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### 23rd INDIA CONFERENCE OF WAVES

in collaboration with

Nari Samvaad Prakalp

of

Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), New Delhi-1

Vedic Wisdom and Women: Contemporary Perspective

(वैदिक ज्ञान-संपदा एवं नारी : समकालीन परिप्रेक्ष्य)
Dates: 5th-7th December, 2019; Venue: IGNCA, New Delhi

### TWENTY SECOND INDIA CONFERENCE

### **VEDIC PERSPECTIVE OF INDIAN ARTS**

22nd India Conference of WAVES was organized by 'Wider Association for Vedic Studies' (WAVES) in collaboration with Bharat Vidya Prayojana, Indira



Inaugural Session

Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, (IGNCA), New Delhi. The three-day conference was held from 27th–29th November, 2018 at IGNCA, New Delhi. The conference was inaugurated with the 'Lighting of the Lamp' in the IGNCA Auditorium. Students of University of Delhi presented Sarasvati Vandana and Samveda mantras as invocation. The inaugural

session started with the introduction of theme and welcome of dignitaries done by **Prof. Shashi Tiwari**, **President**, **WAVES**.

On this occasion, **Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi**, Member Secretary, IGNCA gave Inaugural address. He correlated the concept of creativity with the theme

of the conference and highlighted the urgent need to reconnect ourselves with our Vedic roots and disconnect ourselves with the extensive use of technology; a point which was greatly appreciated by all the audiences. He said that all traditional art forms are originated from Vedic literature, therefore Indian knowledge is recognized today for this precious gift.



Lighting of lamp

## EDITORIAL &



It is with immense pleasure that we present the 20th issue of the WAVES Newsletter, which highlights all the activities of WAVES during the period May 2018 to April 2019.

WAVES has been propagating the great and universal knowledge of Vedas for the last twenty three years. It is a forum for people of varied interests to learn and think about the brilliance of ancient Indian wisdom for understanding the true meaning of human life. Being a multidisciplinary organization, it focuses on various disciplines of learning including sciences and arts. Last year, our annual conference discussed Indian arts on the basis of Vedic perspective. It was a memorable conference organized in collaboration with IGNCA. The academic event received a whole hearted response from scholars and students from different parts of India and abroad. We are sincerely thankful to authorities of BVP, IGNCA for providing the venue and all facilities for the conference.

We note with satisfaction that a few members of WAVES from India attended the 13th International conference of WAVES at Dallas, USA in 2018.

Today, WAVES is a strong academic body with 279 life members and six chapters. We welcome all the new members to the WAVES family, and look forward to their active cooperation. We are proud of our young members, who are working actively under WAVES's 'taruntarang' young wing.

The modern malaises of anxiety and stress, misconduct, pollution of the environment and the like, would seem to result from people's disregard of the principles of Vedic wisdom. We are looking forward with great determination to attaining our goal of 'Shivatva' of mankind and nature through Vedic knowledge and culture: tanmemanah shiva-samkalpamastu"

—Shashi Tiwari (Chief Editor)

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### INDIA CONFERENCE

Shri Ashok Pradhan, (I.A.S. Retd.), Director, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, New Delhi graced the occasion as chief guest. In his address, he congratulated WAVES and IGNCA for collaborating for the conference. He highlighted the contributions of BVB in the field of Indology. Sixty four arts (Kala) are mentioned in



Dignitaries on Dias

ancient Indian texts which include minute art form of *Sasvarpatha*. **Dr. Samhitashastri Arjunprasad Bastola**, Vedic Scholar, from Kathmandu, Nepal as Guest of Honour spoke on the importance of *Krishi-Kala* which was invented by Maharshi Vyas. Due to this art human beings are civilized and free from hunger. He introduced the audiences to the rich Vedic traditions of Nepal.

Keynote address was given by **Prof. S.R. Bhatt**, Chairman, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR). Prof. Bhatt explained the deep interconnections of knowledge, arts and supreme bliss on metaphysical and material levels. The purpose of arts is to achieve '*Ananda*'. In Indian approach both physical and spiritual aspects can go together. Presidential address was delivered by **Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma**, Founder President of WAVES. He focussed the need to free ourselves from colonial baggage. **Dr. Sudhir Lall**, Convener of Conference, and Project Director, Bharat Vidya Prayojana, IGNCA proposed vote of thanks for all guests and participants. During this session, the souvenir of the conference containing 108 summaries of papers and few messages was released by dignitaries. **Dr. Ranjit Behera**, Ass. Prof. of Sanskrit, University of Delhi and Secretary, WAVES moderated this session.

The conference has parallel sessions organized at three venues in IGNCA. More than 130 delegates from different parts of country participated in this conference of WAVES, 2018. Delegates and young researchers from various universities and institutes, such as University of Delhi, Delhi; Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh; Guahati University, Assam; Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi; Maharishi Adhyatma Vishwavidyalay, Goa; K.K. Handique Govt., Sanskrit College, Guwahati, Assam; IGNOU, Delhi;



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### **INDIA CONFERENCE**



**Delegates** 

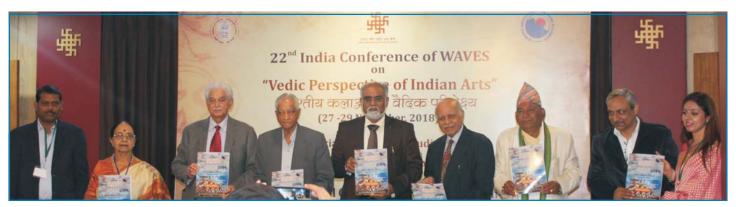
Sciences, Dartmouth, USA etc. participated and presented their papers in the conference.

Names of few eminent International and National scholars who participated as chair, moderator or paper-presenter are: Dr. Raj Vedam, USA; Dr.Come Carpentier de Gourdon, France; Dr. Samhitashastri Arjunprasad Bastola, Nepal; Dr. Asha Rani Tripathi, Lucknow; Prof. Ram Sewak Dubey, Allahabad; Dr. Radhey Shyam Kaushal, Delhi; Dr. Ram Gopal, Jodhpur; Dr. Chand Bhardwaj, Delhi; Dr. Ganesh Dutt Sharma, Ghaziabad; Dr. Anita Khurana, Ajmer, Shri Vidya Sagar Verma, Delhi; Dr.Urmila Rustagi, Delhi; Dr. Ranjan Lata, Gorakhpur; Dr. Pravesh Saxena, Delhi; Dr. Vedwati Vaidik, Gurgaon; Dr. Richa Sikri, Haryana; Dr. Meena Kumari, Delhi; Dr. Bharati Sharma, Roorkee; Dr. Shakuntala Punjani, Delhi; Dr. Pratibha Shukla, Haridwar; Dr. Ajay Jha, Delhi; Dr. Sushma Choudhary, Delhi; Dr. Vijay Shankar Dwivedi, Delhi; Dr. Asha Lata Pandey, Delhi; Dr. Saroj Gulati, Delhi and Prof. Shashi Bala, Delhi.

The deliberation of the three-day national conference was coherently scheduled in thirteen sessions which were divided into well-designed seven academic, three plenary and three young scholars' sessions. Details of some plenary speakers and their topics are as follows:—

- Dr. Come Carpentier De Gourdon (France), Convener of the International Editorial Board, World Affairs Journal— The Vedic Philosophy of Aesthetics
- Prof. Lallan Prasad, Former Dean, Business Economics, University of Delhi -Art of Earning and Spending in Vedas
- Dr. Prativa Manjari Rath, Professor of Sanskrit, Sri Sri University, Cuttack—Traces of Art (kala) in Vedic Silpa-vidya
- Prof. Raghwendra Pratap Singh, Centre for Philosophy, JNU, New Delhi—Vedic-Upanishadic Foundation for Diversity in Indian Culture
- Prof. L. Sudharmany, Prof. of Sanskrit-Sahitya,
   S.S. University of Sanskrit, Kerala—Role of Vedas in Sculpting Arts and Culture of Modern India
- Mr. Vedveer Arya, IDAS, Joint Secretary & FM (MS), Ministry of Defence, New Delhi—The Sheet Anchors of the Vedic and Post Vedic Chronology
- Dr. Meera Dwivedi, Sanskrit, University of Delhi– (रसानथर्वणादिप: एक चिन्तन)
- Prof. Kamla Bhardwaj, Sanskrit, SLBSRS Vidyapeethi— Vedashu Sthapatya Kala

Closing ceremony on third day begun with the invocation done by Dr. Rishiraj Pathak of SPM, DU under the chairmanship of Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma. Dr. Sudhir Lall, Co-Convener of conference welcomed guests and talked about some aspects of the main theme. Prof. Shashi Prabha Kumar, Former Vice Chancellor, Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies, Bhopal in her valedictory address highlighted the co-relation of conduct (Aachar) and thought (Vichar). Veda emphasises on the union of these two for perfection in person which is the essence of all arts. Dr. Jeet Ram Bhatt, Secretary, Delhi Sanskrit Academy as Guest of Honour during closing ceremony, explained about the importance of such conferences which focus on a subject to know it extensively. He said that certain concepts such as Vidyā, Avidyā, Kalā, Jñāna etc. leave their distinctive characteristics and seem connected after some time of understanding, Dr. Raj Vedam, Indian History Awareness & Research, Katy, TX, USA presented an inspiring valedictory address on 'Roots of Music' and highlighted the long history of the Indian civilization, and how Vedic India influenced



Souvenir Released



Prize-winners with Judges

populations in other parts of the world, in which music too was a key part. **Prof. Ram Gopal** from Jodhpur appreciated the contribution of ancient sages in different disciplines for the success of human beings. This session was coordinated by **Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal**, Secretary, WAVES.

This year, 'Svargiya Mrs. Kusum Sharma Memorial Award-2018' for outstanding papers presented by young scholars were given by Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma in memory of his wife. Committee of Judges consisted of three members:

- Dr. Dharma, Ex Faculty, Sanskrit, Laxmi Bai College, Delhi University
- Dr. Anju Seth, Faculty, Sanskrit, Satyavati College, Delhi University
- Dr. Pankaj Mishra, Faculty, Sanskrit, St. Stephens College, Delhi University

On the basis of selection, awards were given to five young scholars in closing ceremony:

### COMMENTS FROM DELEGATES OF 22ND INDIA CONFERENCE

Thanks a lot ma'am. It was really a great event.

—Dr. R. Kamala Kumari (Kerala)

Congratulations on another conference run very successfully!

-Prof. Narayanan Komerath (USA)

Thank you so much for giving us this platform for our bright future.

— Yogendra Bhardwaj (JNU)

Many thanks for the photos. It was a pleasure to be there and meet you again.

-Come Carpentier (France)

It was a great learning experience and enjoyable three days. Kudos to the team as I know very well what all it takes to organising a conference-time, effort, coordination and so on. Congratulations and thanks.

-Dr. Asha L. Pandey (New Delhi)

Well attended by scholars from many branches—atomic, ancient music, Harappan era are highlights of WAVES conference.

- Musham Damodhar Rao, Chairman Reclaiming Telangana Heritage.

### **INDIA CONFERENCE**



Valedictory Session

- ◆ 1st Prize—Ms. Khushboo Shukla, JNU (Rs.3000)
- 2nd Prize—Dr. Udita Bhattacharya, K.K.H.G.S.C, Guwahati (Rs.2000)
- \* 3rd Prize—Dr. Ashok Kumar, JNU (Rs.1000)
- Encouragement Prize—Dr. Rishiraj Pathak, DU (Rs.500)
- Encouragement Prize—Mr. Yogendra Bhardwaj, JNU (Rs. 500)

At the closing of event, Prof. Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES proposed a vote of thanks on behalf of WAVES to all guests, delegates, and participants of conference, and especially to the



A Section of Audience

authorities of Bharat Vidya Prayojana and IGNCA for their support and contribution in this big academic program. The conference concluded with the recitation of Shanti Mantra and National anthem.



**Group of Delegates** 

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## VEDIC TRADITIONS FOR EDUCATION AND LEARNING

2-5 August, 2018; DALLAS, TEXAS, USA

The 13th international conference of the World Association for Vedic Studies (WAVES-2018) was

successfully held Aug. 2-5 at the Brookhaven College, Dallas, Texas, centered on the theme of "Vedic Traditions for Education and Learning."

The conference was inaugurated by Hon. Dr. Anupam Ray, Consul General of India, Houston, Texas, who spoke of the



Dr. Anupam Ray, Consul General of India, Houston, Texas inaugurating the conference

enduring relevance of Vedic knowledge in today's world. He highlighted that the Vedas have eternal truths to guide our lives.

After his inaugural speech, Dr. Ray released the proceedings of WAVES 2016 and 2018. Special guest attendee to the WAVES conference this year, Dr. Samhitashastri Arjunprasad Bastola, a Vedic scholar from Nepal, brought a message of good wishes from the president of Nepal, as well as an invitation to host the next edition of WAVES in Kathmandu, Nepal in 2020.

Jeffrey Armstrong, also called Kavindra Rishi, founder of Vedic Academy of Sciences and Arts (VASA), Vancouver, Canada, presented inspiring opening remarks on the Vedic Civilization and congratulated Indians for having this *Vidya*. Mr. Sashi Kejriwal, President of WAVES, welcomed the attendees and dignitaries, noting that WAVES is in its 22nd year in existence, having started with its inaugural conference in the year 1996 at Atlanta.

The conference Chair Dr. Narayanan Komerath, Professor of Aerospace Engineering, Georgia Institute of Technology, and Dr. Shashi Tiwari, former Professor of Sanskrit, University of Delhi, also the co-editor of the 2018 proceedings, worked diligently to bring out the Proceedings of WAVES-2018, ahead of schedule and released it on the opening day. Attended by over 400 people, and divided into 23 sessions, the conference consisted of keynote speeches, plenary lectures, panel discussions and presentation of research papers from around the world.

This year's WAVES conference featured keynote addresses by two recipients of the prestigious Padmabhushan Awards from the Government of India: Dr. Ved Nanda, Professor of law, University of Denver, Colorado, and Dr. David Frawley, Founder and Director,

American Institute of Vedic Studies, New Mexico, USA. Dr. Ved Nanda traced the origins of the concept of Human Rights to the Vedas, while Dr. David Frawley, highlighted the study of mind and consciousness as India's unique contribution to the world through its Vedic knowledge systems.

Dr. John Hagelin, president of the Maharishi University of Management, Fairfield, Iowa, in his keynote, spoke on the theme of how Vedic science fulfills the development of modern science, and drew parallels between the Vedic concepts of energy and consciousness as embodied in the *Bhutas*, *Gunas* and *Doshas* with the modern mathematically derived ideas of energy and particles such as bosons, gravitons and other quantum field and string field theories.

In his keynote address, Dr. Subhash Kak, Regents Professor, School of Electrical and Computer Engineering, Oklahoma State University, spoke of the Indian foundations of modern science, and shared some of the frontiers of current explorations in Artificial Intelligence, speculating on whether and to what extent machines can produce or emulate human consciousness.

In his keynote, Shri Rajiv Malhotra, founder and President of Infinity Foundation, Princeton, New Jersey, reflected on his own personal journey titled "Journey towards Infinity," in disrupting the status quo in the academia, where western colonial and orientalist narratives about India and the Vedic Hindu civilization are recycled as authoritative knowledge about India. He also speculated on the way forward and the critical need to develop a school of thought that more authentically represented an Indic narrative about India's traditions and knowledge systems.

The themes discussed in the parallel sessions, at the Conference, ranged from Vedic Education, Vedic Mythology and Philosophy, Vedic Knowledge Systems, Sanskrit wisdom, Indian Youth and Hinduism, Vedic Learning, Ancient Education and Sciences and contemporary Hindu Studies. Dr. Shashi Tiwari presented her reflections on inquisitiveness as an important ingredient of Vedic learning, and the methods of dialog and discourse embedded in the Vedic traditions. Dr. Narayanan Komerath presented his ideas on "Pavamana Soma," the missing link in the birth of the material universe. Dr. Narahari Achar, Professor Emeritus, Department of Physics and Material Science, University of Memphis,

presented some new insights into the Somayajna and the structure of the Rig Veda. Dr. Bhakti Vijnana Muni, President, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Institute, Bengaluru presented his views on the



Releasing the proceedings of WAVES 2018

### **WAVES Conference in Nepal**

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

### **WAVES Conferences in India**

- 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 Traditon: 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, IGNCA, Delhi, Nov. 27-29, 2018

### INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

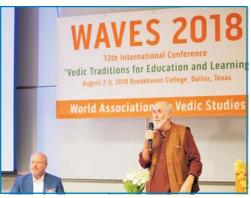
contribution of Vedanta towards the harmony between science and religion. Shri Jeffrey Armstrong reflected on the use of Jyotish and Ayurveda in Vedic Education. Shri Dhirendra Shah, Director and treasurer of WAVES presented a historical journey through the contours of the Indic civilization, highlighting the need research and a better understanding of the long-standing effects of various invasions and colonization on Hindu society. Dr. Deen Chandora of Atlanta spoke in detail about the Vedic methodology for the understanding of Cosmic Time.



Dr. Narayanan Komerath, Conference Chair, WAVES 2018

Special panel discussions explored topics such as teaching Hindu Dharma as a science and developing curriculum guidelines for parents and teachers (moderated by Mrs. Kamlesh Kapur), Vedic and ancient Indian chronology (moderated by Dr. Raj Vedam), the ongoing issue of the high school and middle school textbooks curriculum in history and social science as it pertains to the content related to India and Hindu civilization (moderated by Rajiv Malhotra) and contributions of the Indian civilization to the world (moderated by Nilesh Oak). These discussions were very lively as they pertained to the constant related to India and Hindu civilization and their contribution to the world.

The conference featured fascinating, sometimes contradictory, speculations on the historicity and possible dating of the Mahabharata war and the beginning of the Kali Yuga, the cosmic timescales embedded in the Vedas, that correspond remarkably closely to modern-day conceptions of the age of the universe and the earth, as well as reflections on European speculation that collapsed Vedic timeframes and dates



Dr. John Hagelin, President, MUM, Fairfield & Dr. David Frawley, Director, AIVS, New Mexico, USA

into a Biblical timescale in 19th century Indology and passes for authoritative knowledge today. One of the highlights of the WAVES conference was Dr. Raj Vedam's reconstruction of the knowledge transfer out of India that has occurred across the various epochs through history. Taken together, these themes highlighted the need for a more authentic reconstruction of India's history that goes beyond orientalist and Indological In a similar vein, discourse. Dr. Shivshankar Sastry, in an electronic presentation from Bengaluru, dissected the theories of origins developed by Colonial-era Linguists, and pointed to the

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evidence that the entire framework of such concepts asProto Indo European (PIE) and Avesta cannot withstand objective scientific and logical scrutiny.



Shri Rajiv Malhotra, President, Infinity Foundation, with other Panelists discussing textbook issue

Dr. S. Kalyanaraman, Director, Saraswati Research Institute, Chennai India, was awarded the Saraswati Award this year at the WAVES conference for his extensive contributions in his multi-disciplinary research into the Saraswati River civilization as the theater of the Rig Vedic people. His talk delivered remotely from Chennai, highlighted the need to revise our understanding of the ancient Vedic society in the light of contemporary research in multiple fields, such as archeology, Vedic literary studies, geology, hydrology and so on.

Dr. Kundan Singh, Sophia University, Palo Alto, received the Veda Vyasa award on behalf of the community. He has recently released a critique of the McGraw Hill textbook contents proposed for adoption by the California Board of Education in his new book "Making children Hindu phobic,".

Both awards, the Saraswati Award and the Veda Vyasa Award, were inaugurated at the WAVES Con-



Dr. Subhash Kak, Regents Professor, Computer Engineering, Oklahoma State University

ference 2018 and sponsored by Sanatana Dharma Foundation, Dallas, Texas. The youth panel consisted of well-researched papers that dealt with some interesting aspects of Vedic culture consisted of Sanjana Venkata-subramanian, Ananya Ponangi, Arushi Agrawal and Anukriti Singh. And lastly, in acknowledging the enormous effort by volunteers and organizers in putting on this conference, Mr. Sashi Kejriwal, President of WAVES, highlighted the need for younger generations to get more involved in the



Dr. Ranjit Behera, Secretary (Academic), WAVES-India and Associate Professor, University of Delhi, India

future activities of WAVES. This conference was specially attended by some members of WAVES India, such as, Dr. S. Rammohan, Dr. Rajeev Srinivasan, Dr Subhash Bhargava, Dr. Lalita Juneja and Dr. Ranjit Behera.



Delegates of WAVES 2018

### PRACTICAL ASPECTS OF VEDANTA PHILOSOPHY

4th February, 2019

Satyawati College, University of Delhi, New Delhi



Dr Abha Mathur, Mr. R.N. Pandey, Dr. B.D. Sharma, Dr. Shashi Tiwari

A symposium was jointly organised by Wider Association for Vedic studies (WAVES) and Department of Sanskrit, Satyawati College, University of Delhi in auditorium of Satyawati College. Programme started with the invocation done by students of Sanskrit Department of Satyawati College. Dr. Anju Seth, Associate Professor, Sanskrit Department, Satyawati College welcomed the speakers and guests of the Symposium. Dr. Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES introduced the speakers. The session was chaired by Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Founder President, WAVES.

**Dr. Sudhir Kumar**, Associate Professor, Sanskrit Department, Jawaharlal Nehru University said Vedic and Post Vedic literature are soul of Indian culture and tradition. Four *Varnas*, four *Āśramās* and sixteen *Saṁskāras* are the essence of this culture. By the grace of god everyone is blessed with same five *Jñānedriya*, five *Karmedriya*, *Mana*, and *Bhudhi* but still thinking and behavioural pattern is different in each and every individual. Desire to live for 100 years is the main practical aspect of Vedantic philosophy.



Dr. Anju Seth, Dr. Thomos, Dr. R.N. Pandey, Dr A.P. Singh

By 'Jivem Sharadah Shatam', this has been confirmed by many Vedic texts. Wish to have 'Purusā rtha' is also one of the practical side of Vedanta. Along with this, 'Atithi Devo Bhav' and 'Mahā mrtyunjaya mantra' can also be treated as an example of practical application

of Vedanta philosophy in Indian culture.

**Dr. M.D. Thomas**, Founder and President, Institute of Harmony and Peace, Delhi has described '*Niskāma Karma*' as the root of the practical aspect of Vedantic philosophy.

### **ACTIVITIES AT DELHI**



Faculty Members and Participants

He read few recitations from Srimad-bhagwad-gitā and compared those to Bible. Describing Karma as Sādhanā, Spirituality and life, he talked about three-

dimensional union of *Karma*, i.e., from God, from oneself, and from others. While performing *Karma* one should be free from emotional bondage.

On the basis of Upanishads, Shri Rajender Nath Pandey, Writer, Ghaziabad narrated the basic elements of Vedānta to reach the highest goal of life. These elements are Viveka (discrimination), Vairagya (detachment), Śradhā (devotion), Jijñāsā (curiosity), Viśvāsa (faith), Sadāchara (good conduct), Dhairya (patience), Brahmacharya, Samatva (equality), and Kripā (kindness). There is no ascending or descending order of these elements. By quoting the sentences from various Upanishads, Shri Pandey explained the relevance of above mentioned elements and their practical application as per Vedanta philosophy.

**Dr. Awadhesh Pratap Singh**, Assistant Professor, Sanskrit Dept., University of Delhi on the basis of Brahmasūtra conveyed the practical side of Vedānta Darshan. There is a difference in knowledge and science. This science is a subject matter of Vedānta philosophy. He took examples from *Advaita* Vedānta. To attain salvation, three paths are there—*Jrīāna*, *Bhaktī* and Karma. Out of these, path of *Jrīāna* (Knowledge) is longest but other two *Bhaktī* (Devotional) and *Karmic* (action) are most accessible routes. Brahma is Supreme, one should always be aware of this. He quoted Māndukya Upanishad for understanding principles of Vedānta.

**Dr. Ramnath Pandey**, Senior Research Fellow, M.S. University of Baroda gave various illustrations on Vedanta philosophy through his power point presentation. He said all Upanishads talk about philosophy. Many types of Vedānta philosophy is there such as *Advaita*, *Visista-Advaita*, *Dwaita*. After attaining purification of mind where no doubt is left

then Mokṣa (liberation) is achieved. By quoting the Brihadā ranyaka Upanishad, he clarified the relation of soul, Brahma and Māyā. Love and sensitivity towards nature is the biggest practical



Panalists and Speakers

### **ACTIVITIES AT DELHI**



Speakers and Chairman

aspect of Vedanta philo-sophy. By practicing Bhudhi (intellect), Satya (truth), Anuśāsana (discipline) and Anāsakti (detachment) in daily life one can practically apply Vedānta philo-

sophy. *Ekatvabhāva* should always be one's priority. After various talks by eminent speakers, the symposium turned lively due to interaction among speakers and audiences. Few comments were made by Dr. Chand Bhardwaj, Member, WAVES; Dr. Ramkaran Sharma, Lecturer, University of Delhi etc. In his presidential address, Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma explained the practical aspect of Vedānta philosophy by sharing his personal experiences throughout his life.

**Dr. Abha Mathur**, Principal-In-charge, Satyawati College graced this occasion with her presence. Program was attended by faculty members and students of Sanskrit Department, Satyawati College along with WAVES members such as Dr. Dharma, Sh. Y.K. Wadhwa, Dr. Asha Lata Pandey, Sh. Vidya Sagar Verma, Dr. Shakuntala Punjani, Dr. R.S. Kaushal, Dr. Savitri, Dr. Supriya Sanju, Sh. T.R. Arora, Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal and others. Dr. Ranjit Behara conducted the whole program. Dr. Ajay Jha, Assistant Professor, Sanskrit Department, Satyawati College thanked the organizers, learned speakers and guests.

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स्वागत्परम्परायां सर्वप्रथमं श्री परमानंदमहोदयेन वैदिकमंगलाचरणं कृतम्, गाँधीमहोदयस्य प्रतिमां प्रति पुष्पापंणं कृतम् अतिथिभिः, तदनन्तरमितथीनान्च् स्वागतं डाॅ. रणजीतबेहेरामहोदयेन पुष्पमालाभिः च अभिहितम्। विषयप्रवर्तनसत्रे डाॅ. शशितिवारी महोददया गीतायां वर्णितस्य धर्मशब्दस्य तात्विकव्याख्यापेक्षिता वर्तमानयुगे इति उद्घोषितम्। तदनन्तरं, सभायां मुख्यवक्तारूपेण विराजितेन प्रो. शिवचतुर्वेदी महोदयेन गीतायां वर्णितानां पारिभाषिकशब्दानां—विषादः, सङ्ग—असङ्ग—कुसङ्ग—सत्सङ्गरू, विद्या—अविद्या, इत्यादीनां वैज्ञानिकव्यावहारिकश्च चिन्तनं प्रस्तुतम्। वैज्ञानिकैः वेदगीताश्च अवश्यमेव ज्ञातव्ये इत्युद्घोषितम् महोदयेन। स्ववक्तव्ये महोदयः रोबर्ट ओपेनहोवेर, रोबर्ट मिस्ट, रिचर्ड अल्बर्ट, डाॅ कॉर्नवॉलिस प्रभृतिषु वैज्ञानिकेषुगीतायाः प्रभावमपि रेखांकितवान्।

नेपालदेशतः समागतः अर्जुनप्रसादबस्तोलामहोदयः स्ववक्तव्ये वेद—उपनिषदित्यादिनां सारं गीता इति कथितम्। कृष्णस्य योगेश्वररूपमेव उपासनीयं, दुष्कर्माणि त्यक्त्वा सुकर्माण्येव आचरणीयानि—इति। डॉ भारतेन्दुपांडेयः सर्वशास्त्रेषु गीता सर्वाधिकव्यावहारिक—काव्यात्मक—युद्धरसपरिपूर्ण—कर्मप्रधान—आचारशास्त्रमिति स्वीकृतम्। वर्तमानसमये कर्तव्याकर्तव्यविषये गीता सदैव सहायिका वर्तते। गीता एव महात्मागांधीमहोदयस्य प्रश्नानां समाधानं कृत्वा, तं विचारतः आचारस्य मार्गं उपदिष्टवती। डॉ. धर्माशर्मा महोदया गीतायाः ज्ञानं सार्वकालिक—सार्वभौमिक—सार्वजनिकश्च इति उद्धािषतवती।



Interaction by Dr. Chand Bharadwaj

कर्म - भक्ति - ज्ञान -योगत्रयेन वर्तमानयुगस्य तापत्रयस्य शमन सम्भवम् । तत्पश्चात्, डॉ. राजेन्द्रकुमारपांडे महोदयेन गीतायाः दृष्टया वर्तमान -राष्ट्र – समाज – राष्ट्रवाद – संकल्पनाः

परिभाषिताः। कः देवःपूजनीयः, कथंच, इत्यादि प्रश्नानां गीतोपदेशेन समाधानं, अवसादं दूरीकरणे गीता एव समर्था इत्युक्तम्।

डॉ. रमेशभारद्वाज महोदयः गीतां भारतीयचिंतनपरम्परायाः समाजदर्शनम्, गाँधीकृते मोक्षसाधनमिति स्वीकृतवान्। परंतु वर्तमानसमये आवश्यकमिति यत् गीता आजीविकार्जने अपि सहायिका भवेत्। कार्यक्रमे समुपस्थितः 'मोहनगीता' रचनाकारः पद्मश्री पुरस्कारेण सम्मानितः प्रो. हनीफखानशास्त्री महोदयः गीताकुरानमध्ये साम्यं प्रदर्शय सर्वधर्मसमभावं अनिवार्यम् इति कथितम्। परिचर्चायाः अन्तिमसत्रे डॉ. चादभारद्वाज—डॉ. आर.एस. कौशल—डॉ. विद्यासागर वर्मा—शोधछात्र सुनीत कुमारइत्यादिभिः गीतायाः व्यावहारिकतापुनः प्रतिपादिता। अध्यक्षीयवक्तव्ये डॉ. भूवेवशर्मामहोदयः उक्तम् यत्गीता प्रत्येकस्य जनस्य स्वशास्त्रमिति, यत्र सर्वे जनाः स्व प्रश्नानां समाधानं प्राप्तकर्तुं समर्थाः। गीतायाः उपदेशान् व्यक्तिमात्रे संस्काररूपेण आरोपणं एव वेव्स संस्थायाः संकल्पः। कार्यक्रमस्य

### **ACTIVITIES AT DELHI**

समापनसन्ने सर्वेषां कृते धन्यवादाः, कार्यक्रमस्य दृश्यांकनं च डॉ. अपर्णाधीर, सचिवा, वेव्सद्वाराकृतम्।

(हिन्दी में सार-संक्षेप : दिल्ली विश्वविद्यालय के छात्रो द्वारा मंगलाचरण किया गया। डॉ रंजीत बेहरा ने गणमान्य अतिथियों का परिचय दिया। डॉ चतुर्वेदी ने काव्यात्मक शैली में श्रीमदभगवतगीता के बारे में बताया। डा. तिवारी ने 'सर्वधर्मान्परित्यज्य' के सन्दर्भ में गीता में धर्मसंस्थापना के महत्व का विवेचन किया। डा. संहिता शास्त्री ने पांच ज्ञानेंद्रियां, पांच कर्मेंद्रियों, बुद्धि, और मन के योग के विषय में बताया। प्रोफेसर भारतेंदु पांडे ने गीता में आए आचरण के उपदेश की महिमा कही। डॉ. धर्मा ने बताया—संघर्ष के क्षणों में पुनः उठने का ज्ञान गीता से मिलता है इसलिए गीता एक अनुपम ग्रंथ है। श्री पांडेजी ने सभा में बैठे सभी युवाओं को प्रभावित किया, उन्होंने गीता के 16वें अध्याय को समाजशास्त्र का प्रतिपादक माना। प्रो. रमेश भारद्वाज ने ओजस्वी शब्दों से पूर्ण अपने व्याख्यान में गीता की प्रेरक शक्ति पर बल दिया।

डा. हनीफ खान शास्त्री ने ब्रह्मवाणी गीता और कुरान पर किए गए अपने समन्वयात्मक अध्ययन एवं दृष्टिकोण की प्रत्यक्ष अनुभूति कराई। डा. अपर्णा (धीर) खंडेलवाल ने सभा में उपस्थित सभी के प्रति धन्यवाद ज्ञापित किया।)

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