

## 5th National Conference - 2014 Organised by Ârsha Vidyâ Vikâs Kendra

Convenor - Swâmini Âtmaprajnânda Saraswati  
on "Dimensions of Indian Philosophy, Literature and Culture"



**Chief Guest - Dr. J P Das**  
(Inaugural Session)



**Prof. G C Tripathi,**  
Keynote Speaker



**Prof. Godabarisha Mishra,**  
Chairperson



**Prof. Ganesh, U. Thite,**  
Delegate



**Dr. Harmohan Mishra,**  
Delegate



**Dr. Yashodhara Kar,**  
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**Dr. Bhaskar Nath  
Bhattacharyya,**  
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**Dr. Saroj Kumar Rajguru,**  
Chief Guest, Valedictory  
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The 5<sup>th</sup> National Conference of the Ârsha Vidya Vikas Kendra, Bhubaneswar was held on 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2014 at the Panthanivas, Lewis Road, Bhubaneswar.

| Delegates                           | Institution                               | Papers  |
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| 1 Prof. Gaya Charan Tripathy        | Bhogilal Institute,<br>Hoshiarpur         | Recent Researches in<br>Orissan History.                            |
| 2 Prof. Godabarisha Mishra          | University of<br>Madras                   | Speaking the Unspeakable  |
| 3 Prof. Ganesh U. Thite             | BORI, Pune                                | Values in Sanskrit Literature &<br>Their Relevance Today            |
| 4 Dr. Bhaskar Nath<br>Bhattacharyya | Rabindra Bharati<br>University, Kolkata   | Humanity of Seven Vedic<br>Dogmas                                   |
| 5 Dr. Yashodhara Kar                | Kurukshetra<br>University,<br>Kurukshetra | Concept of 'Adhyaropa' in<br>'Vakyapdiyam' of Bhartrhari            |
| 6 Dr. Harmohan Mishra               | S.B. Women's College,<br>Cuttack          | Vedanta as gleaned through<br>the Stotras of Jagannatha<br>Pandita. |

### 1<sup>st</sup> Day

The Inaugural Session started with Vedic Chanting by Dr. Bhaskar Nath Bhattacharyya.

Professor G.C. Tripathi, the renowned indologist and historian, delivered the keynote address. In his keynote, Professor Tripathi emphasized how different schools of Indian Philosophy, either orthodox or heterodox, have emanated from the Vedas.

Chairperson, Professor Godavarisha Mishra, lauded the continuous research and teaching activities of the Kendra under the initiative of Swâmini, and hoped that such conferences will be continued to be held in future to create awareness about our rich heritage.

Eminent poet Dr. Jagannath Prasad Das, presided as the Chief Guest. Dr. Das in his address, encouraged questions on the 'Sâstra' that is being accepted as unquestionable by the traditional 'Sâstris' and 'Pundits'.

Swâmini in her address, spoke on 'Sâstra' as a valid means of knowledge (Pramâna) and said how the equation between the individual 'jiva' and 'Isvara' as presented in the Upanishads cannot be improved upon.

On its tenth anniversary, Ârsha Vidyâ Vikâs Kendra felicitated eminent Sanskrit Scholar and Poet Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra, currently Director, National Mission for Manuscripts, New Delhi with the title of 'Ârsha Vidyâ Vâcaspati', with a Shawl and 'Mânapatra'. The 'Mânapatra' was read out by the Chairperson. Professor PK Mishra gave the acceptance speech thanking the Ârsha Vidyâ Vikâs Kendra for this honour. Ârsha Vidya Vikas Kendra has felicitated 36 Sanskrit/Indological scholars until date.

A Book 'Om: The Sound Symbol' authored by Swâmini Âtmaprajnânanda Saraswati' was released on the occasion, by the Chief guest.

The post-lunch session was chaired by Professor G. Mishra and two papers were presented by Professor Ganesh U Thite and Dr. Yashodhara Kar respectively. A very scholarly paper on 'Humanity of Seven Vedic Dogmas' was presented by Professor Bhaskar Nath Bhattacharyya from Rabindra Bharati University, Kolkata.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Day

The speaker of morning session of the second day was Professor GC Tripathi who deliberated on "The Recent Researches in Orissan History." He gave a panoramic view of the work already done and to be done in little known areas of History of Orissa. There were many interventions which Professor Tripathi responded.

There was a 'Poetry Reading' session in the afternoon, wherein Padma Bhushan Sri Ramakanta Rath, Saraswati Sammana recipient Dr. J P Das, and Padma Vibhshan Dr. Sitakant Mahapatra read portions of their Poems. All three of them are Sahitya Akademi Awardees.

The three poets were decorated with 'Ârsha Vidyâ Kulasreshtha' Title.

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Day

On the third day, Prof. G. Mishra presented a paper on "Speaking the Unspeakable" highlighting the nature and scope of Vedanta as a means to Self Knowledge. This was followed by Dr. Haramohan Mishra who spoke on "Vedanta as gleaned through the stotras of Jagannatha Pandita".

The afternoon session had **Panel Discussion** on '**Dharma - Implications and Imperatives**', wherein five academicians participated.

The conference concluded with 'Svastipâtha'.

Special Guests included retired bureaucrats, artists, poets, writers, academicians, educationists, and intellectuals.