

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Amarkantak Madhya Pradesh

Department of Philosophy

National Webinar on

Advaita Darshan and Cultural Diversity

Advaita Darshan (Non-dualism Philosophy) has been the basic proclamation of the cultural heritage of India. This Philosophical vision has played an important role in knowing and solving all kinds of problems related to life, world and social system. On the basis of this vision India has been spreading the flag of knowledge based culture all over the world for centuries and even today this vision is capable of providing leadership to the whole world in almost every matter. In the process of its historical development, it has been presenting itself in a new form from time to time by integrating new concepts and arguments within itself, while encountering both the social situational questions and eternal questions. There may be differences of opinion among scholars and philosophers regarding the nature of **Advaita Darshan**, but there has never been any doubt about its importance and wider impact in society.

There have been many rich traditions of AdvaitaDarshan in India such as **Advaita Vedanta, Shivadvaita, Shaktadvaita, Shabdadvaita, Shunyadvaita and Padarthadvaita**. In modern India, new streams like **Navya Vedanta** and **Chidadvaita** also see themselves in a new form by associating themselves with these traditions. Among these, the most discussed among the society and scholars has been the **Advaita Vedanta Darshan** of AdiShankaracharya due to its rationality, esotericism and spirituality. Shankara, on the one hand, has taken this philosophy to the extreme heights with the depth of his intellectual power and spiritual experience; on the other hand, he has also unified the scattered sources of **Sanatan** culture in one thread by his work and conduct. From the point of view of metaphysics, **Advaita Darshan** (Non-dualism) seeks the formula of unity in diversity, but it has also presented challenges before us in diverse culture and social system consisting of space, time and situation i.e. **Geography, History and Political-Economics-Technology**. On the one hand, a particular human being is ready to integrate his mental identity or dissolve into the highest value of life liberation i.e. **Moksha or Kevalya**, on the other hand, the common man makes every effort to maintain his social and cultural identity.

In such a situation, the question naturally arises as how the **Non-dualistic Philosophical System** originated from a single source, how to define the relationship between the cultures arising from multiple sources or what kind of Philosophical relationship can there be? We often

have to face such problems at the practical and Philosophical level. Is it possible that we can discover any Philosophical concept like 'Pluralistic Non-Dualism' in the field of social Philosophy? In the light of similar questions, a national webinar on 'Advaita Darshan and Cultural Diversity' is being organized by the **Department of Philosophy, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak Madhya Pradesh in collaboration with the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi** on the birthday of **Adi Shankaracharya Vaishakh Shukla Panchami** (17 May 2021) on the auspicious occasion of being celebrated as '**Indian Philosopher's Day**', the date **27/07/2021 on Tuesday** is being observed (due to the disruption of the Covid pandemic).

Program Schedule

Session 1st Date: 27/07/2021			
S. N.	Event	Dignitaries & Speakers	Time
1	Welcome to all dignitaries	Dr. Rakesh Soni	10.30 AM
2	Nirvan Shatakam Reciting written by Adi Shankaracharya	Audio Record	10.32 AM to 10.40 AM
3	Welcome Speech	Prof. Abhilasha Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages & Head, Department of Philosophy	10.40 AM to 10.50 AM
4	Shed light on subject matter	Dr. Rakesh Soni Department of Philosophy	10.50 AM to 11.00 AM
5	Presidential Speech	Prof. Sri Prakash Mani Tripathi Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, IGNTU Amarkantak (M.P.)	11.00 AM to 11.30 AM
6	Key Note Speech	Prof. Ambikadutta Sharma Dr. H. S. G. U Sagar, MP	11.30 AM to 12.15 PM
7	Speech	Sri Rajeev Sharma Writer & Commissioner, Shahdol, MP	12.15 PM to 1.00 PM
8	Speech	Prof. Jata Shankar President, Akhil Bhartiya Darshan Parishad Allahabad, UP	1.00 PM to 1.45 to 2.00 PM
Lunch Break			
Session 2nd			
09	Speech	Prof. S. K. Tiwari Pt. D. D. U.U. Gorakhpur, UP	3.00 PM to 3.30 PM
10	Speech	Prof. Pradeep Khare Govt. College Bhopal, MP	3.30 PM to 4.00 PM
11	Speech	Prof. Sushim Dubey Nalanda University, Gaya, Bihar	4.00 PM to 4.30 PM
12	Speech	Dr. Alok Tandon	4.30 PM to

		Freelance Academician Hardoi, UP	5.00PM
13	Speech	Dr. Ishwar Singh Freelance Academician Bhopal, MP	5.00 PM to 5.30PM
14	Vote of thanks & Announce the end of the program	Dr. Govind Mishra Department of Philosophy	5.30 PM to 5.35PM

Organizing Committee

S. N.	Name of Dignitaries	Responsibility
1	Prof. Sri Prakash Mani Tripathi Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, IGNTU Amarkantak (M.P.)	Patron
2	Prof. Abhilasha Dean, Faculty of Humanities & Languages & Head, Department of Philosophy	Coordinator
3	Dr. Rakesh Soni Department of Philosophy	Convener
4	Dr. Govind Mishra Department of Philosophy	Co-Convener
5	Dr. Krishna Murari Singh Department of Philosophy	Co-Convener & Technical Assistant

S. N.	Event	Webinar
1	Date & Day	27 th July 2021 & Tuesday
2	Time	Session I (10.30 AM to 2 PM) & Session II (3 PM to 5.35 PM)
3	Venue	Department of Philosophy, IGNTU
4	Topic	आविता दर्शन (Adviata Darshan and Cultural Diversity)
5	Link	Link will be provided before two days of the program

S. N.	Name of Faculties	Responsibility
1	Dr. Rakesh Soni	Moderator
2	Dr. Govind Mishra	Vote of Thanks

Note: If any changes that will be intimated before the time.