

Let the lion of Vedanta roar; the foxes will fly to their holes
- Swami Vivekananda



National Level Workshop
on

YOGA-VEDĀNTA RENAISSANCE

organised by

Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University

24th September – 29th September 2018

Concept Note of the Workshop

Recognition of pain and misery is the starting point of all philosophy and the total liberation from the same is the highest goal. In the perspective of the grief-struck, stress-ridden and conflict-torn society, this workshop will be a beacon light for them for them who aspire to sail across the ocean of grief to taste the ambrosia of life.

Vedānta, as the name indicates, is the culmination of Vedic wisdom which is enshrined in the texts of Upaniṣads. Apart from writing the enlightening commentary of the Upaniṣads, the great Ācārya Saṁkara has extensively commented on Brahmasūtra and Bhagavad-Gītā elucidating the central message of the Upaniṣads. Thus the Upaniṣads, Brahmasūtra and Bhagavad-Gītā constitute the triple canons of Vedānta called *Prasthānatraya*. The undertaking of the herculean task of commenting on Bhagavad-Gītā by Ācārya Saṁkara in the light of non-duality opens up a new vista of harmony and synthesis between these Vedānta and Yoga systems of knowledge. In depth study of the commentary on Brahmasūtra by Saṁkara reveals truth behind the paradox of conflict. Finally, inclusion of eightfold limbs of Pātañjala-Yoga in the Vedānta tradition has brought out the harmony and complementarity of these two systems to broad daylight.

It is to be borne in mind that Upaniṣad is primarily a literary work which essentially is enriched with high spiritual, philosophical, social and psychological value. Therefore, in spite of an uninterrupted flow of the concept of non-duality, Indian wisdom has cordially acknowledged several other ideas also which were revealed from the texts of Upanishads, but may appear to contradict each other.

Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Sri Aurobindo, Ramana Maharshi, Rabindranath Tagore, Paramahansa Yogananda, Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Swami Vivekananda, Sitaramdas Onkarnath were a few among the modern exponents of Vedāntic or yogic thoughts. Swami Vivekananda in the modern times has not only emphasised Vedānta in the spirit of Upaniṣads but worked out the synthesis of Yoga and Vedānta in the idioms of modern science. Being inspired by his scientific exposition of Vedānta, the Scientists of both East and West welcomed Vedānta into the mainframe of scientific research.

Nowadays the admirers of Vedāntic wisdom mainly concentrate on the theory of non-duality offered by the Saṁkara school of Advaita, though the modern interpretations of the aforesaid scriptures are also of estimable spiritual, philosophical, social, psychological and scientific merit and in many cases may also complement the core concept of non-duality.

In this regard, the Core Vedānta Group of the Department of Sanskrit, Jadavpur University has conceived of an intensive Workshop titled “Yoga-Vedānta Renaissance” of one week duration which is scheduled to be held from 24th September to 29th September 2018 at Jadavpur University premises.

Tentative Areas of Discourse

- Yoga and Vedānta: Swami Vivekananda’s vision of harmony and synthesis
- The Wedlock of Vedānta and Modern Science
- Bhagavad-Gītā in the light of Advaita Vedānta
- Upaniṣad, Rabindranath and Modern Science
- Pearls of Vedāntic Wisdom: Culled from literary works of Rabindranath Tagore
- Interpretations of Vedānta and integral Yoga by Sri Aurobindo
- Towards Self-realisation: Teachings of Sitaramdas Onkarnath and Mahanambrata Brahmachari
- Self-Enquiry: An approach to the teachings of Ramana Maharshi

Workshop at a glance

Venue

Duration of each lecture

Medium of Deliberation

Coordinator

Contact Information

Potential Speakers/ Resource Persons

- Swami Atmapriyananda, Vice-chancellor, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (Deemed to be University)
- Swami Atmashraddhananda, Acharya, Probationers’ Training Centre, Belur Math
- Prof. Partha Ghose, Eminent Scientist (Retired), S.N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata
- Prof. Goutam Ghosal, Visva Bharati University, Santiniketan
- Dr. Loknath Chakraborty, Associate Professor, Department of Sanskrit & Officer on Special Duty, The Sanskrit College and University
- Brahmachari Buddhachaitanya, Head, Department of Philosophy RKMVERI (Deemed to be University)
- Dr. Rajeshwar Mukherjee, Faculty, RKMVERI (Deemed to be University)

: Jadavpur University premises

: 90 minutes [4 lectures every day] [Classes from 11.00am to 6:00pm with 1 hour lunch break from 2.00pm to 3.00pm]

: English

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Maximum number of participants	:	40 (Forty)
Target participants	:	Students of Post-graduation level, Research Scholars, Research Officers, Teachers of Universities and Colleges, School Teachers, Practitioners and the Admirers of the Yoga-Vedānta Movement.
Registration Fees for Teachers/Research Officers with accommodation	:	Rs. 9,000/-
Registration Fees for Teachers/Research Officers without accommodation	:	Rs. 2,500/-
Registration Fees for Research Scholars with accommodation	:	Rs. 7,000/-
Registration Fees for Research Scholars without accommodation	:	Rs. 2,000/-
Registration Fees for Students of other local institutions without accommodation	:	Rs. 1,000/-
Registration Fees for Foreign participants with accommodation	:	Rs. 30,000/-
Registration Fees for Foreign participants without accommodation	:	Rs. 10,000/-
Registration Fees for Practitioners and the Admirers of the Yoga-Vedānta Movement with accommodation	:	Rs. 9,000/-
Registration Fees for Practitioners and the Admirers of the Yoga-Vedānta Movement without accommodation	:	Rs. 2,500/-

**Registration Fee should be paid only through Demand Draft in the name of “Jadavpur University” payable at Kolkata
No TA/DA will be given to the participants.**

Important Dates/Deadlines	:	Submission of Application for Participation	-	August 4, 2018
		Intimation for Participation	-	August 6, 2018
		Submission of Registration Fee for local participants	-	August 9, 2018
		Submission of Registration Fee for outstation participants	-	August 14, 2018

***Certificates will be given only to the participants having 100% attendance.**

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Application for attending
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PROFORMA**

Name of the Participant	
Present Position	
Address for Correspondence	
Mobile No. (mandatory)/WhatsApp No.	
E-mail Address (mandatory)	
Gender (Male/Female) & Age	
Category (GEN/OBC/SC/ST)	
Nationality	
Qualification	
Type of Participant	Student of Post-graduation level/ Research Scholar/ Teacher of University or College/ Research Officer/ School Teacher/ Practitioner or Admirer of the Yoga-Vedānta Movement
Area of Specialization	
Teaching/Research Experience	
Publication in relevant area (if any)	
Accommodation required	Yes/No

I hereby certify that the above information provided above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of the Participant

Head of the Department*
(Signature with Seal)

Dean/Principal /Registrar*
(Signature with Seal)

*Employed applicants must apply through proper channel.

**This proforma should be properly filled up and sent via email with a scanned copy to the programme Coordinator within August 4, 2018.

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