

## 3rd Swami Dayananda Saraswati Memorial Lectures 9th National Conference organised by Arsha Vidya Vikas Kendra, Bhubaneswar

Arsha Vidya Vikas Kendra, Bhubaneswar organised the third **Swami Dayananda Saraswati Memorial Lectures** in Dayananda Ashram, Rishikesh from 1st-3rd March 2019.

Ten Speakers presented thirteen scholarly papers on Women in the Vedas, Doctrinal differences in various religions, Indian Culture, History of Sanskrit Literature, Character Education, Art and Spirituality, Apaurusheyatvam, Philosophy of Samkhya, Global Peace, Corporate ethics, Subhashitam. There was QA session after each presentation.

The Conference was convened and directed by Swamini Atmaprajnananda Saraswati. Mrs. Sanghamitra Mohanty was the Organising Secretary.



Swami Suddhananda Saraswati, Chairman and Managing Trustee Sri Gangadhareswar Trust; Swamini Atmaprajnananda, convener and director of the Conference; Sri Guna Nand Rayal, General Manager; Swami Prakashananda lighting the lamp during the Inaugural Session.

The Speakers - 3rd Swami Dayananda Saraswati Memorial Lectures - 2019



"Understanding the Naṭarāja-mūrti - Symbolism in Indian Iconography"  
- a comprehensive paper by R S Vaidyanathan (in absentia)



"Putting "Her" Back in Vedic Hermeneutics: Towards a Woman-Centric Perspective"  
- a paper by Swamini Svatanvidyananda(in absentia)



"Doctrinal Differences between Christianity, Islam & Hinduism" - being presented by Prof. Bharat Gupta, the Chief Speaker.



Swamini Atmaprajnananda presenting - "A Brief History of Sanskrit Literature"



"India - A Cultural Decline or Revival"- A Talk by Prof. Bharat Gupta, the Chief Speaker



Prof. Ashok Panda presenting his paper - "Need for integrating character-education"



Prof. Bharat Gupta speaking on "Value of Art and Spirituality"






Swami Haribrahmendra Tirtha speaking on "Apaurusheyatvam"



Sanghamitra Mohanty presenting "Principal Tenets of Samkhya Philosophy"



		
<p>Revathi Ramachandran presenting "Spirituality in Performing Arts"</p>	<p>Dena Merriam, our Chief Guest speaking on "Global Peace"</p>	<p>Rati Hegde presenting "Corporate Ethics"</p>



Eminent Odissi Dancer Sharmila Biswas, a Sangeet Natak Akademi awardee (2012) presented Odissi Dance recitals for two days during the 9th National Conference. They presented Devi Bharani, Balaleela, Charukeshi (solo) and Gativilasa on the 1st day. And Shiva-Parvati Shabda, Katha Surpanakha (solo) and Celebration on the 2nd day.