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Editorial message

Indian Institute of Scientific Heritage is in the process of marching forward with slow, steady pace and well defined goals to achieve. Our goals and pathways are very simple. Learning and teaching the ultra ancient scientific, technological, social and spiritual heritage of India using ultra modern scientific and technological tools. Our messages are short and very clear. So, when we inaugurate our E Newspaper www.heritageindianews.org on the Vishu day, 15th April, 2007, our message to one and all of our family members, well wishers and learners is always integrate science and spirituality, integrate good messages from the modern and from the ancient, integrate experienceable knowledge and experimentable knowledge, integrate good from the past and good from the present, integrate physical comforts and spiritual comforts and lead a happy and useful life. Integrate good messages from Bible, Koran and Bhagavath geetha. Lead a value based life which means, our life should give psychological and physiological happiness to ourselves first. Our life should give happiness to the members of our family and society. Our life should contribute to the progress of our nation. This can be achieved only by building a strong family and social bondage and national integration. We should keep the Vedic line in our mind and lips Lokaa: samasthaa" sukhino bhavanthu...This is the ancient Indian message for the modern world ! During the occasion of the Vishu celebration and inauguration of the e newspaper of IISH, we wish all our well wishers a happy Vishu and prosperous life. Vishu is the beginning of a new cycle of the earth's revolution around the Sun. Hence it is scientific and also spiritual. It is the day of Sun passing from Meena raasi to Mesha raasi, in the zodiac.

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Deepavali celebration in USA becoming an official program

It's no more just spicy Indian treats, cultural shows and a colorful street fair in downtown New York, but the US House of Representatives is considering to give the festival of light an official recognition. And moving towards this, a resolution recognizing the significance of Diwali has been moved in the US House of Representatives. "As millions of Hindus, Sikhs, and Jains have migrated to the United States over the years, it is important their cultural traditions be respected by their fellow countrymen," as quoted by PTI, Congressman Addison Wilson said in a statement after introducing the resolution.

The resolution, which also requests the US President to issue a proclamation recognizing Diwali, "represents Congress' commitment to Americans of South Asian heritage and recognizes their contribution to the United States," he said.

The Hindu American Foundation (HAF) has welcomed the introduction of the resolution.

"Celebrants of Diwali believe that the rows of lamps symbolize the light within the individual that rids the soul of the darkness of ignorance and is a celebration of the victory of good over evil," the resolution says.

In a statement released to the Hindu American Foundation, Congressman McDermott said, "America is a great melting pot of cultures, but one of the strengths of our nation is respecting and preserving the traditions unique to our ethnicities, and that's why I want Congress to officially recognize the festival of Diwali."

Asserting that recognizing Diwali will enable understanding of the religious and cultural background of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains, McDermott added, "Understanding one another is essential to living in peace, here at home, and around the world."

Indians in US celebrate the festival every year and New York politicians and the Indian consul general were among those who turned up to wish the crowd during the last Diwali celebration held in New York.



Indian-American wins prestigious Abel Prize for mathematics

Indian-American mathematician Srinivasa Varadhan won the prestigious \$850,000 Abel Prize for mathematics this year for his "fundamental contributions to probability theory", it was announced on Thursday.

The 67-year-old professor of New York University's (NYU) Courant Institute of Mathematical Sciences would receive the honor, viewed as equivalent of a Nobel prize, "in particular for creating a unified theory of large deviation", the award committee said.

The six million kronor award was created by the Norway government in 2002 to mark the 200th birth anniversary of great Norwegian mathematician Niels Henrik Abel.

"Varadhan's work has great conceptual strength and ageless beauty. His ideas have been hugely influential and will continue to stimulate further research for a long time," said the citation from The Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters, according to a release from the NYU.

He is expected to receive the Abel Prize from King Harold V of Norway in Oslo on May 22.

Professor Varadhan was born in Chennai and received his B Sc honours degree and MA from Madras University. He did his PhD from the Indian Statistical Institute in Kolkata before coming to Courant as a post-doctoral fellow in 1963. He has spent his entire professional life there, serving two terms as its director (1980-1984 and 1992-94).



Six courses on Hindu dharma in USA University

Rutgers' University, in New Jersey has started six courses on Hindu dharma after evaluating the great interest among the American and Indian students in USA. Major focus of the course will be on Hindu customs and rituals, festivals, symbols, philosophy, Hinduism and Modern application of the Hindu principles. These subjects will be analyzed on the modern context and application in the courses. Yoga, meditations, Indian epics, folk arts, etc., will also be included in the course.



Rs. 1.1 Million allotted for Vedic Studies by the Govt of India

The famous Vedic chanting practice of Anyonyam, held in Kadavallur Sri. Rama Temple Trissur, Kerala will get a Central financial aid of Rs. 1.1 million for spreading the traditional learning and teaching methodology of Vedas. The fund will be utilized for the protection of the traditional chanting methods, spreading the Vedic messages, conducting seminars, printing and publishing Vedic literature, teaching the Vedic chanting to one and all independent of religion and caste. The Kadavallur Sri. Rama temple will be renovated for building a high standard international institute for this purpose with a cost of Rs. 30 million.



Chinese students joining Mysore University for higher education

More than a hundred Chinese students will pursue their post graduate studies in commerce and Information technology in Mysore University. Chinese Government will pay an annual fee of \$ 2000 per student. The chancellor of China University has requested Mysore University to increase the intake of students from China. More students are expected to take their studies in India not only from India but from other countries.....Let us remember our Nalanda, Thakshasila, Vikramasila.....



A Medical College by Kanchi Kamakoti Peetom in Karnataka

Karnataka Govt said that full support will be given to start a Medical college with 500 bedded hospital by Kanchikama koti peetom at Chamarajanagar. Kanchi kama koti peetom of Kancheepuram, Tamil nad has undertaken hundreds of projects directly and indirectly for serving the people, both spiritual and scientific. Let this be another great venture of the peetom.



Rama Navami Message from President and Vice President of India

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam , President and Sri. Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice President of India greeted the people on the

auspicious occasion of Ramanavami, advising them to follow the ideals of Lord Rama. Conveying his warm greeting to the people in India and Abroad, Kalam said " May this year's celebrations rejuvenate our lives for the welfare and well being of the people" Shekhawat said the occasion provided an opportunity to the people to imbibe Lord Rama's enlightened teachings which have the power to secure peace and harmony in a world torn by strife and inspire them to work for the welfare of the poor and downtrodden.



British doctors searching job in India

Young British doctors are looking to private hospitals in India for employment. K. G. Hospital and Post graduate Medical institute in Coimbatore and many other Hospitals have advertised for British doctors. This is mainly to focus on medical tourism in India. A British doctor treating a British patient means more flow of tourists for medical treatment. On the other hand many British doctors of Indian origin have been short-listed in the National Health Service (NHS) of England even though Britons fail to get enrolled in NHS, Reports IANS. Many Doctors of Indian origin feel happy that they could enroll in the British list and many British doctors are happy that they are getting new openings in India.



Ayurveda marches through newer pathways

"The world is big enough and all of us have a space in the market. There is also a variety in the strength of the competitions. So, cooperation and not competitions should be the key word" These lines are from Sri. Krishnakumar, Managing director of Aryavaidya Pharmacy, Coimbatore. Now ayurveda is emerging as the major attraction of the health tourism. Industry, prime player in the sectors are mulling over a cooperative marketing strategy. " Knowledge can be made available even from the local physicians by getting them affiliated to the nearest Ayurveda college and the students can assist them." The manufacturers started thinking that there should be joint ventures in R & D activities in this branch of ancient Indian science. Quality assurances are also picking up in all the sectors. Good Manufacturing Practices are guiding the

producers. Every ayurveda drug producers started feeling that united move to assert their position can yield far reaching positive results.....Let Ayurveda grow to greater heights with the light of modern science and technology.



Building world network satellite treatment centers for Ayurveda

Vaidyaratnam Ayurveda Oushadhasala will be setting up Network of satellite treatment centers in major cities in the countries and overseas. Two centers have already been opened in Bangalore, Mumbai and Behrain. Number of patients coming from foreign countries are steadily increasing and the 30 % of the revenue of the Vaidyaratna Oushadha saala is from the patients coming from abroad.



We have not given up the tradition of Bhoomi Pooja

In Ernakulam district of Kerala state, a new Railway line laying work has started between Vallarpadom- Edappally. In presence of Cochin Port Trust Chairman, Sri. N. Ramachandran, LNG Petronet Chief Project Officer Sr. Jacob Thomas and Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Sri. H. S. Mushathick, the Bhumi pooja was performed in the traditional way with Vedic mantras. Thus inaugurated the Rs. 2460 million project.



Rana Bhagavandas becomes the acting Chief Justice of Pakistan.

The 65 year old Hindu Judge, who has a Master's degree in Islamic law and having a great reputation was sworn in by the outgoing Acting Chief justice Javed Iqbal agta in a simple ceremony in the Supreme Court of Karachi. This is the first time in the history of Pakistan that a Hindu has been appointed to head the apex court and the second time that judge from the minority community held that post



With the silent blessings of Vatican the biblical story is being rewritten on Judas

The British Novelist Jeffrey Archer and one of the top theological advisor to Pope Francis Maloney have written a novel, which they expect should be read like a gospel and not a short story or a novel. The book tells 1. Jesus did not walk on water 2. He did not turn water into wine at the marriage feat at Cana 3. Judas did not receive 30 silver coins for betraying Jesus. Judas never wanted Jesus to be captured. 4. Judas did not hang himself but live to full life 5. Judas was instrumental of a divine plan and not personally culpable 6. Judas did not believe that Jesus was the son of God,.

It is said that Pope Benedict XVI gave quite endorsement for this book. The rector of the Pontifical Biblical Institute in Rome, Fr. Stephen Pisano was present in the releasing ceremony in which the author Maloney said "Not everything in this book can be regarded as probable, but everything must be possible"..... Newer facts and truths are flowing out on Bible...More facts about Jesus are coming out which may work against even the stories used for religious propaganda in Christianity.



Wonderful change in christianity

A new Christian church built in Neendakara, Kollam district of kerala has the following specialities ! The church looks exactly like a temple. It is not known as a church nor palli as told in Malayalam. It is known as Jyoti Mandir. The entrance has a big Sanskrit OM. No Cross is fixed in the entrance or on the top. The priests (males) and the Nuns in their Christian cloak do the Bhajans, in the Hindu way with all the required bhajan instruments. but the dresses of clergy are 100% western . The picture of Jesus taking the last supper is given as Jesus and his disciples sitting on the floor and taking the food in Plantain leaves, the traditional kerala way. The deities / pictures of other religions including that of Krishna and Rama are present in the church. Vedic manthras are written on the walls and chanting of Veda manthra can be heard from inside. On the Altar Jesus sitting in Chin mudra as our great Rishies sit doing thapas..... You know that marvelous changes are taking place in Christian

churches/customs and rituals. Many churches have dwaja sthambha, Sanskrit prayers, pilgrimage similar to sabarimala pilgrimage, keerthans, Yesu sahasranaama, Christu bhagavatha, bhajan type of prayers, rudraksha maala, Archana, etc.....let us wait for more changes towards the traditional Indian way of worship in churches.



India as a South Asian Superpower.

Dr. Manmohan Singh, Indian prime minister stated the following lines while speaking at the India Today conclave. India wished its neighbors to feel secure and confident that in New Delhi they have a well wisher.....We see their prosperity as a guarantee of ours. We see their progress as reinforcing ours. And so must they.... Our region must and can move forward through such a cooperative engagement.....we must make better use of the opportunities the world offers us. We must be more open to our own neighborhood.... Indians have always been open to global influences and that ours will always be an open society.....even in economic sphere, we are today as open as any free market democracy in the world....



Medical disorders associated with Zodiac - A high level scientific research

This is a NSERC of Canada funded project result presented by the NSERC grantee Peter Austin, after conducting survey with millions of people in Toronto. This research report was presented in the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) conference held in San Francisco. About the study he said " there is a danger in basing scientific decisions on the results of one study, particularly if the results were unanticipated or the association was one that we did not initially decide to examine. But when several studies all arrive at similar conclusion, we reduce the risk of arriving at an incorrect outcome" (PTI)Modern science has to look the answers for human problems from all the sides including astrologicalbut take only good and useful !



Thirty four percent increase in the export of Indian textiles

Last year India exported textile goods worth 5 billion dollars and this year the export income crossed 7 billion dollars, a 34 % increase. The demand for Indian products increased steeply in USA and European countries.....Remember our Kancheepuram , Banaras, Thirupur,.....textiles. Thousands of years of export history to Rome, Babylonia, Greek, Egypt...continues in 21st century also.



Lord Siva temple in Pakistan has been declared as world heritage center.

Pakistan Govt has declared the famous Kathaasraaj Siva temple, in the Chakval district of Punjab Province as the world heritage center. The Pak government has earmarked an amount of US \$ 25 million for the renovation of the temple and premises. The temple and its spiritual importance have been clearly narrated in Mahabharatha and in puraanaas. Upto 1986 many Hindus from India and Pakistan used to visit this temple. Later the practice came to an end, again during 2005 onwards the devotees started visiting the temple..... The director of archeological dept of India and the committee constituted by the Pakistan Govt have the same opinion that the program undertaken by Pak government for the renovation of the temple can strengthen the India pak relation now and for the years to come.



A video titled "scientific verification of Vedic knowledge" attracts many

A vast number of statements and materials presented in the ancient Vedic literatures can be shown to agree with modern scientific findings and they also reveal a highly developed scientific content in these literatures. The great cultural wealth of this knowledge is highly relevant in the modern world. Techniques used to show this agreement include: - Marine Archaeology of underwater sites (such as Dvaraka) - Satellite imagery of the Indus-Sarasvata River system - Carbon and Thermoluminescence Dating of archaeological artifacts - Scientific Verification of Scriptural statements - Linguistic analysis of scripts found on archaeological

artifacts - A Study of cultural continuity in all these categories.
<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=7678538942425297587>



Sanskrit quotation and prayer

*Bhadram karnebhi srunuyaama devaa: Bhadram pasyemaa
akshabhiryajathraa:*

*Sthirairangaisthushtuvaamsa sthanoobhir vyasema deva hitam
yadaayu:*

Let us all listen to glorious messages through our ears ! let
us all see the glorious science and matters through our eyes ! Let
us all do good work as long as we all live with our bodies
made of healthy organs ! Message = listen the good ! see the
good ! do the good ! till the last breath ! (Upanishad saanthi
manthra)



A Management quotation to practice

*Udyamam saahasam dhairyam bhuddhi sakti paraakramou
shadethey yathra varthanthey daivam thathra prakaasayeth.*

Entrepreneurship, capacity to undertake any challenge,
courage, intelligence/wisdom, muscle power (healthy body,
capacity to thrash out any hindrances are the six qualities
required for a leader. In whom these six qualities are present,
the divine blessing will automatically be present there.



A sad news from Chennai Kalaakshetra (Message received from <thalakkadan@yahoo.co.uk>)

The heinous activities of the new director of Kalakshetra
Foundation, Chennai who took charge about one and a half years
ago at Kalakshetra continue to destroy the heritage.

The Foundation which has a tradition of more than 50 years.
The new director is extremely hateful of idol and she told the
students and teachers in the morning assembly that idols worship
is nothing but superstition and it should be discouraged in
Kalakshetra.

The following are the changes that have been brought about
by Leela Samson after taking charge as the director of Kalakshetra:

1. Most of the Vinayaka idols have been removed. 2. Leela Samson ordered all prayers in the institution to be stopped. 3. The clothes that were adorning the idols have been removed. 4. A movie club has been started that has completely spoilt the Gurukulam atmosphere of this traditional institution. Her friends from New Delhi use the theatre and the funds allocated for teaching Bharatnatyam to run this movie club. 5. Geetha-Govindam is taught in a vulgar manner sowing the seeds of hatred for 6. *She is lanning to demolish the temple structure of the Kalakshetra Auditorium with the excuse of modernising it. 7. The logo of Kalakshetra Foundation designed by Rukmini Arundale has been changed. 8. The funds are being diverted for of the movie that she is taking. 9. The certificate that was designed by Rukmini Arundale with Narthana Vinayakar and the emblem of Shiva on it has been changed and the present certificate is plain without any symbols.

Members of the performing arts world outside Kalakshetra Foundation and members of many cultural organizations have requested to initiate action immediately to stop the planned destruction of a glorious institution teaching and nurturing the ancient traditions of Sanathana Dharma* (Jyothi Menon Ph: 00973.39851646)



Quotation from India

Dear Indians... I am echoing J.F. Kennedy's words to his fellow Americans to relate to Indians....."Ask what we can do for India and do what had to be done to make India what America and other western countries are today.." (Dr. A.P. J. Adbul Kalam)

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"The successful branding of Malaysia, Singapore and Dubai for international business should become path finder for India. Indian capabilities go beyond infotech. We should build now and more to manufacturing and tourism. We have very little time to achieve these goals. Perform well. The major barrier was Indian mindset, the lack of confidence and focuses. We have achieved a lot, we have enough to talk, we have a very credible story. What we need is innovative delivery channels" ! (Birla)

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"21st century miracle India's moment has arrive. We have once in a life time opportunity to lead the world. We should deliver value and time. This will have multiplied effect. In India 4/5 of the population is youth and they will lead India".
(Ambani)



Quotation about India

Megasthenes, who visited the Maurya court at Pataliputra in the 4th century BC said

"All Indians are free, and none of them is a slave... Indians neither invade other people, nor do other peoples invade India... They live happily, because of their simplicity and their frugality... since they esteem beauty, they practice everything that can beautify their appearance. Further, they respect alike virtue and truth..."



Mark Twain Said thus: " India, the land of dreams and romance and the country of hundred tongues of a thousand religion and two million gods, saddle of the human speech, mother of history, grand mother of legends, great grand mother of traditions, the land that all men desire to see and having seen once by even a glimpse could not give that glimpse for any shows of all the rest of the globe combines.



Mount Stuart Elphinstone, the first Governor of the Bombay Presidency, " no set of people among the Hindus are so depraved as the dregs of our great towns. The villagers are everywhere amiable, affectionate to their families, kind to their neighbors.... The Hindus are mild and gentle people... Their superiority in purity of manners is not flattering to our self esteem."



French thinker Voltaire : "We have shown how much we surpass the Indians in courage and wickedness and how inferior to them we are in wisdom. Our European nations have mutually destroyed themselves in this land where we only go in search of money, while the first Greeks traveled to the same land only to instruct themselves... I am convinced that every thing has come down to us from the banks of the Ganges, astronomy, astrology, metaphysics, etc."

Friedrich Schlegel said " Everything without exception is of Indian origin... whether directly or indirectly all nations are originally nothing but Indian colonies... the oriental antiquity could, if we consented to deepen it, bring us back more safely towards the divine"



Think about you ! We are living on the surface of the globe earth for about 26,500 days (average), taking almost 60 MT food ! Breathing everyday about 23,000 times ! And every breath is leading you towards graveyard ! One day you will have to go back leaving everything that you posses ! Date of birth is known, fortunately date of death is not known !

What is the purpose of this life ? Elevating ourselves every day ! Never denigrating ourselves, our family, society and nation ! Knowing that we ourselves are our friends and we ourselves are our enemies ! So the purpose of life is growing to higher level each day, to make our life fruitful and useful, for ourselves and also for all those who are connected with us, directly or indirectly !

For leading a useful and fruitful life what to be done: Use your EARS properly , EYES selectively , TONGUE carefully and use your MIND peacefully !

Use your ears for learning as much as possible from all the possible sources. Listen good and make others listen to good ! Use your eyes to understand the world. See good and make others see good . Use your tongue and communicate to get knowledge whenever you get opportunity for a discussion. Inform your mind that; there are success+failure, ups + downs, happiness + unhappiness, profit +loss, enemies + friends,in everyone's life. Try to make every negative into positive. Convert challenges into opportunities. None wants to see a crying/weeping face. Everyone wants to see the smiling face. Keep it . Happiness and unhappiness, Success... are not permanent. Science cannot solve all the human problems. Hence integrate the science and spirituality, integrate the good from old and new . Integrate the experienceable knowledge and experimentable knowledge. Take good from everywhere. Do not blindly follow anything or any

idea. Use the logical analyses + rational thinking + scientific knowledge. Science should integrate with values in your life.

Follow good acharas/ customs and rituals scientifically, get up atleast 5.30 am, sit on the bed for about 30 secs (if possible a prayer), take bath, spend 10 mins for prayer in the morning and evening. Reduce non vegetarian food. Avoid it atleast before going to school/ office and during school/office time. Do good to others, remember that for every action there is an equal action (not reaction).

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Think about your PARENTS! They have brought you up and gave all their major share of time, energy and money with a prayer that their child should achieve all the possible in his/her life. They have done their maathru dharma and pitru dharma, so you are here today in RRL. Hence you have to do putra/ putree dharma. Look them after till their last breath during the old age. Remember that the blessings of the parents are the greatest blessing, far higher than the blessing of god. They gave you the opportunity to come to the world and enjoy everything here. Spend atleast half an hour with your parents everyday for discussing your achievements and problems. Take food with them atleast once in everyday. We do not know how long we can be with our parents or they can be with us. Take blessings of parents before leaving to school.

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Think about YOUR SOCIETY! There are poor hungry people, orphans who have never seen their parents, old aged and sick - none to look after. Do your best by sharing at least 3 % of your time/ energy (now) and income (in future) for them.

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Think about your MOTHERLAND! Ours is the only culture, still alive, out of the 49 civilizations existed on the surface of the globe earth. We should know about our heritage on every branch of knowledge! Do more research and study deep. The civil engineering marvels of Ajanta / Ellora cave temples, the Civil engineering marvels of Chola/ Chera/ Pandya/ lost city of Cambay / Mohan Jo Daro, The Delhi and Dhar Iron pillars The Paintings of

Ajanta, the brass & bronze alloy making. The glass and ceramics knowledge.....

Our mathematical heritage: Kelvins / Gregories / Leibnitz / Euler's / Newton's/ Pythagorus theorems, Discovery of sine /cosine / tangent series / Vedic mathematics..... The spectrophotometer of Bhhradwaja/ knowledge about light /sound / Heisenberg's uncertainty principle.....Our astronomical/ geographical knowledge: Spherical shape of earth/declination/ rotation/ revolution / gravity/ latitude/ longitude / precision equinox / eclipse....

Indian heritage on Biotechnology, Ayurveda, Vruksha ayurveda, agricultural sciences, food science, vastu, music therapy, yoga, pranayaama, customs and rituals, philosophy, spirituality, psychology, linguistic sciences, economics, management systems, etc are going deep into the hearts of the scholars/ thinkers and scientists. We should learn our heritage for *feeling proud of being an Indian, *informing the world that we have discovered or invented many things and also for *for making use of the heritage knowledge in the 21st century which can be adopted and adapted for everyone, everywhere in the world.



Your question ???? Is that the Makarajyothi in Sabarimala temple made by human beings ?

My answer ! So many people ask me this question. I used to give an indirect answer. The idol of Sabarimala temple is made by MEN, the sanctum sanctorum is made by MEN, the 18 steps, the prasadam, the roads, in short the whole temple, are all made by human beings. The pooja is performed by men and also the management and security of the temple are in the hands of people. If all these can be made/ controlled / guided / and managed by MEN, what is the problem if the Makarajyothi is also made by MEN. Can anyone think that the fire is lighted by god himself ? Is there any book which says that the Makarajyothi is made by god ? Can we think that the god has no other work than lighting fire ? When we worship or follow any aachaara it should be rational, logical and scientific ! Hence millions of people go to the temple and they need not bother whether the Makarjyothi is man made or

god made. We worship the jyothi as divine, because for us the mother / father /teacher / nation / earth /sun/ air / etc are all divine to Indians . So is the Makarajyothi also. Last line spirituality and good rituals are part of psychology says modern psychologists!



India is facing this dangerous situation

India is at present at the receiving end of an intense evangelizing effort by numerous Christian denominations. Strategies are fine-tuned, targets are fixed, ground situations are minutely studied, interactions with various social layers carefully planned, helpers are roped in, new discourses such as that of human rights or religious freedom are learned and propagandized, and massive funds are funneled in from abroad to sustain the numerous "soldiers of Jesus" marching upon benighted Hindus to save their souls. With minor differences, the same scenario can be seen in other Asian countries and large parts of the developing world. Every one of the Indian should seriously think about the cultural implications of proselytism, the encroachment upon traditional societies especially tribal societies, the violence implicit in the process of conversion, and the actual status of the convert. There are thousands of case studies which will definitely highlight many of the abusive and disruptive methods used for conversion as well as its demographic impact, in India.

It is the dharma of every Indian to protect their culture. Wherever conversion took place in Indian continent all those parts got separated from the Indian culture. Afghanistan which was known as Gandhar got separated from India, same is the case with Pakistan, Burma, Lanka and so on. Now, Kashmir is in the line same is the political situation in North East. Even inside India, wherever the Indian culture is erased and foreign culture is instated, that part is becoming the cancer or fuming etna in our motherland's body.

Bring back all those who have gone out of our fold/culture. Bring them back with all their newly acquired knowledge and books. Let them be pure and clean Indians.

Let us bring to our fold all the leftist, rightist, middlist, Christians, Muslims, atheists,.... None should be left out. Indian

culture can assimilate everything which are from inside and outside. As Sri. Narayana Guru said. Let us not kick out anyone. Let us pull in everyone. Let us learn our heritage not for argument and winning. Let us learn for knowing and for teaching. Let us have the Iccha sakti, Jnaana sakti and Kriya sakti for protecting ourselves, our family, our society and our nation.



Indian technology

The latest about Indian Space Research Organization !

*ISRO has received a major fillip for its satellite imagery business with Cartosat-2 joining the ranks of India remote sensing satellites. * ISRO is now aiming to cross Rs. 5000 million in revenue through sale of its satellite images. The major buyers are USA (75%) and the rest in India. * Per year ISRO can take, now 27,000 images through its 6 remote sensing satellites. * By next year this number will cross 40,000 images per annum. * For meeting the needs of European customers ISRO has set a center in Norway. * The 680 Kg weighing Cartosat -2, SRE -1, Indonesia's Lapan-Tubsat and Argentina's nanosat, Pehuensat-1 were all launched together using Indian PSLV -C7. * At present the resolution is 1 meter in the Cartosat -2, which will further be improved for the resolution of 0.5 meter. * Indian constellation of six remote sensing satellites is the largest anywhere in the world, which can bring images to Indian agencies for less than \$ 20 per sq. Kms charged on foreign satellite images. * ISRO has arrived on the commercial launch business with its launch of Italian satellite Agile in PSLV -C8 and has signed MOU for \$ 11 million, with Italian space agency for this.. * ISRO studying the proposal to send 500 kg satellite to explore Mars, by 2012, if Govt of India shows green signal.....Our congratulation for Prof. Madhavan nair and all ISRO S & T staffs for taking India to Newer Heights.....



Indian scriptures an outline

The foundation literature of the Indian culture have been classified systematically, even though we do not know much

about it. The ancient books are being continuously subjected to refining by addition, deletion, modification and correction, for updating by keeping the original books intact. The original contents are maintained as the base for all references. For those who are interested in learning the old versions, they can follow that and make their own contributions and commentaries. Those who want to study the modern books, produced by addition, deletion, modification and correction (by many scholars), have the freedom to do so. Thus we have authentic most commonly referred 10,000 commentaries in Sanskrit and 1,00,000 sub commentaries in other languages for 1280 authentic foundation literature of sanaathana dharma. We will have a glance through the names of those foundation literature and in future their detailed explanations also will be included.

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* Direct Vedic literature are the base for all Indian cultural books (Vaideeka saahitya). They are the Veda, Brahmana, Aaranyaka and Upanishad

*VEDAS: There are four Vedas . Rig Veda, Yajurveda, Sama Veda and Atharva Veda . Rig Veda has 25 recensions (branches) Yajurveda has 108 recensions; Sama Veda has 1000 recensions and Atharva Veda has 50 recensions. The word 'recension', in Sanskrit is known as 'Saakhas'. (Yajurveda is further divided into two streams Sukla Yajurveda (having only verses and no prose) and Krishna Yajurveda (having both prose and verses). Hence in our discussions, sometimes you will see the usage as four + one Vedas = Rig Veda + Sukla Yajurveda, + Krishna yajurveda + Sama Veda + Atharva Veda)

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BRAHMANAS are classified under these four + one Vedas:

Rigvedeeya (means belonging to Rig Veda) brahmanaas are Aithareya brahmana, Sankhaayana brahmana and Kousheethakee brahmana

Sukla yajurveda has only one brahmana namely Satha patha brahmana available in two versions. One with 100 chapters belonging to vaajasaneeyee maadhyandina yajurveda saakha and other having 104 chapters belonging to Kaanwa yajurveda saakha.

Krishna Yajurvedeeya brahmana are two Thaithireeya brahmana and Maithraayaneeya brahmana

Samavedeeya brahmanas are many. Few among them are Jaimineeya brahmana, thaandya brahmana, aarsheya brahmana, shadvimsa brahmana, chaandokhya brahmana, saamavidhaana brahmana, abhootha brahmana, vamsa brahmana and samhithopanishad brahmana.

Atharva Veda has only one brahmana namely Gopatha brahmana.

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AARANYAKA: Aaranyakaas are also classified under each Veda like brahmana literature: Rigvedeeya aranyakas are Aithareya aranyaka and kousheethakee aranyaka, Sukla yajurveda has no aranyaka, Krishna yajurveda has Maithraayaneeya aranyaka and thaithireeya aranyaka. Sama Veda and Atharava Veda do not have aranyaka, even though their brahmanas contain few aranyaka based subjects.

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The fourth part of Vedic literature is the Upanishad. Since they are coming as the end/ last part of Vedic literature, they are known as 'Vedaanthaas' (means which are coming in the end of Vedas. Veda antha = end of Vedic literature) . (see the order Veda- brahmana-aranyaka-upanishad). There are many Upanishads of which The most important are 108 . These Upanishads are classified under four + one Vedas as follows.

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Rigvedeeya Upanishads: Aithareya Upanishad , kousheethakee Upanishad , naada bindu Upanishad, aathma bhodha Upanishad, nirvaana Upanishad , mulgala Upanishad, akshamaalika Upanishad, tripura Upanishad, soubhaagya lakshmi Upanishad, bahvrucha Upanishad . (total ten Upanishads)

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Sukla yajurvedeeya upanishads: Eesaavasya Upanishad, Bruhadhaaranyaka Upanishad, Hamsa Upanishad, Parama Hamsa Upanishad, Subaala Upanishad, manthrika Upanishad , Thrisikhi Braahmana Upanishad, Niraalamba Upanishad, Mandala Braahmana Upanishad, Advaya Upanishad, Thaaraka Upanishad, Bhikshuka Upanishad, adhyaathma Upanishad, Muktika Upanishad,

Thaaraasara Upanishad, Yajnavalkya Upanishad, s'aatyayana Upanishad, thuriyaatheetha avadhootha upanishad (Total eighteen upanishads)

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Krishna Yajurvedeeya Upanishads: Kata Upanishad, thaithireeya Upanishad, brahma Upanishad, kaivalya Upanishad, swethaaswethara Upanishad, garbha Upanishad, mahanaaraayana Upanishad, amruthabindu Upanishad, amruthanaada Upanishad, kaalaagnirudra Upanishad, kshurika Upanishad, sarvasaara Upanishad, sukarahasya Upanishad, thejobindu Upanishad, dhyaana bindu Upanishad, brahmavidya Upanishad, yogathathwa Upanishad, dakshinaamoorthy Upanishad, skanda Upanishad, saareerika Upanishad, yogasikha Upanishad, ekaakshara Upanishad, akshi Upanishad, avadhootha Upanishad, katarudra Upanishad, rudrahrudaya Upanishad, panchabrahma Upanishad, praanaagni hotra Upanishad, varaaha Upanishad, yogakundalini Upanishad, kalisantharana Upanishad, saraswathee rahasya Upanishad (Total thirty two Upanishads)

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Saamavedeeya Upanishads: Kena Upanishad, chaandokhya Upanishad, aarunee Upanishad, maithraayanee Upanishad, maithreyee Upanishad, vajrasoochika Upanishad, yogachoodaamony Upanishad, vasudeva Upanishad, mahopanishad, sanyaasa Upanishad, avyakta Upanishad, kundika Upanishad, saavitri Upanishad, jaabaala Upanishad, darsana Upanishad, rudraaksha jaabaala Upanishad (Sixteen Upanishads)

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Atharva vedeeya Upanishads: Prasna Upanishad, Mundaka Upanishad, maandukya Upanishad, atharvas'ira Upanishad, atharvas'ikha Upanishad, bruhadjaabaala, Upanishad, seetha Upanishad, s'arabha Upanishad, mahaanarayana Upanishad, raamarahasya Upanishad, ramathaapini Upanishad, s'aandilya Upanishad, paramahamsa Upanishad, annapooma Upanishad, soorya Upanishad, aathma Upanishad, paas'upatha Upanishad, parabrahma Upanishad, thripurathaapini Upanishad, devi Upanishad, bhaavana Upanishad, bhasma Upanishad, ganapati

Upanishad, mahaavakya Upanishad, gopalathaapini Upanishad, sreekrishna Upanishad, hayagreeva Upanishad, datthathreya Upanishad, garuda Upanishad, narasimhapoorva thaapini Upanishad, narasimha uttara thapini Upanishad, naarada parivraajaka Upanishad (Thirty two Upanishads). Next week's subject will be classification of vedangaas.

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After going through the Vedic literature as Vedas, Brahmanas, Aranyakaas and Upanishads we are entering into the Vedangas. The word Vedanga (do not get confused with the word Vedanta) means the organs/parts of the Vedas. During the course of time we will explain the subject matter and method of the presentation in these literature. At present we shall only glance through the Vedangas. Hope you and your family members will try to learn as much as possible by heart so that these names will remain in our memory for ever.

There are six Vedangas. They are Siksha, Nirukta, Vyaakarana, Chandasastra, Kalpasastra, Jyothisha. A number of books are available on these six Vedangas. It is said that 18 books on each Vedanga are available. Even though they are not strictly classified under each Veda, it is known they specific books discusses on specific Vedas.

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Next comes the Upavedas which are the subsidiaries of Vedas. Infact they are scientific literature which are specified for each Veda. These Upavedas are Arthasastra, Dhanurveda, Gaandharva Veda and Ayurveda + Sthaapthya Veda. Artha saasthra is economics it is the upaveda of Rigveda. Dhanurveda is the upaveda of Yajurveda, Gaandharva veda is the upaveda of Saamaveda and Ayurveda + Sthaapthya veda(Vaastu) are the upavedas of Atharva Veda.. More details we will discuss during the course of time.

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After the upavedas comes the Puraanaas. There are eighteen puranaas and same number of upapuranaas. The 18 puranaas are

Vishnu puraana, bhavishya puraana , garuda puraana , agni puraana , mahabhagavatha puraana , sivapuraana puraana, markandeya puraana , linga puraana , brahmavaivatha puraana , mathsyas puraana , koorma puraana , varaaha puraana , vaamana puraana , skanda puraana , brahmaanda puraana , padma puraana, vaayu puraana , naaradeeya puraana.

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There are less important puraanas which are known as upa puranas which are also 18 in number. They are Saamba puraana , devee bhagavatha puraana, kaalika puraana , laghu naaradeeya puraana, harivamsa puraana, vishnudharmotthara puraana, kalki puraana, mulgala puraana, aadi puraana , aathma puraana, brahma puraana, vishnudharmotthara puraana , narasimha puraana, kriyaayoga saara puraana, soorya puraana , bruhad naaradeeya puraana, purushoththama puraana , bruhad Vishnu puraana.

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Darsanaas are separate class of literature which are wrongly said as philosophical texts. They are not philosophy but visions of acharyaas. Since they are the VISIONS the words darsana (which is seen). Nyaaya darsana of Goutha ma Maharshi, Vaiseshika darsana of Kanaada maharshi, Saankhya darsana of Maharshi Kapila, Yoga darsana of Maharshi patanjali, poorva meemamsa darsana of Jaimini and Uttara meemaamsa of Maharshi veda vyaasa. These six darsanaas are known as shaddarsana and one more darsana which is powerful and high standard atheism is by Maharshi Charvaaka known as chaarvaaka darsana.



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