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Report of the 15 Days National Workshop on *Śramaṇa Tradition, Non-violence and Peace*

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Parshwanath Vidyapeeth (PV), an eminent institute of Indology in general and Jainology in particular, is well known to the academic world both within and outside India. It is recognized by Banaras Hindu University for Ph. D. degree and also by Scientific & Industrial Research Organization, Deptt. of Science and Technology, Government of India for conducting research.

Indian culture is a composite whole. It has different constituents such as Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Islam, Christianity etc. traditions. However, the two distinct trends have been pre-dominating the Indian culture from the earliest days in the form of Vedic and Śramaṇic. These different traditions of our great Indian culture have borrowed various concepts from one another. It is essential to study and highlight the mutual impact, which is the need of hour, and these bridge the gulf existing between religious systems. It must also be clear that studies and researches in the field of Indology are not possible in isolation. In fact, different cultures are so intermingled and mutually influenced that to have a proper comprehension of one, the understanding of other is essential.

This objective can be fulfilled through imparting deep insight into a tradition to the scholars through workshops, seminars etc. PV is devoted to promote the study of Indian culture in general and Jainology in particular. Therefore, it aims to give the knowledge of various aspects of Śramaṇic tradition, such as its scriptures, philosophy, ethics, history, language, literature, art, architecture etc. For this purpose we had organized a 15 days National workshop on *Śramaṇa Tradition, Non-violence and Peace* from 30th December 2014 to 13th January 2015.

There were 40 participants from the different universities, i.e. Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi; Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapeeth, Varanasi; Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi; Purvanchal University, Jaunpur; Gramyanchal Vidyapeeth, Varanasi; Ganganath Jha Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Allahabad and G.J. PG College, Ballia.

The Inaugural function held on the 30th Decembeer 2014, Prof. Yadunath Prasad Dubey, Pro Vice-chancellor, Sampurnanand Sanskrit Univerity, was the Chief- Guest and Prof. Ashok Kumar Chatterjee, Life Time Achievement Awardee of Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi and Former Head, Deptt. of Philosophy and Religion, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi presided over this session.

39 lectures were delivered by the experts in this workshop. These lectures are as follows:

1. *Bhāratīya Sanskriti Evam Darśana Kī Viśeṣatāen: Śramaṇa Paramparā Ke Viśeṣa Sandarbha me* by Prof. A. K. Rai, Former Head, Deptt. of Philosophy and Religion, BHU, Varanasi.

2. *Jaina Sampradāya* by Dr. Jhinakoo Yadav, Secretary, Manav Sanskriti Sodh Sansthan, Varanasi.

3+4+5+6+7. *Jaina Dharma Kā Prārambhika Itihāsa+Jaina Paramparā me Yoga Evam Dhyāna+Jaināgama evam Āgamika Vyākhyā Sāhitya+Jaina Dārśanika Sāhitya+Jaina Dharma evam Dhārmika Sahiṣṇutā* by Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh, Associate Professor, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.

8. *Bauddha Sampradāya* by Prof. Pradyamna Dubey, Head, Deptt of Pali and Buddhist Studies, BHU, Varanasi.

9+10. *Gautam Buddha Pūrva Buddha Paramparā+Jaina Abhilekha* by Prof. Maheshwari Prasad, National Professor and Former Director, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.

11+12. *Jaina Sthāptya evam Guphāyen+Structural Jain Temples of India with Special Reference to Abu* by Prof. Harihar Singh, Deptt of AIHC and Archaeology, BHU, Varanasi.

13. *Bauddha Dharma Darśana me Ahimsā* by Prof Ramesh Kumar Dwivedi, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.

14. *Itihāsa ke Jaina Srota* by Umesh Chandra Singh, Deptt. of History, Central University of Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Varanasi.

15. *Śramaṇa Paramparā evam Śānti* by Prof. Sitaram Dubey, Former Head, Deptt. of AIHC and Archaeology, BHU, Varanasi.

16. *Jaina Karma Siddhānta* by Prof. Kamalesh Kumar Jain, Head, Deptt. of Jaina-Bauddha Darśana, BHU, Varanasi.

17+18. *Bauddha Nyāya+Pratītyasamutpāda* by Prof. Abhimanyu Singh, Deptt. of Philosophy and Religion, BHU, Varanasi.

- 19+20. *Jaina Parva Tyohāra evam Pūjā Paddhati+Anekāntavāda* by Prof. Ashok Kumar Jain, Former Head, Deptt. of Jaina-Bauddha Darśana, BHU, Varanasi.
21. *Jaina Kośa Sāhitya* by Dr. Om Prakash Singh, Librarian, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.
22. *Kathā evam Kāvya Sāhitya* by Dr. Archana Srivastava, Deptt. of Sanskrit, Maharaj Balwant Singh PG College, Gangapur, Varanasi.
23. *Bhāratīya Cintana kī Śramaṇa Paramparā* by Prof. Anand Kumar Mishra, Deptt. of Philosophy and Religion, BHU, Varanasi.
- 24+25. *Jaina Śramaṇācāra+Jaina Śrāvākācāra* by Dr. Kamini Gagri, Deptt. of Philosophy, Mumbai University, Mumbai.
26. *Cāra Āryasatya evam Ārya Aṣṭāṅgika Mārga* by Prof. Urmila Chaturvedi, Deptt. of Philosophy and Religion, MMV, BHU, Varanasi.
27. *Jaina Dharma Darśana me Ahimsā* by Dr. Shrinetra Pandey, Research Associate, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.
- 28+29+30. *Jaina Jnānamīmāṃsā evam Pramāṇa Vicāra+Naya evam Nikṣepa+Ṣaḍdravya Pañcāstikāya evam Tattva Vicāra* by Dr. Rahul Kumar Singh, Research Associate, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi.
31. *Śīla, Samādhi evam Prajnā* by Prof. Ramesh Prasad, Deptt. of Pali and Theravad, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, Varanasi.
- 32+33. *Jaina Kalā+Jaina Pratimā Vijnāna* by Prof. Marutinandan Prasad Tiwari, Former Head, Deptt. of History of Art, BHU, Varanasi.
- 34+35. *Bauddha Kalā kī Paricaya* (Part 1 & 2) by Dr. Jyoti Rohilla Rana, Deptt. of History of Art, BHU, Varanasi.
36. *Mahāyāna Sampradāya me Murti Kalā* by Prof. D P Sharma, Former Director, Bhārata Kalā Bhavana, BHU, Varanasi.
37. *Pūrvī Bhārata me Bauddha Dharma: Pūrvā Madhyakāla ke Viśeṣa Sandharbha me* by Dr. Anuradha Singh, Deptt. of History, BHU, Varanasi.
38. *Jaina Citra Kalā* by Prof. Kamal Giri, Director, Jnāna Pravāha, Varanasi.
39. *Apohavāda* by Dr. Jayant Upadhyay, Deptt. of Philosophy and Religion, BHU, Varanasi.

At the end of the workshop a presentation of research papers by participants was held. On the basis of the final result three participants were awarded Certificate of Merit with prize.

The Valedictory function was held on the 13th January 2015, Prof. Maheshwari Prasad, National Professor and Former Director, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi, presided over the session. Prof. Marutinandan Prasad Tiwari, Former Head, Deptt. of History of Art, BHU, Varanasi, was the Chief Guest of this session and Sh Dhanapati Raj Bhansali, a prominent industrialist and philanthropist, Varanasi, was the Guest of Honour. The Workshop was conducted under the Directorship of **Dr. Ashok Kumar Singh**, Associate Professor, Parshwanath Vidyapeeth, Varanasi. **Dr. Shrinetra Pandey** was the Coordinator of the workshop.