

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON
NEW FRONTIERS IN
SANSKRIT & INDIC KNOWLEDGE:
EMERGING ISSUES FOR
TEACHING, RESEARCH & APPLICATIONS

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Introduction

Sanskrit, as a language, is often referred to as one of the most ancient and the mother of several languages in the Indo-European group of Languages. Sanskrit holds the key to the treasure house of Ancient Indian knowledge. Ancestral Indian Wisdom has been captured and preserved through Sanskrit in several works ranging from Vedas, Vedāngas and Upavedas to Smṛtis, Dharma-śāstras, Purā as and Kāvya. Established Sanskrit Institutions have been imparting these knowledge in a systematic manner.

However, as society progresses, new challenges and issues emerge. Modern social and business systems face problems of sustainability. At the individual level, we have problems of dealing with oneself. People face enormous stress in their working life as well as personal lives. Furthermore, public systems and institutions often face leadership challenges for want of people with moral strength, values and courage. Emergence of new technologies including the Internet have also opened up new avenues for teaching and research. These turn of events seem to point to a renewed role the Ancient Knowledge Systems can play by addressing some of the contemporary issues that the society is facing.

Educational and Research Institutions in the domain of Sanskrit have a huge opportunity to respond to these emerging issues. The transformation required will demand newer approaches to teaching and research. Furthermore, it may open new avenues for gainful application of the Ancient Knowledge Systems for solving today's problems. The most important fall out of these is that the higher institutions in the domain of Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge need to transform themselves to stay relevant.

This conference is designed to address these issues and create a new agenda for the professionals and researchers in the field of Sanskrit and Ancient Indian Wisdom. The conference will provide a platform for thought leaders, academic community and researchers to share new knowledge, best practices and gain from mutual interactions during the conference. The conference will also provide networking opportunities for those engaged in teaching and research in Sanskrit, Indic Knowledge & Applications.



Conference Themes

The Conference will focus on three major themes. Each day will be dedicated to one theme. The details are given below:

Theme 1: Teaching & Curriculum Design for the 21st Century

- ★ Contextual Relevance of Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge: Implications for Teaching & Research
- ★ Orienting Sanskrit teaching & Research to the main-stream
- ★ Role of emerging technology in Teaching Sanskrit
- ★ Innovations in Teaching Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge
- ★ New Material creation for teaching Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge
- ★ Emerging areas for applied learning/teaching in Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge
- ★ Creation of new teaching programs and material for emerging stakeholders
- ★ Sanskrit teaching & pedagogy in an era of a globalized society

Theme 2: New Research trajectories in Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge

- ★ The Research Process in Sanskrit Institutions: Issues & Challenges
- ★ Alternative designs for Doctoral Programmes in Sanskrit Institutions
- ★ Cross-disciplinary Research in Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge: Principles & Practice
- ★ Emerging themes for Research in Traditional Knowledge Systems
- ★ New trajectories for research in Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge
- ★ New Literature creation in Sanskrit
- ★ Cross-sharing of literature work between Sanskrit and other languages
- ★ Best Practices in Research and Teaching of Sanskrit & Indic Knowledge



Theme 3: Applied Indic Knowledge

- ★ Addressing Contemporary Societal Issues
- ★ Modern day application of Ancient Indic Knowledge – Best practices & Methods
- ★ Scientific Applications in Ancient Indic Knowledge
- ★ Addressing Leadership & Sustainability Challenges: Lessons from Ancient Indic Knowledge
- ★ Bhagavad Gita & Management
- ★ The Perspective of Practical Vedanta
- ★ Yoga Sastra and Contemporary Applications

Call for Papers

We invite papers in the suggested themes above. Contributors are also welcome to choose any other topic, but related to the conference themes. Abstracts of original papers not published elsewhere before may be sent to the conference secretariat for consideration. All abstracts will be screened for acceptance and the authors of the accepted abstracts will be requested to submit a full paper, which will be double blind reviewed before eventual acceptance. The accepted papers will form part of the final conference proceedings (a published book).

Conference Venue

The Conference will be held at Chinmaya Eswar Gururkula (CEG) Campus at Veliyanad, the maternal ancestral birth home of Ādi Śaṅkarācārya, the great Spiritual Giant, and the torch-bearer of the renaissance of reason and logic. Set in an extensive compound of 10 acres in Kerala's lush, green country-side, amidst temple shrines and lily ponds, CEG campus offers a serene ambience that attracts aspirants who come in search of peace and solitude from the world over.



Important Dates

Submission of abstract for the Conference	: December 31, 2016
Communication of the acceptance of the abstract	: January 10, 2017
Submission of the full paper	: March 15, 2017
Communication of Paper Acceptance	: April 1, 2017
Conference Registration	: Opens on May 1, 2017

Conference Committee

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