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**Three-Day International Conference
on**

**Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions:
Continuity and Significance**

*Exploring the rich history and relevance of
Bharatiya knowledge traditions.*

1st Feb.- 3rd Feb. 2024



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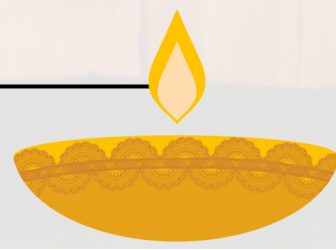
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Knowledge constitutes the core of Bharat's civilisational journey from the unknown antiquity to its unceasing continuity at present. The Brahmasutra, in this connection, presents the quintessential character of the Bharatiya mind and civilisation in the first sutra 'Athato brahma jijnasa'. Enquiry (jijnasa) characterises the essence of the Bharatiya mind. Bharat's uncompromised attention in the pursuit of knowledge is well-illustrated through its production of a vast body of intellectual texts, manuscripts, schools and thinkers. Its scale, depth and extensiveness stand unparalleled. The areas in which the Bharatiyas achieved exceptional depth include philosophy, metaphysics, mathematics, ethics, aesthetics, economics, psychology, sociology, literature, architecture, sculpture, poetics, politics, logic, astrology, medicine, surgery, metallurgy, mining, ship-building, veterinary science, agriculture, trade and commerce. The list seems unending. This shows the extraordinary depth Bharat could achieve in enriching its knowledge traditions. But, the continuity of Bharat's knowledge traditions got interrupted by foreign invasion and European colonisation.

The British rule of Bharat made very specific attempts to break the continuity of Bharatiya knowledge tradition and replace it with the European variants which were foreign to Bharat and were found to be completely contrary to Bharat's civilisational aspirations. It alienated Bharatiya minds from its civilisational depth and greatness. Currently, the US takes the lead and produces social theories to reify the people from their civilisational roots. Wokeism, cancel culture, equality lab, etc., are seen to have festered the social fault lines which the colonial bureaucracy had made definitive attempts to bring to the open to serve the colonial teleology. Bharatiya academia, especially in the social sciences, floods with the Euro-American social theories which hardly address the Bharatiya social problems but, on the contrary, intensify them. Therefore, these complex developments which disturb the social cohesion call for an urgent revisiting of the Bharatiya knowledge traditions in order to secure continuity with its civilisational past and to de-colonise the Bharatiya mind. This conference, therefore, is very crucial in organising discussions on the importance of Bharatiya knowledge traditions and their continuity in the present in order to reverse the Euro-American epistemological predominance. NEP 2020 by the current government is, in fact, a milestone in the post-Independent history of Bharatiya education in ensuring the continuity of Bharatiya knowledge tradition. The focus of the conference will be to discuss at length the importance of the NEP 2020 in giving the required attention to Bharatiya knowledge traditions.



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Themes	Subthemes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions• Wisdom Traditions• Contemplative Traditions• Scientific Traditions• Colonial Interventions• Oriental Misrepresentations• Ways to ensure the continuity of Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions• Decolonising Bharatiya Mind• Bharatiya Epics,• Schools of Philosophy and Metaphysics• Schools of Science• Schools of Aesthetics and Poetics• Vedic Worldview• Vedic Social Science• Precolonial Bharatiya Education System• Bharatiya Languages (Special refarance Gujarati & Sanskriti)• NEP 2020 – Bharatiyata in NEP 2020• Culture, History, Art and Archaeology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scientific Advancements in Ancient Bharat• Social and Environmental Sustainability• Role of Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions in Education• Women in Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions• Comparative Studies of Global Wisdom Traditions• Philosophical Dialogues and Syncretism• Music, Dance, and Performing Arts• Contemporary Challenges to Bharatiya Knowledge Traditions• The Sanatana Dharma and The Bhartiya Civilisation• Karma Yoga and its relevance for the world• Republicanism and the concept of state in ancient Bharat• Ethics and Governance in Ancient Texts• Contemporary Applications of Bharatiya Wisdom• Literary and Artistic Expressions• Indic Culture and Bharat’s cultural heritage• Temple Culture and Scientific traditions• Artistic and Cultural Revival• Archaeological Discoveries and Heritage Conservation• Yoga and Ayurveda: The Bharatiya way for global wellness• Spirituality and Yoga Traditions• Culinary Wisdom and Ayurvedic Nutrition• Yogic and Meditative Practice• Interconnectedness and Holistic Well-being



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Objectives

1. To discuss various Bharatiya schools of knowledge
2. To examine the genealogy and the diachrony of Bharatiya knowledge traditions
3. To explain the causality of interruption under the imperial and colonial pressures
4. To understand the current scenario and Euro-American impact and to ensure the continuity of Bharatiya knowledge tradition

Important dates

- Last Date of Abstract Submission: 20th Dec.2023
- Last of Full Paper Submission: 20th Jan.2024
- Selection of Abstract: 25th Dec. 2023
- Last Date of Registration: 20th. Jan. 2024
- Registration Fees: Rs. 1000 for Faculty
- Rs. 500 for Research Scholars
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