

## 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference on 'Roots & Facets of Indian Culture'

Organized by Arsha Vidya Vikas Kendra

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference was arranged by Arsha Vidya Vikas Kendra, Bhubaneswar from 25 to 27 February 2011 at Kalinga Convention Hall, Panthanivas, Bhubaneswar.

In the three-day Conference on '**Roots and Facets of Indian Culture**', around ten distinguished scholars/speakers 1) Prof. Kapil Kapoor (JNU) 2) Prof. Satya Pal Narang, (French Institute of Pondicherry) 3) Prof. R Nagaswamy, eminent Art Historian, 4) Prof. R K Mohanty, Archaeologist 5) Prof. Nirad Mohapatra, Filmmaker 6) Prof. Ganesh Thite, BORI 7) Prof. Raghunath Panda (UU) 8) Prof. Radha Madhab Dash (UU) 9) Prof. Braja Kishore Swain (SJSV) 10) Dr. P C Sahoo, Deccan College 11) Bibhuti Mohapatra, Research Scholar and 12) Annada Sadangi participated, and present their learned papers. Vedapathasala Brahmacharis chanted portions of various

sakhas of the four Vedas, and were be felicitated.

Mr. Abasara Beuria, IAS, Ex-Ambassador of India, IFS presided as the Chief Guest. Theme of the Conference was introduced by Prof. Prafulla Kumar Mishra. Prof. Kapil Kapoor, from JNU delivered the Keynote address on '**Natyasastra as the root of Indian Art & Culture**'.

'Arsha Vidya Indological Library' was dedicated to the research scholars during the Inaugural Session and its Catalogue listing out 2000 books in 65 titles released.

Three books were released during the conference. 'Nomenclature of the Vedas', 'Rsikas' and 'Om' authored by Swamini Atmaprajnananda Saraswati were released.

Prof. Nilakantha Pati, Vice Chancellor of Sri Jagannath Samskrita Visvavidyalaya was the Chief Guest for the Valedictory Session on 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2011 and 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of AVVK.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> National Conference was convened by Swamini Atmaprajnananda Saraswati, and organized by Arsha Vidya Vikas Kendra. AVVK is a Teaching and Research Centre for Vedanta, Sanskrit and Indian Culture. It was founded by Swamini Atmaprajnananda Saraswati, a student-disciple of **His Holiness Sri Swami Dayananda Saraswati** (b.1930-) founder of Arsha Vidya *parampara*.

Shatabhishekam of **His Holiness Pujya Swami Sri Dayananda Saraswati** was also celebrated.



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Chief Guest of the Inaugural Session



Mr. R. Venkatnarayanan, Former Secretary to  
GOI, Guest of Honour of the Inaugural  
Session



Prof. Nirad Mohapatra, National Award-  
winning Filmmaker speaks on 'Transcendence  
in Films'



Prof. R K Mohanty, Eminent Archaeologist  
speaking on 'Excavation at Sisupalgarh  
(Orissa) 2005-09'



Prof. Kapil Kapoor, the Keynote Speaker,  
presenting 'Natyasastra as the Root of Indian  
Art & Culture'



Prof. R. Nagaswamy, Eminent Art &  
Architecture Historian, presenting  
'The Dance of Shiva'