

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

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**, Delhi; Dec. 27-28, 2002
- ★ **Contemporary World Order : A Vedic Perspective**, Pondicherry; Dec. 27-29, 2003
- ★ **Science, Consciousness and 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 and Contemporary Challenges**, Vrindavan; Dec. 14-16, 2008
- ★ **Harappan Civilization and Vedic Culture**, Delhi; Dec. 24-25, 2008
- ★ **Creation and Existence: Indian Perspective**, Delhi; Dec. 24-26, 2009
- ★ **Relevance of Ayurveda**, Hyderabad; Jan. 21-23, 2011.
- ★ **Vedas and Thought Revolution**, Haridwar, March 14-17, 2002.

IMPACT OF AGNIHOTRA ON HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

22nd April, 2011

Sawan Adhyatmic Satsang Society, Saraswati Vihar, Delhi

A special lecture program on 'Impact of Agnihotra on Health and Environment' was organized by WAVES, where Prof. Abel Hernandez, Director, Agrohoma, U.S.A. was the key speaker; Swami Anant Bharti, renowned Indologist was chairman; Prof. Usha Chowdhary, Former Professor of Sanskrit, University of Delhi was the chief guest; and Shri Ish Narang, Consultant Dairy Technologist; and Shri Subodh Kumar, Vedic Scholar and Scientist were the Guests of Honour. Shri Y.K.Wadhwa, PRO, WAVES introduced the guests and welcomed the speakers and audience. He told that Prof. Hernandez has introduced Homa Therapy in state hospitals, medical centers and various other public and private institutions of Peru, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela, U.S.A and different countries of Europe. Mr. Wadhwa pointed out that apart from therapeutic uses, *Yajna* has also several other dimensions. Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Former President, WAVES, USA delivered his welcome address. A bunch of flowers were presented to Mrs. Hernandez, and Prof. Usha Chowdhary. This program was conducted by Dr. Chand Bhardwaj, Member, WAVES.

Prof. Abel Hernandez initiated his presentation with video clippings from countries of South America showing large masses of people performing Agnihotra in their individual Hawankunds - all of a specific size. Agnihotra is done sharply at sunrise and sunset with specific material consisting of *ghee*, dry cow dung pieces, and unpolished rice with reciting specific mantras. Prof. Hernandez described Homa therapy and Homa farming as part of Vedic Science. He said that even though its origin is in the Vedas, it is now being adopted widely by people of various nationalities, speaking different languages, following different faiths, irrespective of caste and gender. Dr. Hernandez mentioned that Agnihotra activates the neurons of the human body and it is a powerful bioenergetics super technology. Persons having symptoms of Down syndrome became normal with its regular practice.

Prof. Hernandez expressed that wherever Agnihotra is carried out, wind gets purified and has a considerable impact on the health of the plants. He emphasized that the importance of Agnihotra is above scientific explanation. Prof. Abel motivated the audience by giving practical demonstration of Agnihotra. Mr. Subodh Kumar agreed with Dr. Hernandez and mentioned that there are certain non-Newtonian items on which laws of Physics do not apply. Mr. Ish Narang spoke high of Prof. Hernandez for popularizing Indian life style and Vedic culture. Acharya Ved Vrat said that the use of rice in Agnihotra as an oblation will fall under the category of medicine in the Ayurvedic texts.

Prof. Usha Chowdhary, congratulated Prof. Hernandez for his illuminating talk. She mentioned that Agnihotra is for sustenance and for protection of our lives. She talked about the energy which is manifested in the whole cosmos and that is *adhidaivik agnihotra*. According to Yajurveda- *Yajna* is the naval of the Universe.

The Chairman, Swami Anant Bharti expressed his happiness that the rich Vedic culture has reached far and wide and foreigners are practicing Homa Therapy and Homa Farming. He said that *ahuti* which is put in the Agnihotra, multiplies manifold and benefits the large masses. He appealed that we should popularize both Homa therapy and Homa farming.



Prof. Abel Hernandez with his wife performing Yajna



Prof. Usha Chowdhary with Mr. Ish Narang

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RELEVANCE OF SANSKRIT IN DAY-TO-DAY LIFE

11th June, 2011

Conference Room, Delhi Sanskrit Academy, Delhi

A Symposium on '*Lokavyavahare Sanskritasya Upayogita*' was organized jointly by WAVES and Delhi Sanskrit Academy, whereas program began with Vedic invocation presented by the students of Srinivas Sanskrit Vidyapeeth Gurukul, Burari Delhi. Dr. Aparna Dhir, Joint Secretary of WAVES conducting the program said that '*Matri Devo Bhava*', and '*Pitri Devo Bhava*' are significant today when we are celebrating Mother's Day and Father's day.

Welcoming guests and speakers, Dr. Shashi Tiwari thanked Shri Krishan Semval, Vice-president, Delhi Sanskrit Academy for providing the Conference Room and all facilities for organizing program. She introduced the dignitaries; Prof. Ram Karan Sharma, Former Vice- Chancellor, Sanskrit University, Varanasi as Chief Guest; Prof. Dharampal, Vice-Chancellor, Gurukul Kangari University as the Guest of Honour; and Dr. Shrikrishna Semval as Chairman of the symposium. Dr. M.D. Thomas, National Director, Commission for Religious Harmony, Delhi; Dr. B.N. Sinha, Former Principal, Ayurveda Tibbia College, Delhi University; Dr. Saroj Chawla, Former Asso. Prof. of Hindi, Maitreyi College, University of Delhi; and Shri Yada Kumar Verma, Upanishadic scholar. She quoted some popular proverbs of Sanskrit that are easily spoken by general public in day to day life and are near to Hindi proverbs.

Inaugurating the Symposium Prof. Ram Karan Sharma cited that Sanskrit symbolizes the traditions of India in speeding knowledge. Even Buddhists scholars have realized the importance of Sanskrit for the wide spread of their religious principles. Sanskrit language never goes against the growth and development of Modern Indian Languages. In fact, it holds country's cultural consciousness. Its spirit of co-ordination (*Samanvayavada*) is praiseworthy. We are losing pride for our Sanskrit tradition today. We should remember that except Sanskrit we have nothing to give to future generations.



Invited scholars on the dais

Dr. M.D. Thomas explained the philosophy of Religious Harmony (*Sarva Dharam samanvayavada*) that lies in Sanskrit. It is a base language, having poetic and, musical (*Layatmakta*) aspects. It is not just a language but a history, living style, and philosophy. Sanskrit has *Samanvayavadi Drishti* which makes it relevant constantly.

Dr. B.N. Sinha narrated the relationship of Sanskrit with Ayurveda. Ayurveda is Sanskrit and Sanskrit is Ayurveda, the fifth Veda. Even Ayurveda emphasizes on three main objectives known as *Praneshna*, *Vitteshna* and *Parlokeshna* for every human being. Role of Sanskrit for maintaining a healthy life cannot be ignored. Dr. Saroj Chawla described Sanskrit as the lifeline of Hindi. Hindi has no foundation without Sanskrit. We are proud of our culture that is brought to us by oral traditions (*Shruti*).



Dr Dharampal with Mr. Subodh Kumar

Shri Yada Kumar Verma narrated the poetic translation of one of the Upanishad mantra. Upanishadic ideas and philosophy encouraged him to study Sanskrit texts. Shri Subodh Kumar said that Sanskrit is a complete language. Quoting Pururava-Urvashi dialogue, he presented a new interpretation to signify modern ideology.

Many persons from the audience took part in the symposium. Shri Prashant Bharadwaj and Dr. Rajneesh Shukla insisted the need to popularize Sanskrit in urban life. Shri Bhagat Ram Bhasin admired the learned Sanskrit scholars and said till one man is there to study Sanskrit, its importance will persist. Dr. Vandita Arora, University of Delhi highlighted the necessity for awareness to learn Sanskrit. The methods of teaching Sanskrit are not at all motivating today. Mrs. Shashi Prabha Goel said Sanskrit alone can make our National character. Prof. Madan Mohan Bajaj said basic knowledge of Sanskrit must be made compulsory. Prof. Satya Dev Choudhary insisted that education of Sanskrit must be more job-oriented. Sanskrit can work wonders in the field of journalism.

Dr. Shrikrishna Semval in his presidential remarks thanked the scholars for participation. He said that we have a storehouse of jewels of knowledge; a need is to popularize them. On this occasion WAVES Newsletter 2011 (12th issue) was also released by Shri R.N.Vatsa, Member of Standing Council, Govt. of India. Prof. Dharmapal thanked the audience and learned scholars saying that importance of Sanskrit is recognized internationally. On the behalf of Academy, a vote of thanks was presented by Dr. Suresh Chandra Sharma, Secretary, Delhi Sanskrit Academy.



Section of Audience

Mr. RAJIV MALHOTRA'S LECTURE ON 'BREAKING INDIA'

13th July, 2011

Arya Samaj, DAV School, R.K. Puram, New Delhi

A lecture by Mr. Rajiv Malhotra on the book '*Breaking India*' authored by Shri Rajiv Malhotra and Shri Aravindan Neelakandan was organized by WAVES under the chairmanship of Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma.

The lecture program began with the Vedic Invocation presented by Mr. Chandan Mishra, research student from DU. Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma chairing the session, mentioned that Mr. Rajiv Malhotra is a prolific writer/speaker and active intellectual on contemporary issues of Indian civilization that are relevant for India's pride and progress. Dr. Sharma added that 'Rajiv has a vision of rightly projecting India as a great nation and a culture.'

Mr. Malhotra delivering his talk highlighted certain issues discussed in the book '*Breaking India*'. At the outset he said that the discourse on our civilization at the world level is not being presented by us, but by the westerners, and by western trained and supervised Indians. There is need that the world should look at things Indian from our points of view. We have certain *Siddhantas* and the west has some other *Siddhantas*. Most of the Indians take refuge in escapism on the problems round and about us. Today we have various confronting views. It is a different type of intellectual *Kurukshetra*. This book deals with intellectual interference from the west on Indian religion, society and culture. This book is not religious, rather it is neutral towards religion, and is pro nation. It is sad that our people are not well-informed, in fact they are misguided by anti-Indian thoughts, coming from outside. As 'Aryan Invasion Theory' is framed, so is 'Dalit freedom movement.' He informed that surprisingly that the people running 'Dalit Freedom network' are not *Dalit*.

Mr. Malhotra further said that today these elements have started to infiltrate in media, academics, and now even in the Government. Mr. Malhotra brought out a comparison with China. If US Govt publishes a human right report showing human right violation in China, within 15 days China publishes a report that slams US and shows human right violation in US. But unfortunately we don't have such courage. Mr. Malhotra winding up his presentation mentioned that the book is the result of years of research and study of the problems handled in the book.



Dr. Lallan Prasad welcoming
Dr. Bhu Dev Sharma

In the question answer session, Mr. Subodh Kumar, Mr. Rajesh Malhotra, Prof. Lallan Prasad, Mr. Ishwar Dayal Kansal, Mr. H.L. Kohli and few others expressed their views and praised the efforts of Mr. Rajiv Malhotra for screening the hidden problems

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related to Indian mind and thinking. Dr. Ved Pratap Vaidik, said that this is a unique and historical book which will be welcomed by all intellectuals caring for the welfare of Indian nation. He compared the relevance of the book with *Satyarthaprakasha*



Scholars interacting with
Mr. Rajiv Malhotra

of Swami Dayanand Saraswati. The book points out aspects, issues, persons and organizations which are anti-nation and are breaking India in their own ways. The book raises cultural and historical questions on our identity and attacks by western ideologies on us. In his presidential remarks Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma said that Mr. Malhotra has exposed the forces working to create divisions in the Indian society. These main 'Breaking forces' are those creating cleavages on distorted and fabricated theories of Arya/Dravid, Upper Class/Dalits, fault lines and religious conversion campaigns. Having come to know the activities of the forces behind 'Breaking India', he said that it should be possible to undertake some effective steps countering them and working for '*Making India*'. Concluding the program Shri Suryapal Singh, General Secretary, Arya Samaj thanked the speakers and the audience.

THE CONCEPT OF YOGA IN THE VEDAS

30th Sept., 2011

Conference Room, Delhi Sanskrit Academy, Delhi

In a special lecture program, Prof. Satya Prakash Singh, Former Head of the Sanskrit Department, Aligarh Muslim University and a renowned Vedic Scholar was key speaker; and Dr. Ganesh Dutt Sharma, presided over the session. Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma and Prof. Laxmishvar Jha graced the program as Chief Guest and Distinguished Guest respectively. Dr. Shrikrishna Semval, Vice-president, Delhi Sanskrit Academy welcomed scholars and participants.

Prof. Singh delivered his talk at the outset remarked that Yoga is a psycho-physical discipline originally peculiar to India. This is mainly due to this country having had the privilege of getting the revelation of such a substantial scripture as the Veda which is instrumental both ways, in its revelation as well as in its inculcation and development. Its instrumentality in the revelation is evident from the *Taittiriya Aranyaka*—'they were undergoing the discipline of *Tapas* and (they saw It), herein lies their seer-hood.' This *tapas* is not mere course of austerity, as it is commonly understood, but a positive device of discovering what underlines the appearance is evident from the three verses of *Rigveda* (8.6.28-30): "The seers got awakened in revelation in the midst of mountain's peaks and on a confluence of streams of water. Extremely curious to understand the reality, he from that

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height saw below there a sea from which emerges the agitation. It is after him that (his followers) see the light as the primeval seed (of creation) and as the point of rest which shines beyond the space (-time) continuum."

It is obvious from the first one of these mantras that locale of *tapas* was a certain valley enclosed by peaks of a certain mountain high enough to have been covered by snow so as to continue to melt and feed the streams of water and form a pool of water. Such a scenario in India is possible only in the high Himalayas particularly in the proximity of Kailash and Manasarovara. The second mantra needs to be taken somewhat in a symbolic sense. As per its contents, the seer from that Himalayan height observes a sea not merely as a vast expanse of water but also in all its seething vibration which is physically impossible on account of colossal distance of the sea from there all around. The only sea possible to have been seen by the seer from that place in the state of deep meditation is the 'sea' of the world with all its commotions on all planes of being in the world physical, vital, mental and psychic. Use of the plural form of the verb *pashyanti* in the third mantra suggests the plurality of seers in seeing the light with its significant features, i.e., forming the primeval seed of creation, lying beyond the space-time continuum and serving as the point of rest. These features of light indicate that instead of being taken as an ordinary light like those of sun, moon, stars, fire and lamp, it needs to be taken in the sense of what the Upanishads have pointed as the light of lights, that is the light of Supreme Lord or the pure Self-serving as the receptacle of the state of liberation. It is by virtue of having been intimated with this light by the



Prof. S.P. Singh delivering his talk



Scholars attending the lecture

seers, the concept of Yoga in the Vedas is formulated. It is certain that there is no aspect of Yogic practice which is not indicated in the Vedas directly or indirectly.

Two latest publications of WAVES on 'creation and existence' were released on this occasion by the Chief Guest. Presenting his views on the topic under discussion Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma mentioned that without Mathematics we cannot explain Life. Science contains highest Vedantic philosophy. Yogic powers are always hidden, and therefore, we have to develop them through practice and thus Yoga system is revealed by seers. Prof. Laxmishvar Jha explained how Vedic *Shrautayaga* explained in the *Shrautasutras* presents practical aspects of Yoga. It tells how a man can reach to divinity through sacrifice. Yoga is indeed the practical facade of Veda. Dr. S. C. Goswami, Dr.S.P.Narang, Dr. Dharmapal, Dr. Lallan Prasad, and Dr. Chand Bhardwaj expressed their views on the subject. Dr Ganesh Dutt Sharma appreciated the lecture for its contents and clarity and highlighted the importance of Yoga for the excellence of a man. By meditation a Yogi can foresee future happenings. Yoga is a knowledge which can bring wonders in life. Concluding the program, Dr. Shrikrishna Semval proposed a vote of thanks for the learned speaker and participants.

A SYMPOSIUM ON 'BEING DIFFERENT'

9th November, 2011

Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi, New Delhi

Shri Rajiv Malhotra, an Indian American, public intellectual, philan-thropist, author of several books, and founder of 'Infinity Foundation', was the key speaker of a special program jointly organized by WAVES and the Department of Sanskrit, Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi. The program was organized as a symposium on his provocative book '*Being Different: An Indian Challenge to Western Universalism*' which is filled with original insights.

The function started with the lighting of the lamp by the honorable guests along with the invocation done by Dr. Sushma Choudhary. Welcome Address was delivered by Dr. Prashant Kumar,



Dr. Prashant Kumar welcoming Prof. Rajini Abbi

Principal, Sri Aurobindo College, University of Delhi. On this occasion Prof. Ram Karan Sharma, President, WAVES, India chaired the session. Program was graced by Prof. Rajini Abbi, Hon'ble Mayor of Delhi as the chief Guest. A number of dignitaries took part in proceedings, while Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Former President, WAVES; Dr. Ved Pratap Vaidik, renowned political analyst from Delhi; Ms. Anu Bhatia, Trustee, Uberoi Foundation for Religious Studies, USA; and Prof. Lallan Prasad, Vice-President, WAVES were the distinguished speakers.



Dr. V.P. Vaidik interacting with Mr. Malhotra

The book 'Being Different' presents a serious study of Indian and Western philosophical systems and histories. The study dismantles many myths of false claim of single western universalism. Mr. Malhotra has been churning a wide range of issues and ideas related to this book for the past two decades. Using the ancient practice of *purva paksha*, he has benefited from the advice and criticism of scholars from many Western and Indian traditions. The author, in 474 pages, has discussed how India essentially differs from the West, in cultural, spiritual matrix and in world outlook. The author eluded on several ambiguities in the western-mind created by poor and faulty English equivalents of Sanskrit words. Author expressed the feeling that the book will serve to expand these dialogues in the future. Mr. Malhotra made his presentation in Hindi which was regarded as very clear, impressive and interesting by all scholars and students.

Prof Bhu Dev Sharma said that it is a book that every Indian should read to understand his or her true identity in the world. Also a non-Indian should read to know what truly India and Indians are. This is a memorable book critiquing on Western system and highlighting Indian human ideals.

Dr. V.P. Vaidik congratulating Mr. Malhotra mentioned that this work deals with various subjects related to Indian religious, spiritual, cultural and historical traditions. It is a research-oriental reference volume for the intellectuals, philosophers, researchers, and general readers who are curious to know Indian thought and Identity.

Ms. Anu Bhatia said in her comments that the book 'Being Different' is a great attempt to present Indian views, and to refute western claim of universalism. Dr. S.C. Goswami, Dr S.P.Narang, Dr. S. Dixit, Mr. Prashant and many other scholars from the audience took part in the discussion. Chief Guest, Prof. Rajni Abbi appreciated the spirit of such an open criticism and analytical study. Giving his presidential remarks Prof. R.K. Sharma congratulated Mr. Malhotra for providing some excellent information by his deep research. A Vote of thanks was proposed by Prof. Lallan Prasad to speakers and audience for making program a grand success. Finally, all persons present in the hall were invited to join on high tea by Dr. Vedwati Vaidik, Head, Sanskrit Department, Sri Aurobindo College.

PRESERVATION OF INDIAN HERITAGE & OUR RESPONSIBILITY

10th Dec., 2011

Arya Samaj, DAV Public School, R.K.Puram, New Delhi

A Panel Discussion with a special lecture by Dr. Kosal Vepa was organized on the subject 'Preservation of Indian Heritage & Our Responsibility' by WAVES. The program was chaired by Prof. Lallan Prasad. Renowned historian, Prof. Sivaji Singh was chief guest on this occasion. Welcome address was done by Mr. Suryapal Singh, secretary,



Welcome of Dr. Kosal Vepa

Arya Samaj. Dr Shashi Tiwari introduced Dr. Kosal Vepa as the Executive Director, Indic Studies Foundation, USA., who has a passionate interest in civilizational studies including Ancient Indian History, Vedas, Vedanta, and Mathematical Sciences. A book entitled 'The origins of astronomy, the calendar and time' is authored by Dr Vepa.

Highlighting the important aspects of his research, Dr. Kosla Vepa said in his lecture – 'Current history is not only false but ridiculously so. So the obvious answer is that we should preserve what is left of the ancient knowledge. As a historian of science the first step in this process is my responsibility to correct the record of this process, so people do not make false conclusions.' Traditional knowledge is not to be ignored if one wants to be modern. Most historians of science pretend that India's footprint in the sciences' is completely ignorable, but this is not correct. There exists wonderful information which we should know and preserve. He gave many illustrations in relation to astronomy from ancient Sanskrit Texts through his power point presentation.

Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma stated in his comments that mathematics in India was always considered as science or support of science. Ancient scientific texts should be translated, as language should not be a problem to preserve knowledge. Dr. S.C. Goswami referred about the nature of our multifarious heritage and emphasized on the preservation of musical cultural traditions. Our natural backbone is spirituality, he said. Prof. Sivaji Singh described that in fact preservation of our knowledge- system is actually preservation of our identity. We are trying to preserve local intellectual traditions and cultural systems, but not the ancient Indian knowledge systems; therefore, very Indian Identity is in danger today. History teaches us this lesson. Now society is knowledge society. Knowledge is our key resource. There are many



Scholars on stage

manuscripts as our great heritage. Prof. S.P. Narang talked about ancient law systems, and Prof. Lallan Prasad quoted Kautilya for ancient polity. Finally, a vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. H.L. Kohli for a very thought provoking panel discussion. He also recited his new poem on Ganga. This program was beautifully conducted by Dr. Saroj Gulati.

रामायण के वैदिक आधार

29-3-2012, आर्यसमाज, पश्चिम विहार

वेब्स के तत्वावधान में एक संगोष्ठी का आयोजन किया गया, जिसमें प्रधान वक्ता थे बंगलुरु से पधारे श्री एस. आर. कृष्णमूर्ति। इस अवसर पर स्वामी आर्य तपस्वी अध्यक्ष पद पर और स्वामी ऋतस्पति परिव्राजक विशिष्ट अतिथि के पद पर विराजमान थे। सभा में उच्चस्तर के विद्वान् श्रोता के रूप में उपस्थित थे। कार्यक्रम का प्रारम्भ श्रीमति ऊषा वाधवा द्वारा प्रस्तुत मन्त्रपाठ से हुआ। वेब्स की महासचिव डॉ. शशि तिवारी ने मंच का संचालन करते हुए सर्वप्रथम गण्यमान्य अतिथियों का स्वागत किया और विचारणीय विषय का परिचय दिया। श्री एस. आर. कृष्णमूर्ति ने अपने वक्तव्य की प्रस्तावना में कहा कि हमें अपने प्राचीन ग्रन्थों को सही रूप में जानने की आवश्यकता है। वेद के अनेक तथ्य वाल्मीकि रामायण में यत्र-तत्र बिखरे हुए हैं, जिनको गम्भीर अध्ययन से जाना जा सकता है। उन्होंने ने स्पष्ट किया कि रामायण में वाल्मीकि ने वेदों की परम्परा एवं आदर्शों को जन-साधारण के लिए सहज बनाया है इसीलिए रामायण को वेद का व्याख्यापरक ग्रन्थ कहने में आपत्ति नहीं होनी चाहिए। बालकाण्ड में वसिष्ठ ऋषि ने सभा में सभी को सादर आमन्त्रित किया। इस प्रसंग को श्री कृष्णमूर्ति ने वैदिक चिन्तन के समान बताया। संसार के तुच्छ से तुच्छ प्राणी प्राणवान् होने के कारण एक-जैसे हैं, अतः उनमें किसी प्रकार का कोई भेदभाव नहीं करना चाहिए। परशुराम की चर्चा में वाल्मीकि ने 'जमदग्नि राम' और 'दशरथ राम' को अलग-अलग न मानते हुए एकरूप में ग्रहण किया। उन्होंने माना कि रामायण आदिकाव्य है क्योंकि उसमें 'आदि' अर्थात् 'ब्रह्म' की बात की गई है। वाल्मीकि रामायण मनुष्यों को मानवता से परे ब्रह्म का साक्षात्कार कराती है। श्री कृष्णमूर्ति के अनुसार अयोध्या, विश्वामित्र, दशरथ, परशुराम, बालि, सुग्रीव, विभीषण नाम ही नहीं सुबाहु, ताडका, मारीच आदि नाम भी विशेष अर्थों के वाचक हैं। वेद में स्थापित मूल्यों का व्याख्यान और वैदिक धर्म के तत्त्वों का प्रतिपादन ही रामायण का लक्ष्य है। अन्त में वक्ता ने रामायण को 'दर्शनग्रन्थ' कहकर सम्बोधित किया क्योंकि वस्तुतः रामायण आदर्शों का दर्पण है, जिसका प्रत्येक पात्र एवं घटना जनमानस को परमादर्शों के दर्शन कराते हैं। स्वामी ऋतस्पति परिव्राजक ने अपनी विशेष टिप्पणी में बताया कि मुनि नारद ने बालकाण्ड में श्रीराम को आर्य कहा है। स्वामी आर्य तपस्वी ने अध्यक्षीय भाषण में स्पष्ट किया कि मानवीय ज्ञान में मतभेद होते हैं ईश्वरीय ज्ञान में नहीं। उन्होंने सबको अपनी शुभकामनाएँ भी प्रदान कीं। आर्यसमाज की ओर से श्री राजेन्द्र दुर्गा ने संगोष्ठी में उपस्थित सभी सभासदों के प्रति धन्यवाद ज्ञापित किया।



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SEMINAR ON VEDANTA

2nd Jan. 2012

Deptt. of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, South Campus

A seminar was organized by the Department of Sanskrit, South Campus Delhi University and WAVES on 2nd Jan. 2012 at the Conference Room, South Campus. Inauguration was done by Prof. Ram Karan Sharma, President WAVES. Function was chaired by Prof. T.S. Rukmani, Chair in Hindu Studies, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada. On this occasion, Prof. H.S. Prasad, Dean, Faculty of Arts, University of Delhi was present as the Chief Guest of the seminar. Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Renowned Mathematician, and Prof. Mithilesh Chaturvedi, HoD, Sanskrit, University of Delhi graced the program as distinguished guests.

Program started with Vedic invocation presented by Mr. Rishiraj of DU. Prof. Ramesh Bharadwaj, Professor-in-Charge of Sanskrit, South Campus welcomed guests and speakers and talked about the wide activities and strength of Sanskrit department in the University. In his inaugural address Prof. R.K. Sharma said that Vedanta is a tradition which highlights the synthesis of diverse thoughts. Prof H.S. Prasad talks about knowledge as the highest value. He stated that all sort of plurality was there in ancient times, so there is no difference between the past and the modern. The subject under discussion is relevant today yet it is not so simple to explain. Today focus is on individuality, but we should realize that we are actually cosmic beings, and so many others have contributed in our existence.

Prof. Mithilesh Chaturvedi emphasized on the concept of 'Samanvaya' in Vedanta which is still a solution of many problems. Vedanta gives a discipline to life and underlines the importance of knowledge. Introducing the topic, Prof. T.S. Rukmani remarked that Vedanta is a wonderful tradition coming from our Vedic Seers. It indicates the significance of intellectual freedom. One has to select the right path in his life as *Shreyas* upon *Preyas*.

In the second session six papers were presented by scholars and students:- Dr. Rekha Joshi, Ms. Chitra Raman, USA, Dr. Shashi Tiwari, Dr. Sundari Siddhartha, Dr. S.C. Goswami, and Ms. Jyoti Raj, Research Student, DU. Dr. Balram Shukla from Sanskrit Department, Hindu College conducted the session very gracefully. A lively discussion followed after lectures. Chairperson, Prof. Rukmani in her comments particularly praised research students for the active participation in the seminar. Program ended with a vote of thanks and lunch by WAVES.

JODHPUR CHAPTER

The Jodhpur chapter has been active in organizing regular meetings during the year. Eminent speakers deliberated during the meetings on the subject related to Vedic Science, holistic health, yoga, naturopathy, meditation, psychology, theosophy and spirituality. Special features included publication of booklets, and news letters by members on naturopathy and drug-less therapies.

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MUMBAI CHAPTER

WAVES, Mumbai Chapter organized several programs this year under the guidance of Mr. Y.K. Wadhwa, PRO, WAVES:

1. Mr. Jyeshth Verman gave a talk on 'Vedic Model for Maintaining Law and Order' on 5th June, 2011 at Arya Samaj Santacruz (W), Mumbai.

2. Two lectures were organized on 'Scientific Basis of Vedic Culture' at Arya Samaj, Kakarvari, Girgaum, Mumbai on 18th August, 2011. Dr. Priyamvada Ved Bharati, Pracharya at Gurukul Arsh Kanya Vidyapeeth, Nazibabad gave a talk on the 'Importance of Observing 16 *Sanskars* and their scientific impact on human life'. Dr. Vagheesh Sharma, Pracharya at Arsh Gurukul, Ettah, spoke on the 'Scientific Basis of Vedic Culture'. Dr. Sharma mentioned that ancient Indians had a good knowledge of science. As for example, it has been found that the Egyptian mummies used a preservative paste applied to them containing ingredients like Imli (Tamarind) and Neel (Indigo - reported to be produced only in India). This preservative technology known to Indians was later imported by others. Dr. R.N. Singh, eminent scientist chaired the session.

3. Mr. Rajiv Malhotra gave a presentation on his book 'Being Different' in a symposium organized on 19 Nov., 2011 at University of Mumbai. Dr. Meenal Katrnika, Reader, Deptt. of Philosophy, University of Mumbai; Mrs. Vimla Patil, Veteran Journalist; Dr. Srinivas Tilak, from Montreal, Canada; and Dr. Alka Bakre, former HoD Sanskrit, University of Mumbai were the panelists. Dr. (Mrs.) K. Sankarnarayan, Director, K.J. Somaiya Centre for Buddhist Studies, who chaired the session said that 'Being Different' is a unique book on its own strength—it is an experience of long cross cultural journey of Mr. Rajiv Malhotra. Mr. Y.K. Wadhwa in his P.R. note thanked JBM Group for their partial support in sponsoring the event.

4. Special lecture on 'Manusmriti Ka Yathartha Swaroop' (Myth & Reality of Manusmriti) by Dr. Jwalant Kumar Shastri, HoD Sanskrit, Ranvir Rananjaya College, Amethi, with panel speaker Dr. Devdatta Sarode. The program was jointly organized by Arya Samaj, Santacruz and WAVES on 28th January, 2012 and chaired by Dr. Vinay Vidyalkar, HoD Sanskrit, Govt. P.G. College, Nainital.

5. A lecture on 'The Contribution of Vedic Seers to Modern Science' by Dr. Devdatta Sarode, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan was organized jointly by WAVES and Arya Samaj, Santacruz (W) on 4th March, 2012. Dr. Devdatta Sarode said: Where on the one hand, science has blessed the human race with a number of privileges; on the other hand, the misuse of science by man has created some grave problems as well. A deeper study reveals the roots of modern science in Vedic tradition. The *Karyakaran Siddhanta* i.e. cause and effect can be traced in Rigveda. The Decimal system of Mathematics has a secured place in the Vedas.

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BANGALORE CHAPTER

WAVES, Bangalore Chapter continues serving the Vedic studies by organizing conferences, seminars, workshops and courses on Veda and its successive literature. This year the chapter organized many programs for academic and traditional learning of Veda. In August 2011, chapter's annual Day on '*Tri Devis (Mahalakshmi, Mahasarasvati and Maha Uma) in Veda and Music*' was organized for two days. More than 25 scholars have presented their papers. Three Vedic scholars (Sri Venugopala Sastry, Sri N.S. Nanjundaswamy, and Sri Krishnamurthy Boiri) were honored with the title "*Vedasi*" in recognition of their services to Veda and Indology. Besides this, a day long Seminars on '*Surya in Veda and Astrology and in Contemporary Literature*'; '*MahaLakshmi, Mahasarasvati and Maha Uma in Veda and in the lore of Sri Vidya, their depiction in the world of Music*'; '*Vedic Eschatology*'; '*The Role of Veda and Astrology pre and post Vivahasamskara*'; and '*Taittiriya Aranyaka with a focus on Aruna Prasna*' were organized within this year.

Dr. C. L. Prabhakar's Book on *Arunaprasna* with Translation, Notes and Glossary was released by Sri Sakala Narasimhulu Chetty, a reputed Philanthropist. In the 15th India Conference of WAVES, held at DSVV, Haridwar during March 2012 more than ten distinguished scholars from Bangalore have participated. In this year six scholars have enrolled themselves as Life members of WAVES through Bangalore Chapter. The Chapter would hold its Annual Day soon with the theme on the '*Science, Sense and Utility from the Vedic Thought*'. A Call and invitation to present papers for the two day conference has been announced.

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A section of audience on 22-04-2011



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