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TWENTY THIRD INDIA CONFERENCE

VEDIC WISDOM AND WOMEN : CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVE

The 23rd India Conference of WAVES was organized by 'Wider Association for Vedic Studies' (WAVES) in collaboration with Nari Samvaad Prakaalp, Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, (IGNCA), New Delhi. The three-day conference was held from 5th-7th December, 2019 at IGNCA, New Delhi. The conference was inaugurated with the 'Lighting of the Lamp' in the IGNCA Auditorium. Students of Kamala Nehru College, University of Delhi presented *Sarasvati Vandana* and *Vedic mantras* as invocation. The inaugural session started with the welcome address and introduction of the theme done by Prof. Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES.

On this occasion, **Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi**, Member Secretary, IGNCA gave Inaugural Address. He talked about the significance of the theme of the



Inauguration of Conference

Editorial

It is with immense pleasure that we represent the 21st issue of the WAVES Newsletter, which highlights all the activities of WAVES during the period June 2019 to May 2020.

WAVES being a multidisciplinary organization, focuses on various disciplines of learning through seminars, conferences and discussions. The brilliance of ancient Indian wisdom of our ancestors gives us insight to resolve present problems. In the period of Corona crisis, we tried to find out some guidance for our safety and health. Hence, a number of online programs were organized.

Last year, our annual conference discussed Vedic Wisdom and Women. It was a grand conference organized in collaboration with IGNCA which received a whole hearted response from scholars and students. We are sincerely thankful to Nari Samvaad Prakalp, IGNCA for providing the venue and all facilities for the conference.

Election for the next term of Governing Council was held in Feb. 2020. WAVES, entering into its silver jubilee year, welcomes new members in the Council. With enthusiasm WAVES welcomes those fifteen scholars who joined during this year as life members. They are: Mr. K.C. Srivastava, Dr. Sidharth Sankar Singh, Dr. Dhanajaya Kumar Acharya, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Dixit, Dr. Asha Rani Pandeya, Dr. Neelam Gaur, Dr. Binod Kumar Tiwari, Prof. Kamla Bhardwaj, Mr. Pramod Kumar Aggarwal, Ms. Sara Chauhan (C/o Prof. M.M. Bajaj), Brig. (Dr.) Jeewan Singh Rajpurohit, Dr. Manasi Sahoo, Prof. Kshitij Ramesh Patukale, Dr. Anita Sen Gupta, Dr. Mohini Arya.

We pay our humble tributes to Dr. Shakuntala Punjani, Dr. Subhash Vedalankar, Dr. Saroj Bharadwaj—life members of association who left for heavenly abode this year.

We look forward to the year ahead with great hope and determination for the welfare of mankind through intellectual and cultural growth, 'May we ever follow prosperously our path, like the sun and the moon.'—*Svastipanthāmanucarema Sūryacandramasāviva*. (RV 5.51.15)

—**Shashi Tiwari (Chief Editor)**

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conference and highlighted the urgent need to reconnect ourselves with the Vedic values and concepts of morality. He said that Indian knowledge systems are well recognized today for the welfare of humanity.

Chief Guest, **Prof. P.N. Shastri**, Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan,

Deemed to be University, New Delhi congratulated WAVES and IGNCA for the purposeful collaboration. He said that we can discover indirectly the prominence of women in the Vedas on the basis of certain *suktas* such as *Vāk*, *Shraddhā*, *Shrī* and *Sarasvatī*. According to Shatapatha Brahmana, man becomes complete with his wife only—'Yām jāyām na vindate.' In this context, he highlighted the concept of *ardhanārishvara*. Distinguished Guest, **Prof. B.N. Narahari Achar**, Professor Emeritus, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN, USA spoke about the western media which talks exceedingly about female problems and evils present in current times in India, and ignores India's achievements. Distinguished Guest, **Dr. Koenraad Elst**, Scholar of Asian Studies and Indology from Belgium addressed the audience saying negativity about females is not seen in the Vedas, yet some western scholars describe that in reference to ancient texts.

Keynote address was given by **Prof. K.B. Subbarayudu**, Principal, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Sri Raghunath Kerti Campus, Deva Prayag, Uttarakhand. He explained the connection of dialogue, debate and reasoning to understand the Vedic concepts. The purpose of Vedanta is to show unity of all. Brahman is neither man, nor women. He divided himself into dual forms for the origin of creation. In philosophical approach both *Advaita* and *Dvaita* aspects can go together. In later periods, status of women fell down due to lack of knowledge and education. Presidential address was delivered by **Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma**. The Founder President of WAVES stressed the need to free ourselves from false perceptions and unscientific traditions. Vedic seers had established notions which are universally true or symbolically scientific.

Dr. Sushma Jatoo, Project Director, Nari Samvaad Prakalp, Senior Faculty, Kalakosa Division, IGNCA and Convener of Conference proposed



Welcome of MS, IGNCA



Release of Souvenir

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vote of thanks for all the 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**, Assistant Prof. of Sanskrit, University of Delhi and Secretary, WAVES moderated this session.

The conference has three parallel sessions organized at three venues in IGNCA. More than 140 delegates from different parts of country participated in this conference of WAVES, 2019. Delegates and young researchers from various universities and institutions,

such as University of Delhi, Delhi; Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh; Guahati University, Assam; Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi; Jamia Millia Islamia, Delhi; Maharishi Adhyatma Vishwa-vidyalay, Goa; Utrakhand Sanskrit University, Utrakhand; Shri Lal Bahadur Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidya-peeth, Delhi; Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Delhi; Allahabad University, Allahabad;

Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kerala; Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, USA; Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Delhi; M.L.N. College, Yamunanagar, Haryana; P.G. college, Punjab; Nagpur University, Nagpur, Ravindra Bharti University, Kolkata etc. participated and presented their papers in the conference.

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

1. **Dr. Bhakti Niskama Shanta**, General Secretary, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Institute, Bengaluru—*In Vaiṣṇava Conception the Ultimate Spiritual Goal is to get engaged in the Service of the Highest, Negative (Feminine) Potency.*
2. **Prof. Madan L. Goel**, Prof. Emeritus, Pol. Science, University of West Florida, USA—*Democracy in India, Vedic Political Thought and Female Participation*
3. **Prof. B.N. Narahari Achar**, Prof. Emeritus, University of Memphis, Memphis, USA—*Vṛṣākapi sūkta (RV X.86): Indrāṇi, her role as Rṣikā, Wife and a Mother*
4. **Ms. Neera Misra**, Founder Trustee, & Chairperson, Draupadi Dream Trust, Delhi—



Scholars and Audience

Devi Draupadi: The Exemplar of eternal Vedic Liberalism and Gender Parity

5. **Dr. Sushma Jatoo**, Project Director, Nari Samvaad Prkalp, IGNCA—*The Sacred River Vitasta—An Embodiment of Goddess Uma*
6. **Dr. Madhu Sharma**, Duke University, Chaplain, North Carolina, USA—*Gayatri Mantra—The Feminine Shakti*
7. **Prof. Shashibala**, Dean, Centre of Indology, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi—*Divine Manifestations of Shakti Tattva*

A cultural program was organised on the evening of second day where **Ms. Sanskriti Choudhary** performed Bharatnatyam (*Devi-stuti*); **Ms. Chanchal** performed Odishi (*Dashavatara*); and **Dr. Supriya Sanju** presented *Suddha Kathak*. This program was very colourful and refreshing for the delegates.

Closing ceremony on the third

day began with the invocation done by students of DU under the chair-manship of **Prof. Bhaskarnath Bhattacharyya**, Director, Vedic Studies, Rabindra Bharti University, Kolkata and Vice-President, WAVES. **Dr. Sushma Jatoo**, Project Director of NSP and Co-Convener of the conference welcomed guests and talked about some aspects of the main theme.

Chief Guest, **Prof. Ramesh C. Bharadwaj**, HoD Sanskrit, University of Delhi and Director, Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi condemned western scholarship which intentionally establishes false notions to create confusion about sanctity of Indology. He inspired researchers for



Felicitation of Scholars



Session in Auditorium

original thinking and innovative approach. Distinguished Guest, **Prof. Madan L. Goel** praised diversity in India as beauty of Indian culture. He emphasised that there are many points for the appreciation of Hindu Religion, and that is the reason scholars of other countries are attracted towards this. Guest of Honour, **Brig. J.S. Rajpurohit, Ph.D.**, Group Commander, NCC Group talked about great Indian strength which only needs right target to achieve success.

Prof. B.N. Narahari Achar from University of Memphis, USA in his valedictory address praised the mixing of young and older scholars in the audience as



Release of Books

beneficial for all. He said that here role of women is examined from various angles and in our ancient texts they are considered the source of all powers.

Release of two books was a special program done in the closing session which showed the creativity and originality of WAVES's two members, Prof. Lallan Prasad and Dr.Ganesh Dutt Sharma respectively. पाञ्चाली स्वयंवर से चीरहरण तक is authored by Prof. Lallan Prasad. वेदों

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Judges on the Dias

में वायुयान—जलयान तथा युद्ध व शस्त्रास्त्र is authored by Dr.Ganesh Dutt Sharma.

This year, 'Svargiya Mrs. Sulochana M. Goel Memorial Award-2019' for outstanding papers presented by young scholars were given by **Prof. Madan L. Goel** in memory of his wife. Prize-announcement program was conducted by Dr. Sushma Choudhary of KNC, DU. Committee of Judges consists of Dr. Meera Dwivedi, Faculty, Sanskrit, Delhi University; Dr. Devendra Prasad Mishra, Faculty, LBSRSV, Delhi, and Dr. Pratibha Shukla, Faculty, Uttarakhand Sanskrit University, Haridwar. All were present on the stage to explain the details of presentations of young scholars, and to declare the final results.

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

- ❖ **1st Prize**—Dr. Hari Krishna Sharma K.N., Kalady, Kerala (Rs.4000)
- ❖ **2nd Prize**—Mr. Kaustubh Gaurh and Mr. Abhishek Parashar, DU, Delhi (Rs.3000)
- ❖ **3rd Prize**—Ms.Priyanka Rastogi, Vanasthali Vidyapeeth, Rajasthan (Rs.2000)
- ❖ **Encouragement Prize**—Ms. Pragya Ghosh, DU, Delhi (Rs.500)
- ❖ **Encouragement Prize**—Ms.Madhusmita Deka, LBSRSV, Delhi (Rs.500)

In presidential remarks Dr. Bhattacharyya talked about the importance of Vedic Culture in India and abroad. Vedic knowledge is respected by all and everywhere. This session was coordinated by Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal, Secretary, WAVES. On behalf of WAVES, Prof. Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES proposed a vote of thanks to all guests, delegates, and participants of

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Session in Conference room

conference, members of WAVES, and especially to the authorities of IGNCA for their support to this big academic event. The conference concluded with the recitation of *Shanti Mantra*.



VIPs with Volunteers

COMMENTS FROM DELEGATES OF
23RD INDIA CONFERENCE

I take this opportunity to congratulate you and Team WAVES for an excellent Seminar. It was organized most professionally and involvement of the organizers of the team under your visionary leadership was simply awesome. The seminar was an amazing experience for me and opening to the world of Indian Vedic philosophy. Topic itself was extremely relevant and the seminar provided apt solutions to Women empowerment.

—*Brig JS Rajpurohit, Ph.D.*

We had a great time indeed in IGNCA during WAVES 23rd conference. As a researcher as well as a performer looking forward for such great events in future.

—*Dr. Aparna Nangiar, Kerala*

It was an absolute pleasure indeed to be presenting our ideas in the rich galaxy of scholars from across the fields. I believe that the conference provided a vision to us to work further for Sanskrit and Indology, hence it served its purpose very well. And your own selfless efforts and dedication to an institution is truly an inspiration.

—*Kaustubh Gaurh & Abhishek Parashar
(History, Research Scholars, DU)*

श्रेष्ठ व सफल कार्यक्रम की अनन्त बधाइयां, सादर सधन्यवाद।
—*डॉ. सरोज गुप्ता, सागर, म.प्र.*

WAVES CONFERENCE IN NEPAL

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

WAVES CONFERENCES IN INDIA

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

PROGRAM AT DELHI

BHARATIYA VIDYA MEIN
NARI EVAM VARTAMAN MEDIA

August 20, 2019

Bharatiya Vidya Bhawan, New Delhi

A symposium was organized by WAVES-India and its youth wing Tarun-Tarang which was presided by Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, USA and Member, Board, WAVES-International. On this occasion, Dr. Meera Dwivedi, Associate Prof. of Sanskrit, University of Delhi was the chief speaker; and Dr. Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES; Ms. Gunjan Pradhan Sinha, Journalist and Former Asst. Professor, St. Stephens College, University of Delhi; Dr. Jyoti Raj, Asst. Prof., Sanskrit, SPM College, University of Delhi and Anchor, Sanskrit News, Doordarshan; and Sh. Narayan Dutt Mishra, Anchor, Sanskrit, Doordarshan and Asst. Professor, Sanskrit, Jawaharlal Nehru University were other speakers. Program begun with Vedic invocation presented by **Prakash Pandey**, Sanskrit Student of DU. **Dr. Ranjit Behera**, Associate Professor, Sanskrit, University of Delhi and Secretary, WAVES moderated the session and introduced the theme and speakers of the symposium.



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Dr. Meera Dwivedi gave enlightening talk by narrating various examples of strong distinctive women of classical Sanskrit literature. She quoted poets like Kālidāsa and referred legendary women from past such as Śākuntalā. *Kaumudī Mahotsav* drama is well known for Śiva-Pārvatī *samvād* for learning strong character of Goddess Pārvatī. She referred many Vedic Rīśikās for their glorious lives such as Gārgī, Lopamudrā etc. She quoted numerous Vedic words for woman such as *Āmajur*, and explained their significance.

Dr. Shashi Tiwari started her talk with the role, importance and responsibility of media in projecting the status of women in current society. Generally criticism done by media presents negative picture of women and also talk about wrong treatment done with her in family. Vedic scriptures reflect her ideal picture and exemplary

role. Gradually restrictions on her were put by Smṛiti texts but most of the time with appropriate reasons. In medieval period her situation deteriorated, education was restricted, and early marriage started due to various reasons including the political too.

Sh. Narayan Dutt Mishra talked about 'women empowerment' on the basis of grammarian literature of Sanskrit. He picked up few Sanskrit grammar words like the word '*Pitrau*' and discussed the status of women. One should see the status of women globally. Cinema, internet,



Dr. Meera Dwivedi



Ms. Gunjan Pradhan

news channels, all these sources of media empower women but side by side they are a source of knowing deterioration in the image of today's women, he said.

If we look into the status of women since past we found that women in India has a consistent role in formation and enrichment of society said by **Ms. Gunjan Pradhan Sinha**. If we talk about the epic Mahābhārata, women like Kuntī, Gandhārī, Draupadī are there as examples of strong women of that era. Continuity of *dharma* and cultural values, which prevails throughout this great epic, is only due to these women. Modern India too have living examples of strong Indian women like Mother Teresa, Indira Gandhi, Sushma Swaraj etc. Indian women are always considered as multi-tasking personalities. There should be structural change in today's media as it never debates any such news that reveals the impact of natural calamities, and social accidents on women and children.

'Challenges for Women in Media' was the main theme of **Dr. Jyoti Raj**. She pointed out status and contribution of women mainly in the field of present journalism. Anchoring, reporting and editing are the fields where one can feel the biasedness towards women. After childbirth only 2% of Indian women are working in the fields like journalism. Dress code and odd timings are among the various issues that women face while reporting in news channels. It should be into consideration that women are emotionally sensitive so they are better news readers and do the best in reporting events.

Prof. Lallan Prasad, Member, GC, WAVES recited few lines from his under-published *Khand-Kāvya* on *Panchāli*. On this occasion, WAVES newsletter 2019 issue got released by dignitaries on Dias along with editors of WAVES newsletter. In his presidential address, **Prof. Bal Ram Singh** appreciated all the speakers for raising their concerns regarding the challenges faced by women in



A View of Audience

society. He said, we always think and talk about the status held by women in past and in the present times but never discuss ‘what ought to be’ especially by us. We should give this vision to our students. A framework of Vedic value system should be created so that society can follow it as a guide. According to him, women of today’s era are empowered enough in every field. As a biochemist scientist, he shared the data of conceived girls. He said considerably still birth deaths are more in boys instead of girls. Neurologically women have more strength and skills than men. Females appear sensitive but due to their right brain they are much active in function in comparison to men. Many members of WAVES and its youth wing were present in the audience such as, Dr. Dharma, Dr. Ravi P. Bhatia, Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Sh. Vidya Sagar Verma, Sh. Y.K.Wadhwa, Dr. Neelam Gaur, Dr. Karuna Arya, Dr. B.K. Tiwari, Mrs. Rekha Singh, Dr. Cynthia, Sh. Sanjay Sharma, Dr. Chand Bhardwaj, Sh. R.N. Pandey,

Dr. Pravesh Saxena, Dr. Urmil Rastogi, Dr.Kamna Vimal Sharma, Dr. R.S. Kaushal, Dr. Usha Kataria, Dr. Saroj Chawla. From Tarun-Tarang many members were present such as, Dr. Rakshita, Ms. Anuja Sinha, Sh. Yogendra Bhar-dwaj, Sh. Vikas Sharma, and Ms. Preeti Verma, Ms Suruchi Sharma.



Speakers & Chairperson on Dias

Finally, Sh. Prem Deoli, from Tarun-Tarang presented vote of thanks to the chairperson, speakers and the audience. Program ended with *Shāntipāth*.



Cultural activities at Evening of 23rd India Conference

PROGRAM AT DELHI

**SOCIAL, SPIRITUAL AND SCIENTIFIC
PERSPECTIVES
OF EVOLUTION IN THE CREATION**

2nd Sep., 2019

Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi, Delhi

A Panel Discussion on Social, Spiritual and Scientific Perspectives of Evolution in the Creation (सृष्टि के विकास—क्रम का सामाजिक, आध्यात्मिक एवं वैज्ञानिक परिप्रेक्ष्य) was organized by WAVES-India at Seminar Room, Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi, Delhi on 2nd Sep., 2019. The program was presided by Prof. Ramesh C. Bharadwaj, Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi & Director, Gandhi Bhawan, University of Delhi. Later, Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma chaired the session as Prof. Bharadwaj has some urgent work of University. Renowned scientists—Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director, Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, USA and Member, Board, WAVES USA; Dr. Bhakti Vijnana Muni, Ph.D. in Chemical Engineering and President, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Institute, Bengaluru, Karnataka, and Dr. Bhakti Niskama Shanta, Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering, and General Secretary, Sri Chaitanya Saraswat Institute, Bengaluru, Karnataka were present as distinguished panellists.

Program begun with Vedic invocation. Flowery welcome of guests was done by Prof. Shashi Tiwari, President WAVES, Shri Prashant Bhardwaj, Vice-President, WAVES, and Dr. R.S. Kaushal, Member, WAVES. Dr. Ranjit Behera, Secretary, WAVES conducted the session and introduced the speakers briefly. He requested Prof. Bal Ram Singh to moderate the panel-discussion in his own style with invited remarks. Prof. Singh elaborated the theme under discussion very beautifully. He said that every aspect has many perspectives to understand it, but here we are going to think about a very mystical, yet scientific subject which is thoroughly considered by ancient sages, as well as by modern scientists. We have distinguished panel of scientists and learned scholars of various disciplines for the discussion.

Dr. Bhakti Niskama Shanta elaborating the subject stated that—'Darwin's 'Objective Evolution of Bodies' is a perverted reflection of 'Subjective Evolution of Consciousness' in Vedanta because by over emphasizing



**Welcome of Prof. Ramesh Bhardwaj
by Vice President, WAVES**

the material cause (the aspect of the change or movement of the organism that is determined by the material that the body of the organism composed of) and efficient causes (external forces and chemical bonds which are seen as agency of the change or movement of the body of the organism) Darwinism completely ignores the role of consciousness (*cit*) and soul (*ātman*) in biology. Modern science hypothesizes that the manifestation of life on Earth is nothing but a mere increment in the complexity of matter—and hence is an outcome of evolution of matter (chemical evolution) following the Big Bang. After the manifestation of life, modern science believed that chemical



Prof. Bal Ram Singh Speaking

evolution transformed itself into biological evolution, which then had caused the entire biodiversity on our planet. This ontological view of the organism as a complex machine presumes life as just a chance occurrence, without any inner purpose. This approach in science leaves no room for the subjective aspect of consciousness in its attempt to know the world as the relationships among forces, atoms, and molecules. On the other hand, in contrast to afore mentioned reductionistic view of evolution, Vedanta explains the concept of 'Organic Wholism' as the formation principle of this universe. The invocation in *Śrī Īsopaniṣad* explains "*Om pūrnam adah pūrnam ida? pūrnat pūrnam udacyate pūmasya pūrnam ādāya pūrnam evāvaśisyate*—The 'Organic Whole' produces 'organic wholes'. An 'organic whole' cannot arise from parts that have to be assembled. That process can only produce inorganic, mechanical or chemical processes, not living organisms." The Vedāntic view states that the origin of everything material and nonmaterial is sentient and absolute (unconditioned). Thus, sentient life is primitive and reproductive of itself—*omne vivum ex vivo* – life comes from life. This is the scientifically verified law of experience. Life is essentially cognitive and conscious. And, consciousness, which is fundamental, manifests itself in the gradational forms of all sentient and insentient nature. In contrast to the idea of objective evolution of bodies, as envisioned by Darwin and followers, Vedānta advocates the idea of subjective evolution of consciousness as the developing principle of the world'.

Prof. Bal Ram Singh explained scientific theory of evolution. Creation and evolution are different. The development of man depends on the development of bacterial cells so it takes time. All creatures have brain but man's brain is more developed. This is one way to



Dr. S.C. Goswami Discussing

understand evolution. There is its social perspective also. As says Gita, 'four *varnas* were created according to qualities and actions of human beings'. To 'serve other' is Sudra- varna's duty. Today all do service and get salary, so all can be called 'Sudra'. Equality of all creatures is a basic thought to understand concept of evolution in creation. Apparently any two human beings are never the same in looks, speech or nature, neither in present, nor were in the past. Through the notion of *panchkosh* also, we can understand evolution in creation. Prof. Singh emphasised that one should try to integrate science in various perspectives for authentic vision.

Dr. Bhakti Vijnana Muni began his talk with the statement that in Indian traditions, devotion to God (*Bhagvat-prem*) is very important to know the absolute truth (Brahman, the Origin). Brahman is the non-dual truth and yet it assimilates plurality. According to modern science any complete entity comes from assimilation of parts, as body has many parts. This approach is dualistic. In Vedic approach, complete or absolute substance has power to create. Atman is ultimate vital reality, not the body. That is consciousness which gives life. So life comes from life, not from matter. This spiritual approach is totally opposite of modern science. Moreover 'Matter comes from life' is another axiomatic concept that addresses the question of origin of matter. Neither quantum mechanics nor biology is able to address the questions how consciousness arises and yet they require such concepts to explain the results.

Commenting upon on the subject, Prof. Bhu Dev

ACTIVITIES AT DELHI



Welcome of the Chief Speakers

Sharma said that concept of ego or *Ahamkar* is important. One's identity is never lost, even after death. The whole is created from the whole not from the infinite (*Ananta*) according to Vedic sciences. One should not accept a thought without it's understanding, rather he should discuss that again and again. Dr. S.C. Goswami debated on the identity of being. He said animal, man and tree are same as living and non-living are identical according to '*Sarvam khalu idam Brahman*' theory of Veda. Matter and consciousness have no absolute barrier to each other. Matter has motion as well. Dr .R.S. Kaushal said creation is from the abstract. This theory has impact on other thoughts too. Dr. Sujeet Kumar said that in our ancient philosophy, there is no theory of evolution. Social discrimination is a contrary idea which should be condemned. Dr. S.P.S. Chauhan stated that world is not divided on social basis. Dr. Mohan Chand explained that in various ancient references, world's creation is articulated from 'waters.' It was a well-attended program. Members of WAVES such as, Dr. Dharma, Dr. Sudha Verma, Dr. Saroj Jain, Dr. Neelam Gaur, Dr. Karuna Arya, Dr. Kamna Vimal Sharma, Ms Synthiya Masi, Dr. Asha Pandey, Dr. Anju Seth, Dr. Vijay Sankar Dwivedi, Dr. Madan Mohan Bajaj, Ms. Anuja Sinha, Dr. Suman Sharma, Jalaj etc. were present in the audience.

Dr. Shashi Tiwari proposed a vote of thanks to the chairperson, speakers and the audience. Program ended with *Shāntipāth*.



Speakers with Audience

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WAVES' ONLINE PROGRAM OF 12TH APRIL, 2020

An online panel discussion was organised by WAVES (Wider Association for Vedic Studies) on Sunday evening, i.e., 12th April, 2020 for two hours. The theme of discussion was 'Vedic Approach to Mental Stress and Social Harmony in Present Time'. The program as the first webinar was on ZOOM cloud meeting App. The panellists were: Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director, Institute of Advanced Sciences, USA; Prof. Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES (India); Dr. Bhakti Niskama Shanta, General Secretary, SCSl, Bengaluru; Brig. (Dr.) J.S. Rajpurohit, Group Commander, Gorakhpur, UP; and Dr. Deepti Raman, Homeopathic Doctor, Delhi.

Prof. Bal Ram Singh moderated nicely the proceedings of this online session. After giving introduction, he talked about present crisis in the world due to Corona disease and role of Vedic fundamental concepts as key to realize the importance and means of social harmony. One should learn through ancient scriptures our social norms such as *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* for practise. Prof. Shashi Tiwari discussed few points of *Āpada Dharma* deliberated in the *Shanti-parva* of *Māhābhārata* which teaches that even at the time of calamity, morality should not be ignored and therefore, we should try to possess patience in mind and harmony in society.

Brig. (Dr.) J.S. Rajpurohit narrated that Covid-19 is the time when we have to maintain a fine balance between *triguṇās* (*Satva*, *Rajas* and *Tamas*). His presentation was based on biochemistry of stress and cognitive appraisal for stress through self-management. Continuous consciousness of keeping oneself fully occupied within four walls of home is the way to victory against pandemic. 'Die to Live' was the topic of Dr. Bhakti Niskama Shanta's presentation. He explained how to identify self in the current

difficult situation. One should be aware of the root cause of this condition. He referred *Srī Kṛṣṇā's* pastime of subduing the serpent *Kāliyā* to demonstrate the ego-centric polluted environment around us, so there is a constant need to achieve universal brotherhood. Dr. Deepti Raman focused on practical synchronization of mind, body and soul to maintain state of equilibrium.

This online session was very energetic and lively for attendees. Few of them added their comments while other few asked some Questions. Dr. Lallan Prasad questioned on how to attain stable mind and happiness in state of crisis like on-going pandemic situation? Dr. Parvesh Saxena added few Vedic stanzas on *Śakti* highlighting social harmony. Pursuing meditation is a gate to internal calmness and happiness revealed Dr. Chand Bhardwaj. Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh mentioned Ayurvedic approach as remedy to stress-management. Prof. Sheela Mishra from Lucknow University considered unity and knowledge as the principal components to fight against any stress. Referring to *Śivasankalpa Sukta*, Dr. Karuna Arya said that determination can be one way to relief stress. Mr. Prasant Bhardwaj from Panchkula expressed happiness over this excited session. The webinar was actively attended by about sixty people who were from WAVES,

Delhi University, Lucknow University, Bangalore, Panchkula, Pantnagar, and USA. In this context, names of few researchers and scholars are given here: Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Dr. Meera Dwivedi, Dr. Ranjit Behera, Dr. Vijay Diwivedi, Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal, Dr. Supriya Sanju, Mr. Vidya Sagar Verma, Dr. Dharma, Dr. Shradhanvita Singh, Mr. Deepak Choudhry, Dr. Shilpi Saxena, Dr. Bhakti Vijyana Muni, Dr. Sati Shankar, Dr. Asha Pandey, Ms. Shikha Rajpurohit, Dr. D.K. Acharya, Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh, Dr. Sunil Kumar Mishra, Ms. Vaishali Shah, Ms. Anuja Sinha, Mr. Rakesh Kumar Chaudhary, Dr. Parul Mishra etc. Program concluded with vote of thanks by organisers.



Grid view of attendees during Webinar



Powerpoint presentations by Dr. Rajpurohit and Dr. Shanta in Webinar

**INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR
AT RRP COLLEGE, CHAPRA (BIHAR)
May 15-16, 2020**

A Two-Day International Webinar was jointly organised by WAVES (Wider Association for Vedic Studies) and Ram Jaipal College, Chapra, Bihar on 15th and 16th of May 2020 (from 3 PM to 7 PM). The theme of the webinar was 'The Role of Vedic Literature and Allied Subjects in Pandemic to Manage Stress, Immunity, Hygiene and Harmony'. There were seven panellists from WAVES. The panellists were: Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director, Institute of Advanced Sciences, USA; Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Founder President, WAVES; Prof. (Dr.) Shashi Tiwari, President,



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WAVES(India); Prof. Lallan Prasad, Former Dean Business Economics, University of Delhi; Brig. (Dr.) J.S. Rajpurohit, Group Commander, Gorakhpur, UP; Dr. Madhu Sharma, Duke University, USA; and Dr. Ranjit Behera, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, University of Delhi and General Secretary, WAVES. Dr. Anju Seth, Asso. Prof., Dept. of Sanskrit, Satyawati College, and Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal, Assistant Prof. INADS, USA and Secretary (Admin.), and many more from WAVES were among the participants.

Inauguration of the webinar started with mangal invocation. In Inaugural session, Prof. Harish Sharma, Vice Chancellor, MMDU, Ambala was the Chief Guest; Prof. Ashok Kumar Jha and Pro Vice Chancellor, Jai Prakash University, Chapra was the Guest of Honour. Prof. Hanuman Prasad Pandey, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Jai Prakash University, Chapra has presented his remote message. Group Captain Shri Krishan, Registrar, Jai Prakash University, Chapra was invited guest who expressed his happiness for Webinar. Welcome of the dignitaries and introduction about webinar was done by Dr. Sidharth Shankar Singh, Principal, Ram Jaipal College, Chapra in an attractive and scholarly way. Prof. (Dr.) Shashi Tiwari was the key speaker of the inaugural session. She spoke on 'Approach to Health, Happiness and Harmony in the Vedic Traditions'. Referring to Atharvaveda, she focussed on 'Nirbhayata' a prime mental state which makes one stress free. Maintaining cordial relations in family and society is the only way to achieve harmony. Another panellist, Dr. Ranjit Behera talked about the Concept of Yoga and Social Harmony in Vedic Heritage. He said *Yogasādhana* brings mental peace, happiness, physical

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health. He quoted few Vedic references to make his presentation powerful.

In second academic session, Prof. Bal Ram Singh was the first key-speaker of the session held on first day of the webinar. Talking about 'Role and Tradition of Sanskrit in Expressing the Integrative Science of Yoga and Ayurveda for Innate Immunity and Socio-Political Harmony' he insisted on integrating knowledge of Yoga and Ayurveda system of lifestyle. He explained that most of the medical problems are created by stress and anxiety. It is floating slowly in our socio-political environment. Thus, appropriate knowledge of Sanskrit for understanding the tradition of integrative science of Yoga and Ayurveda can be fruitful during current. Second key-speech of this session was given by Brig. (Dr.) J.S. Rajpurohit who spoke on the Psycho-Social Reflections during Covid-19 Pandemic and *Triguṇa Theory* in his presentation. Ayurveda examines an individual's psychological composition via the three *dōṣas*, but the *Guṇas* also play an important role towards mental health and wellbeing. *Triguṇatmaka* state helps in understanding the performance demonstrated by persons depending on the dominance of one or the other *mānasika dōṣa* or *guṇas* that is constitutionally present in the person.

Second Day of the webinar start with the key-speech by Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma. He delivered a talk on 'The Role of Indian Wisdom to Manage Stress and Hygiene'. The Vedic tradition emerged multi-level cosmological models relating to philosophical and meta-science. Vedic Sound Therapy' enlivens the inner intelligence of the body and restores proper functioning. In particular, these are powerful models for anxiety, stress, and hygienic issues. Ancient thinkers recommended that bathing and cleanliness are above all actions because without them all activities are useless. Dr. Sidharth Shankar Singh was the second key-speaker of this academic session. By quoting many mantras, he presented on the topic 'The Role of Vedas as Well as Sanskrit Vangmay to Manage Stress, Hygiene, Immune and Harmony'. The session included presentation

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by Dr. Anju Seth. She presented on 'कोरोना-काल में वर्तमान मनोवैज्ञानिक समस्याएं और उनका वैदिक समाधान'. One should recall the Vedic-Sanskrit literature and its *Subhāṣit*, to remain calm and happy. 'तन्मे मनः शिवसंकल्पमस्तु' is the prime example to deal this pandemic situation. The session was moderated by Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal along with her presentation on 'A Positive Outlook on Pandemic through Vedic Approach'. Our goal should be to look at everything in a positive manner. This is the path to manage stress which eventually helps us in boosting our immunity. Vedic tradition is based on value system that is being projected by India globally to overcome this pandemic through harmony and peace. Valedictory session was moderated by Dr. Satyendra Kumar Sinha. Dr. Madhu Sharma, Engineer, Vedic Scholar and Hindu Chaplain, Duke University, USA was the keynote speaker of this session. 'Solutions from the Vedas for Managing Anxiety and Stress' were her title of presentation. She spoke on the nine steps that are critical in living an anxiety free life—(1) Role of pure mind, (2) Building Resilience, (3) Performing rituals and Prayers, (4) Spiritual counselling for handling challenges, (5) Importance of Religious support, (6) Concepts of Seva and Karma, (7) Spiritual strength for the Hindu Youth, (8) Preventative Vedic practices, and (9) Proposed Practices. Valedictory address was given by Prof. Lallan Prasad, Former Head and Dean, Department of Business Economics, University of Delhi on the topic 'Pandemic: Challenges to World Economy in reference to Vedic Literature'. He said the world is facing economic crises due to this on-going pandemic. Jobs and industrial

sector got drastically hit. He discussed various economic policies that became useless in this situation. Today, world is looking towards India for its ethical value-system and Ayurvedic approach that includes practice of *Nameste*, Yoga, ancient herbs, and meditation.

In this two-day international webinar, total 20 presentations were held that includes papers from— Dr. Satyendra Kumar Sinha, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Ram Jaipal College; Dr. G. Vedanthadesiken, Associate Professor, Center for Rural Development Annamalai University, Tamil Nadu; Dr. Raj Kishor Sharma, MBBS, (AFMC), MD (IGIMS), PGDMGM, Department of Microbiology, PMCH, Patna; Dr. Syed Raza, Associate Professor, Department of History, J. P. University, Chapra; Dr. Shiv Om Pratap, Department of Biotechnology, Dr. MPS Groups of Institutions, Agra, Dr. Kamlesh Sakta, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Swami Vivekanand Govt P.G. College, Uttarakhand; Dr. Nagendra Kumar Sharma, Associate Professor, Department of Hindi, Ram Jaipal College etc. Most of these presentations were based on Vedic principals and scientific theories from different perspectives. The webinar was successfully attended through zoom by over 100 participants and watched live by above 1500 viewers. Few of them are— Dr. Supriya Sanju, Gurugram; Dr. Reena Kapoor, Delhi; Dr. Shalini Verma, Agra; Ms. Anuja Sinha, Delhi; Ms. Rekha Kumari, Delhi; Dr. Meenu, Alwar; Dr. Bharati Sharma, Haridwar; Dr. Dhananjay Bhanja, Dr. Raghava Boddupalli, Bengaluru; Dr. Rajnish Shukla, Delhi; Dr. Rakesh Pandey etc. There was a wide coverage of this webinar in local newspapers of Chapra including the popular one *Dainik Jagran*. Program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Gun Sagar Yadav, Ram Jaipal College, Chapra.

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INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR HELD WITH ISDC, ALLAHABAD

27th-28th May, 2020

A Two-Day International Webinar was jointly organised by WAVES (Wider Association for Vedic Studies) and Department of Sanskrit, Iswar Saran Degree College, Allahabad on 27th & 28th of May 2020. The theme of the webinar was '*The Revival of Indian Perspective and Lifestyle to Combat the Covid-19 Pandemic (With References to Sanskrit Literature)*'. There were eight panellists from WAVES. The panellists were: Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director, Institute of Advanced Sciences, USA; Prof. (Dr.) Shashi Tiwari, President, WAVES (India); Prof. Lallan Prasad, Former Dean Business Economics, University of Delhi; Prof. Indrani Rampersad, Independent Researcher and Scholar, Trinidad & Tobago; Brig. (Dr.) J.S. Rajpurohit, Group Commander, Gorakhpur, UP; Prof. Shive K Chaturvedi, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, USA; Dr. Vivek Tiwari, Sr. Director, Intel Corporation, California, USA and Dr. Ranjit Behera, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit, Faculty of Arts University of Delhi & General Secretary, WAVES (India). Also, Dr. Anju Seth, Associate Prof., Dept. of Sanskrit, Satyawati College, University of Delhi & Member, GC, WAVES, and Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal, Assistant Prof. INADS, USA & Secretary, WAVES were among the participants.

Webinar was inaugurated by the students and teachers of ISDC by Vedic chanting & Saraswati Vandana. Dr. Anita Sen Gupta Convener, Dept. of Sanskrit, ISDC Prayagraj. welcomed the dignitaries and guests. At this occasion, Prof. Kashi Nath Nyaupane, Nepal was the Chief Guest and Prof. Shashi Tiwari, WAVES (India) was the Distinguished Guest of this session. Prof. R.R. Tewari, Hon'ble VC, University of Allahabad presented the Welcome address of webinar and gave his wishes for its success. The session includes the keynote speech by Prof. Anand Shanker Singh, Principal, Iswar Saran Degree College, Prayagraj. The session was presided over by Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma, Former Professor, Sanskrit, University of Allahabad. '*Education of Spirituality for the Prosperity of Humanity*', was the topic of Prof. Tiwari's presentation.

First technical session was moderated by Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal. Prof. K.K. Srivastava, Professor, Sanskrit, University of Allahabad was the chairperson of this session. Prof. Bal Ram Singh was the first speaker of this academic session. He talked about '*Scientific Nature of Indian Traditions and Culture relevant to Health and Wealth*'. He insisted on integrating knowledge of Yoga and Ayurveda system of lifestyle such as use of neem and tulsi leaves.

He explained that most of the medical problems can be sourced to stress and anxiety from various sources, including socio-political environment. Prof. Lallan Prasad spoke on '*Post covid 19 Economy : Special reference to Kautilya Arthashastra*'.

'*The Revival of Indian Perspective and Lifestyle to combat the Covid-19 Pandemic*', was the topic of discussion by Prof. Indrani Rampersad. In presidential address Prof. K. K. Srivastava spoke on 'रोग प्रतिरोध क्षमतावृद्धि हेतु योग की प्रासंगिकता'

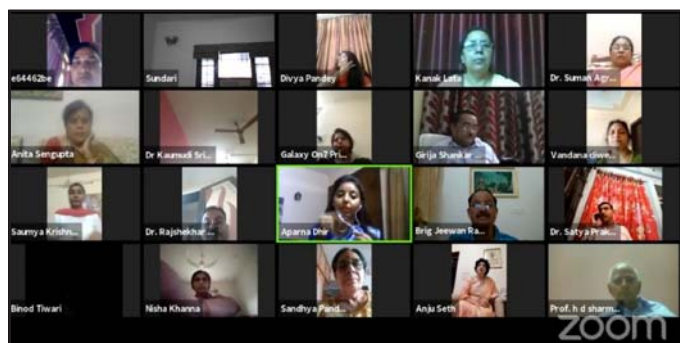
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Dr. Ragini Rai, Department of Ancient History moderated the second technical session. Prof. Sudyumna Acharya was the chairperson of this session. Prof. Uma Rani Tripathi talked about '*Adhyatma aur Paryavaran*'. '*Life Style, Food Habits and Role of Triguna*' was discussed by Brig. J.S. Rajpurohit. Individual's psychological composition via the three *dōṣa* and *Guṇas* also play an important role towards mental health and wellbeing. One should always understand his *Triguṇamaka* state. Focusing on few Ayurvedic practices he explained Indian food-habits in relation to *Triguṇas*.

Dr. Ranjit Behra pointed out on '*Social Harmony and Mental Peace: A Vedic Approach*' and discussed on relevance of yoga for the success of life. For mental happiness and social harmony, one should look into Vedic texts and practice Vedic philosophy. Prof. Sudyumna Acharya presented on 'मानव की रोग प्रतिरोध क्षमता तथा पर्यावरण में अन्तःसम्बन्ध'.

Third technical session was moderated by Ms. Ashwini Devi, Department of Sanskrit. Prof. Narsingha Panda from Bangkok presided over the session. In this session, presented papers were—Prof. Ram Sewak Dubey talked about '*Vedic Jeevan Mulya*', Dr. Umesh Pratap Singh presented on '*Survival strategies for the economy in post Covid-19 Era: An Indian Perspective*', and Dr. Madhu Satyadev discussed '*Ayurveda ki drsthti se Jeevanacharya: Vartman sandarbh mein*'.

In this two day international webinar apart from key speeches in technical sessions few presentations were also held that includes papers from—Dr. Man Singh, Associate Professor (Education), Iswar Saran PG College, Prayagraj; Dr. Sunita Jaiswal, HoD, Department of Sanskrit, Govt Girls Degree College, Rampur; Dr. Neelima Singh, Associate Prof., Pol. Sc. Dept, Rajarshi Tandon Degree College, Prayagraj; Dr. Dipti Vishnu, Asst. Prof., Sanskrit, CMP Degree College, Prayagraj; Dr. Sandhya Thakur, Asst. Prof., Kanpur Vidya Mandir Degree College, Kanpur; Prof. Hareeshwar Dixit, Sanskrit Vidya Dharma Vigyan Sankay, BHU, Varanasi; and Dr. Satya Prakash Srivastava, Asst. Prof., Sanskrit, CMP Degree College, Prayagraj. Most of these presentations were based on Vedic principals and Indian tradition from different perspectives. In this session, WAVES members Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal talked about '*Vedic Vision for Harmony in Life*'. She said today world is going through a very difficult situation. Being lockdown in your own family, one has realized the real



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value of relations. There are many Vedic prayers that preach harmony of relations for leading a happy life. 'Sanskrit Sahitya and Saral Sakaratmak Jeewan Padhati' was the topic Dr. Anju Seth's presentation.

Valedictory session was moderated by Dr. Divya Pandey, Department of English. Prof. Shashi Tiwari was the chairperson. In this session, there were four key speeches. Prof. Uma Kant Yadav discussed on 'Patanjali Yog Darshan me Pranayam ka Swarup'. Prof. Girija Shankar Shastri presented on 'Vashvik Sandarbh me Dharmashastra Dwara Pratiraksha ke Upay'. Prof. Shive K Chaturvedi talked about 'Revival of Sanskrit Samskara Yoga Dharma Tradition: A Meditation'. Dr. Vivek Tiwari had a fascinated presentation on 'Rediscovering the Human connection with Nature - in Reference to Birds'. It was a wonderful talk depicting various aspects of nature specifically focused on birds.

How nature and its components play role in one's life and in current pandemic was the main highlight of his lecture. Session concluded by the report presented by Ms. Ashwini Devi and few observations given by attendees of this two day international webinar. The webinar was successfully attended through zoom by over 100



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participants and watched live by above 500 viewers. Few of them are- Prof. Bhu Dev Sharma, Delhi; Dr. Sidharth Shankar Singh, Chapra; Dr. Supriya Sanju, Gurugram; Dr. Reena Kapoor, Delhi; Dr. Shalini Verma, Agra; Dr. Sundari Siddhartha, Chennai; Ms. Anuja Sinha, Delhi; Dr. Abhishek Dubey, Chapra; Dr. Anita Khurana, Ajmer; Dr. Poonam Ghai, Dhampur, Dr. Binod Tiwari, Delhi, Dr. Dolly Jain, Bansathali etc.

There is a wide coverage of this webinar in local newspapers of Allahabad including the popular one Amar Ujala. Program concluded with vote of thanks by Dr. Anita Sen Gupta.

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वैदिक विचारों एवं परंपराओं को नए रूप में अंतर्जातीय माध्यम से प्रस्तुत करने के लिए 5 वर्ष पूर्व सन् 2015 के अगस्त माह में ‘वैदिक वेव्स’ नामक एक ऑनलाइन ब्लॉग की व्यवस्था प्रारंभ की गई। वैदिक विचारों के विभिन्न पक्षों से न केवल वेद के प्रति श्रद्धा रखने वालों के लिए अपितु जनमानस को वैदिक ज्ञान के अलौकिक दर्शन हेतु ‘वेव्स’ नामक संस्था ने इस अंतर्जातीय व्यवस्था का गठन किया। विज्ञान, राजनीति, भौतिकी, पर्यावरण, अध्यात्म, दर्शन, आर्थिक, ऐतिहासिक, खगोलीय, ज्योतिषीय, धर्मशास्त्रीय, काव्यात्मक, देशभक्ति, अध्ययन-अध्यापन, धार्मिक, समसमायिक आदि जीवन की विभिन्न धाराओं पर वैदिक दृष्टिकोण से विश्लेषण मुख्यता इस ब्लॉग का उद्देश्य रहा। पिछले 5 वर्षों से निरंतर प्रतिमाह कभी एक तो कभी चार विषयों पर नवीनतम विचारों को यहां प्रस्तुत किया गया, ऐसे 108 विषय अभी तक प्रकाशित किये जा चुके हैं। यह विचार राष्ट्रीय-अंतरराष्ट्रीय विद्वानों के शोध एवं अन्वेषण से मंडित तथा गंभीर विषयों को समेटे हुए हैं। ‘वैदिक वेव्स’ ब्लॉग पर आने वाले ये सभी विचार समीक्षा-पद्धति से गुजर कर ही आते हैं। समय-समय पर आलोचक मंडल से प्राप्त टिप्पणियों का समावेश लेखकों के विचारों में समाहित भी किये जाते हैं।

5 वर्षों में कुल 60 से भी अधिक विद्वानों ने अपने विचारों को विभिन्न विषयों के माध्यम से यहां प्रस्तुत किया, और उन विचारों को लगभग 1 लाख 35,000 बार पाठकों द्वारा पढ़ा गया। यदि पाठकों को कोई विषय अत्यंत रोचक या महत्वपूर्ण लगता है, तो उसके लिए यहां एक टिप्पणी बॉक्स की व्यवस्था भी रखी गई है। इस टिप्पणी बॉक्स में अभी तक 350 से अधिक टिप्पणियां प्राप्त हो चुकी हैं। यदि कोई विषय कई दिनों तक या बार-बार पाठकों में लोकप्रिय बना रहता है तो ऐसे विषयों की झलक ब्लॉग के मुख्य-पृष्ठ पर स्वयं दिखने लगती है।

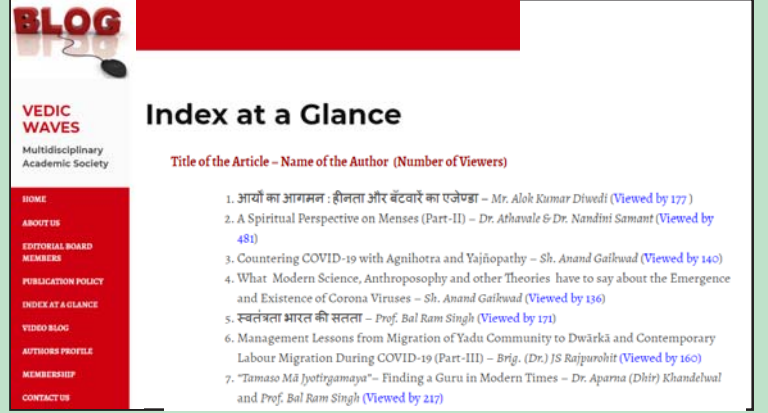
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जन जन की जिज्ञासा बनकर अभिलाषा जन की पूर्ण करें।
उद्घोष मूल्यों का वैदिक तृष्णा हर मन की दूर करें।।

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