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Santhigiri Research Foundation

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Issues of hunger and livelihood, aspects of human development such as culture, health and education, and the philosophy and experiences of spirituality are the major area of inquires at SRF. SRF is recognized as SIRO (Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India.

Santhigiri Scientific and Industrial Research Institute (SSIRI) and Santhigiri Social Research Institute (SSRI) are

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Santhigiri Institute of Culture And Human Development(SICHD), set up under Social Research Division of Santhigiri Research Foundation (SRF), aims at organizing trans-disciplinary and interdisciplinary studies and research on the various facets of Culture, Values and Spirituality and its role in shaping social change and development as well as cultural progress of humanity. **Navajyothi Sree Karunakara Guru** (1927-1999), founder Guru of the Santhigiri Ashram, was a great spiritual visionary and social reformer who believed that individual transformation and social change leading to sustainable and peaceful social order can be achieved only through a cultural and spiritual renaissance. The Centre is visualized as a global platform for those who are concerned about human destiny to meet and exchange ideas, views and work together for achieving a sustainable humane world order.

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Resource persons.

Programme 24th January 2017 Inaugural Session

Welcome: **Prof .Rajani Jairam**
Dean, Students Welfare , Jain
University

Introducing the **Dr. K Gopinathan Pillai,**
Seminar: Fellow, Santhigiri Research
Foundation

Keynote address: **Dr.Ramachandra G Bhat,**
Vice-Chancellor, S-VYASA
Yoga University Bengaluru.

Guests of Honour: **Dr. Chenraj Roychand,** President
Jain University Trust
Dr.N. Sundararajan, Vice Chancellor,
Jain University.
Prof. NVH Krishnan, Registrar Jain
University.
Prof. BT Venkatesh, Advisor,
Examinations Jain University.
Prof. Vasu. B.A , Director,
School of Commerce Studies,
Jain University

Vote of Thanks : **Dr. Geetha Madhusudan,**
Department of Samskrita, Jain University.

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Santhigiri

ICPR Sponsored Two Day National Seminar on

**“Wisdom tradition, Cultural
creativity and Social integration
exploring the spiritual legacy
of Karnataka”**

**(Organized by Jain University,
Bengaluru in association with
Santhigiri Institute of culture
& Human Development,
Thiruvananthapuram)**

24th, 25th January 2017
School of Commerce Studies,
Jain University, Jayanagar 9th Block
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Jayanagar, Bengaluru.

Theme Note

Today India is certainly once more emerging as one of the most important social and economic experiments in the world. The present national effort to achieve economic progress and social development, inevitably necessitates a parallel endeavor to awaken the consciousness of India's own distinctive life-force, i.e., her spirituality, especially **Wisdom tradition**, which has the **potential to bind the people of the land with the single string of spiritual oneness beyond caste segregation and religious sectarianism**.

Ancient Indian wisdom has two dimensions – the eternal, and the temporal. While spirituality constitutes its eternal and perennial dimension, religious practices, social institutions and norms, customs, manners, rights and duties of individuals, social and political ethics, nationalism, democracy, health, environment, economic progress etc. constitute its temporal dimension. The perennial dimension of spirituality guides, governs, sustains and supervises the temporal dimension which moves within the bound of space and time. Jnana path or Wisdom Tradition of Indian spirituality which is beyond religion, caste, race and gender as exemplified in Sanathana Dharma of India is highly scientific and takes a holistic view of human life and society. Whenever there has been decline in the moral fabric of the country, great spiritual visionaries, known and unknown, have taken birth across the country to retrieve and glow the light of Spiritual Wisdom.

The focus of the present Seminar is to examine, analyze and bring into light in the wider philosophical and historical setting of India's Guru Tradition, the spiritual and cultural legacy of Karnataka, especially the sacrificial life and teachings of great spiritual masters who took birth in the vast geographical contiguity of Karnataka like Veerashaiva tradition, Dasa Tradition, **Sharieff Saheb of Shishunal** and the influence and impact of Buddhism and Jainism for bringing out social progress and cultural creativity in the intervening periods in the history of Karnataka. The influence of Buddhism and Jainism in the cultural and spiritual landscape of Karnataka is visible in the art, literature and life of its followers. Therefore the objective of the Seminar is to rediscover and awaken the commonalities in the teachings of the spiritual visionaries and examine as to how to awaken their legacy and weave their teachings into the educational programmes, cultural

activities and social process with the objective of addressing and getting over the rising socio-cultural challenges that threaten the social integration and progress as well as the moral fabric of family life and social order.

Emerging Scenario

This is a part of our effort to disseminate the message and conscientise people as to how the present national effort to achieve economic progress and social development inevitably necessitates a parallel endeavor to awaken the consciousness of India's own distinctive life force, i.e., its **Wisdom Tradition, or Jnana marga** which has the **potential to bind the people of the land with the single string of spiritual oneness beyond caste segregation and religious sectarianism**. We have planned this seminar, to take forward this dialogue across the land

With a view to revisit and preserve such a unique culture as ours and make it meaningful and purposive in the context of fast socio-economic and cultural changes brought about by spectacular advancements in modern science and technology and the consequent life style of today, the present seminar examines the following themes:

Themes of discussion

1. **Wisdom Tradition as Guru Tradition: Historical and philosophical perspectives.**

2. **How has the Indian wisdom contained in Manudharma, Upanisads, Bhagwad Gita, Brahma sutras and teachings of Navajyothisree Karunakara Guru been constructive to bring about spiritual and cultural renaissance so as to ushering in a new humane social order.**

3. **How has the Guru Tradition of Karnataka, i.e., Veerashaiva Tradition, Dasa Tradition, Sisunala Sharief tradition and Buddhism and Jainism**

contributed to the Socio-Cultural awakening and evolution of Modern Karnataka?

4. **Religion, Secularism and Contemporary India.**

5. **Tradition: Continuity and Disruption in the Wake of Modernity**

6. **Wisdom Tradition and Scientific Temper**

7. **A Panel Discussion on:**

"Casteism, Communalism and the Emerging National Scenario: Looking from Wisdo

Tradition" (Representatives of various faiths)

Resource Persons

1. Prof.K.K.N. Kurup Former Vice- Chancellor, Calicut University.
2. Prof. S.Ramarathnan, Vice- Chancellor, Jagadguru Krupalu University, Odisha.
3. Prof. Sebastian Velassery, Punjab University.
4. Prof. Choodamani Nandagopal, Former Dean, Humanities and Social Sciences, Jain University, UNESCO Fellow.
5. Prof. M.K.Sridhar, Dean, SVYASA University, Bengauru.
6. Prof. K.S.Kannan. Centre for Ancient History & Culture, Jain University, Bengaluru.
7. Prof. Srikala Nair, Dean and professor, Dept. of philosophy, Kalady University, Kerala.
8. Dr. Gopinathan Pillai, Fellow, Santhigiri Research Foundation
9. Prof. RN Nagaraj, Renowned Sanskrit Scholar, Bengaluru.
10. Prof. Shivaraju, Chairperson, PG Studies in Samskrita, Bangalore University, Bengaluru.
11. Prof. Basavaraju, Professor, Dept. of Philosophy, Bangalore University, Bengaluru.

12. Prof. Rajani Jairam, Dean, Students Welfare, Jain University, Bengaluru.

13. Prof. Mythili P Rao, Dean, Languages, Jain University, Bengaluru.

14. Prof. Prakruti HN Chairperson, PG Department of English, Jain University, Bengaluru.

15. Prof. Vathsala N, Principal and Prof. in Kannada, Jain College, Kanakapura.

16. Prof. Sumitra Bhat Prof. in Sanskrit, Sahyadri College, Shivamogga, Karnataka.

17. Prof. R Shobha Prof. in Samskrita, Maharani's College, Bengaluru.

18. Dr. Geetha Madhusudan, Associate Prof. Department of Samskrita, Jain University Bengaluru.

19. Dr. Pranesh SN Prof. Department of Samskrita, Jain University, Bengaluru.

20. Dr. Natesha L Asst. Prof. Department of Samskrita, Jain University Bengaluru.

21. Dr. Soumya Manjunath Chavan, Asst. Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

22. Prof. Radha Prati, Department of Samskrita, CMS, Jain University, Bengaluru.

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Jain University was declared a deemed-to-be University in 2009 u/s 3 of the UGC Act, 1956. It offers UG and PG programs with innovative and creative curricula and has been enabling multi-disciplinary research opportunities through its Research programmes. Founded in 1990 as SBMJC by Dr. Chenraj Roychand, an eminent entrepreneur and educationist with over 35 years of experience, it has a vision to foster human development through excellence in quality Education, Research and Entrepreneurial Development. It has been drawing students from more than 25 countries to Bengaluru.

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