

# KANTALLOOR SALA

(AN INSTITUTE FOR HIGHER LEARNING  
AND RESEARCH IN ANCIENT INDIAN WISDOM)



## INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON INDIAN KNOWLEDGE SYSTEMS: INQUIRY OF ROOTS IN VEDIC LITERATURE 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> JULY 2021

Indian knowledge systems underwent several stages of their growth and all of them are generally termed as Śāstra. Even theories on literature and theatre are treated as systems of well grounded sciences, since they signify a body of knowledge with their salient features of methodology, range, scope and also the final goal. India from its ancient times treated all systematized bodies of knowledge as Śāstra – Science. Hence, science is a blanket word for Indians to denote any type of systematized knowledge.

In the modern world, the sense of Śāstra has been shrunk to the extent possible. But in ancient India, we can realise the exercises of intellectuals to understand the term in the sense of all inclusiveness of any systematized knowledge. This has brought wonderful results in the fields of various disciplines. The origin and development of different knowledge systems from Vedas will be discussed in the seminar.

Kantaloora Sala has already initiated several academic programs, including seminars, lectures, workshops, colloquiums and online diploma courses in Vedic literature, Darśanas, Technical sciences, Theatre studies, Aesthetics and Poetics at National and International levels.

We are planning to organize an International Seminar on ‘**Indian Knowledge Systems: Inquiry of Roots in Vedic Literature**’. Eminent scholars of International repute are presenting papers on various śāstras in six sessions. Prof. George Cardona (Pennsylvania) and Prof. Michael Witzel (Harvard) are the guests of honour in the seminar.

Kantaloora Sala invites you to this significant academic event on a virtual platform, and requests your active participation in deliberations in all the sessions.

PROGRAM



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Link to Join the International Seminar

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/5924429845?pwd=UFI0TDRSSUdIMUtzbfVVMa05hd2lGQT09>

Meeting ID: 592 442 9845 Passcode: 123456

**Day 1 : 2021 July 16<sup>th</sup> Friday IST : 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm**

**Session-I : INAUGURATION**

**VEDAS: REVEALED AND NON-REVEALED**

- Vedic Invocation : **K.P. Parvathy**  
*Head of Department -Sanskrit, Sreekrishnapuram V.T  
Bhattathirippad College, Palakkad*
- Welcome : **C.S. Radhakrishnan**  
*Member, Academic Advisory Board, Kantaloor Sala*
- Presidential paper : **NON-REVEALED TEXTS IN VEDIC  
LITERATURE: THE VEDĀṄGAS:  
LITERATURE OF TRANSITION**  
**P.C. Muraleemadhavan**  
*Special Officer, Kantaloor Sala*
- Inaugural paper : **VEDAS : INTONATIONS & INTERPRETATIONS**  
**Sannidhanam Sudarsana Sarma**  
*Vice-Chancellor,  
Sri Ventakeswara Vedic University, Tirupati*
- Special Lecture by  
Guest of Honour : **THE HISTORICITY OF VEDAS**  
**Michael Witzel**  
*Professor, Harvard University, Boston, USA*
- Keynote paper : **ORIGIN OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE  
FROM VEDAS**  
**Shashi Tiwari**  
*Chairperson, World Association of Vedic Studies, Delhi*
- Vote of Thanks : **N. Subramanian Mussath**, *Secretary, Kantaloor Sabha*

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**Day – 2 : 2021 July 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday IST 3.30 pm – 6 pm**

**Session-II : VEDAS AND DARŚANAS**

- Invocation : **S.V. Aryambika**  
*Asst. Professor, MG College, Thiruvananthapuram*
- Welcome : **G. Ramamoorthy**  
*Director, Academic, Kantaloor Sala*
- Chair paper : **CONCEPT OF UPĀMŚU IN ŚRAUTA RITUAL**  
**Bhagyalata Pataskar**  
*Director, Vedic Shodh Sansthan, Pune*
- Keynote paper : **VEDIC ROOTS OF MĪMĀMSA EXEGESIS**  
**K. Sreenivasan**  
*Retd. Professor, Vivekananda College, Chennai*
- Paper – 1 : **VEDAS AND NYĀYA: MUTUAL DEPENDENCE**  
**V. Vasudevan**  
*Associate Professor of Nyaya,  
Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit*
- Paper – 2 : **ŚAṅKARAVEDĀNTASYA VEDAMŪLATVAM:  
KIMAPI SAMĪKṢĀTMAKAM ADHYAYANAM**  
**K.S. Maheswaran**  
*Assistant Professor of Vedanta,  
Government Sanskrit College, Mylapore*
- Paper – 3 : **REFLECTIONS OF VEDIC PHILOSOPHY ON  
MODERN DIALECTICAL PHILOSOPHY OF  
HEGAL AND MARX**  
**K. Narayanan Potti**  
*President, Kantaloor Sala*
- Discussion : Participants
- Vote of Thanks : **K.K. Hariharan**  
*Director Administration, Kantaloor Sala*

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**Day – 3 : 2021 July 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday IST : 10.30 am – 1.00 pm**

**Session-III - VEDAS AND TECHNICAL SCIENCES**

- Invocation : **S.V. Annapoorna**  
*Assistant Professor, University College, Thiruvanthapuram*
- Welcome : **S. Madhavan Namboothiri**  
*Vice-President, Kantaloor Sabha*
- Chair paper : **VEDAS AND TECHNOLOGICAL SCIENCE**  
**Balagopala T.S. Prabhu**  
*Director, Sthapatya Vidyapeetha, Calicut*
- Keynote Paper : **DISCOURSE IN DHANURVEDA :  
MAJOR WORKS IN SANSKRIT**  
**P.V. Ramankutty**  
*Visiting Professor, Kerala Kalamandalam University*
- Paper – 1 : **ṚGVEDAPRĀTISĀKHYA – KAUṢĪTAKI  
BRĀHMAṆA – A CRITIQUE**  
**N.M. Raveendran Namboothiri**  
*Director, Vedasrouta Gurukulam, Edappal*
- Paper – 2 : **SĀMAN HYMNS AND GĀNDHARVAVEDA:  
THEORY AND PRAXIS**  
**Thottam Sivakaran Namboothiri**  
*Director, Samaveda Gurukulam, Kottayam*
- Paper – 3 : **LINEAGE OF INDIAN MEDICAL TRADITION:  
A PEEP INTO THE VEDIC SAMHITAS**  
**K.A. Ravindran**  
*Professor of Sahitya  
Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit*
- Paper – 4 : **THE HOLISTIC APPROACH OF VEDIC  
SOCIETY IN THE SCIENCE OF HEALTH**  
**Horakkad Krishnan Namboothiri**  
*Director, Nagarjuna, Kalady*
- Discussion : Participants
- Vote of Thanks : **K.K. Hariharan**  
*Director Administration, Kantaloor Sala*

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**Day – 3 : 2021 July 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday 5.30 pm – 8.30 pm**

**Session-IV VEDAS: VEDIC GRAMMAR: THEATRE**

- Invocation : **Lakshmi. E, Thrissur**
- Welcome : **P.C. Muraleemadhavan**  
*Special Officer, Kantaloor Sala*
- Chair Paper : **KNOWLEDGE SYSTEM BASED ON UPANIṢADS  
(FOCUS ON TAITTIRĪYA UPANIṢAD)**  
**C.L. Prabhakar**  
*Professor of Vedas, Hindu University of America, Orlando*
- Keynote Paper : **REDUPLICATION AND SYLLABLE STRUCTURE  
IN PANINIYAN TRADITION**  
**Peter M. Scharf**  
*Professor, Brown University, USA*
- Special Lecture : **PĀṆINI AND VEDĀṄGAVYĀKARAṆA**  
Guest of Honour: **George Cardona**  
*Professor, Pennsylvania University, USA*
- Paper – 1 : **PĀṆINĪYAŚIKṢĀ VEDĀṄGAVYĀKARAṆAM CA**  
**K. Vishnu**  
*Professor of Vyakarana,  
Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit*
- Paper – 2 : **THE ROLE OF WOMAN IN KŪṬIYĀṬṬAM**  
**Heike Oberlin**  
*Tubingen University, Germany*
- Discussion : Participants
- Vote of Thanks : **G. Ramamoorthy**  
*Director, Academic, Kantaloor Sala*

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**Day – 4 : 2021 July 19<sup>th</sup> Monday 3.30 pm – 6 pm**

**Session-V - VEDAS, ART, LITERATURE**

- Invocation : **Sarita Maheswaran**  
*HoD Sahitya, Govt. Sanskrit College, Tripunithura*
- Welcome : **K.A. Ravindran**  
*Member, Academic Council, Kantaloor Sala*
- Chair : **Radhavallabh Tripathi**  
*Former Vice-Chancellor, Central Sanskrit University, Delhi*
- Keynote Paper : **NĀṬYA AND YAJÑĀ**  
**K.G. Paulose**  
*Former Vice-Chancellor, Kerala Kalamandalam University*
- Paper 1 : **VEDA AND KŪṬIYĀṬṬAM**  
**K.V. Vasudevan**  
*Former Head, Department of Sanskrit,  
Sree Krishna College, Guruvayoor*
- Paper 2 : **POETRY AND POETICS IN ṚGVEDA**  
**N.M. Narayanan**  
*Assistant Professor, Sree Kerala Varma College*
- Paper 3 : **INFLUENCE OF RITUALS IN THEATRE –  
SOME PECULIAR INSTANCES**  
**P.M. Damodaran**  
*Secretary, Vedic Research Centre, Thrissur*
- Discussion : Participants
- Vote of Thanks : **N. Subramanian Mussath**  
*Secretary, Kantaloor Sabha*

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**Day – 5 : 2021 July 20<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 2 pm – 5 pm**

**Valedictory Session – VEDAS AND VEDĀNGAS**

- Invocation : **G. Poornima**  
*Assistant Professor,  
Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit*
- Welcome : **Pradeep Jeothi**  
*Treasurer, Kantaloor Sabha*
- Chair : **K. Narayanan Potty**  
*President, Kantaloor Sabha*
- Keynote Paper : **VEDĀNGAS AND THE KNOWLEDGE  
SYSTEMS IN INDIA**  
**C.M. Neelakandhan**  
*Academic Co-ordinator, Brahmawom Mathom*
- Paper : **THE ROOTS OF JYOTIṢA IN VEDIC  
LITERATURE**  
**N.K. Sundareswaran**  
*Professor of Sanskrit, University of Calicut*
- Valedictory Paper : **ASPECTS OF VEDIC STUDIES**  
**Ganesh Umakant Thite**  
*Former Professor, University of Pune*
- Discussion : Participants
- Kantaloor Sala** : **The Academic Project ahead**  
**P.C. Muraleemadhavan**  
*Special Officer, Kantaloor Sala*
- Vote of Thanks : **G. Ramamoorthy**  
*Director, Academic, Kantaloor Sala*

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