

# Monthly Activity Report of School of Indic Studies, INADS April, 2021

## Initiatives -

### 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2021

A webinar '*Philosophy, Science and Values*', organised by INADS in collaboration with Centre of Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, JNU.

### 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021

Program on '*नवरात्र-मनीषा एवं राम-जन्मोत्सव*' organised by Kuruom Vidyalaya, INADS in collaboration with TCN Media.

## नवरात्रम् - रामकथा समन्वयपरिसंवादे दुर्गायाः अवतारस्वरूपः उपस्थापितः

(विश्वस्य वृत्तान्तः)

न व दे ह ली ।  
प्रगतविज्ञानाध्ययनसंस्थानम्,  
कोरोमविद्यालयः, टीसीएन  
गणसंचारसंस्था इति  
त्रयाणां संयुक्ततत्त्वावधानेन  
नवरात्रपर्वणि वासन्तिकस्य  
उत्सवस्य पालनकाले  
नवदुर्गाप्रारूपपरि क्रमबद्धः  
परिसंवादः आयोजितः ।  
गतदिवसे कोरोमशालायाः  
शिक्षकैः काजल मिश्रः -  
पंकज पाण्डेयः, प्रतिमा सिंहः,  
केसरीप्रसाद त्रिपाठीभिः मातुः  
दुर्गायाः अवतारत्वोपरि वर्णनं  
प्रस्फुटितम् । मातुः चन्द्रधंटा,  
कुमांडा इति रूपद्वयस्य  
प्रामाणिकता च एतैः वर्णिता ।  
प्रारम्भे च रामकथावाचकेन  
पंडितप्रवरेण रामचन्द्र  
मिश्रेण श्रीरामजन्मप्रसंगः  
तुलसीरामचरितगाथया वर्णितः ।  
अन्ते च डॉ. अपर्णा धीर  
खण्डेलवालः नारीशक्तेः  
महत्त्वोपरि चित्रमाध्यमेन  
सामाजिकसमस्यां च प्रदर्शितवती ।  
समयोपयोगितां च प्रदर्शितवती ।  
जूमपटले प्रो.बलरामसिंहः,  
प्रो. (डॉ.) शशि तिवारी, डॉ. कुमारा  
सिंहाः च चर्चासत्रे  
सक्रियाः सन्तः प्रश्नानाम्  
शंकानिवारणं कृतवन्तः ।  
समाजे महिलानां कृते  
समाधिकारोपरि स्वतंत्रचर्चा  
अपि बभूव यत्र प्रतिवर्गं  
प्रतिक्षेत्रे आधुनिकमहिलानां  
पराकाष्ठाः प्रमाणिताः । प्रतिगृहे  
मातरः, भार्याः, पुत्र्यः, भगिन्यः  
च दर्गास्वरूपिण्य इति प्रो.  
बलरामसिंहः प्रतिपादितवान् ।



India's great tradition of considering girls as representatives of goddess like Durgā, and celebrating this tradition, this year INADS took a lead in creating awareness among people about nine goddesses and social impact of the purpose of celebrating this festival. Also, as the 9<sup>th</sup> Day of Navaratra is celebrated as birth day of Lord Rama, so, 'Ram-Katha' was also the part of the two hour long online program. In this, for nine days, 1<sup>st</sup> hour of program was dedicated to 'Ram-Katha' and the last hour included speeches by invited school teachers of Kuruom Vidyalaya. The event was represented by Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Mrs. Shgufa Afzal, Ms. Anuja Sinha, and Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal. This was live on INADS Facebook page and well attended by scholars from different sections of the society internationally.

➔ 22<sup>nd</sup> April to 2<sup>nd</sup> May, 2021

Program on 'एकादश रूद्र-मंथन' organised by jointly by INADS and Kuruom Janakalyan Sansthan.



This online program was designed to understand 'Ekadash Rudras' as the Role Models of Boys and Men. As the *kanya puja* during the Navaratra is to remind the young girls of their potential to realize to be in a privileged position of the society, there is no such guidance for boys. In this way, young boys are treated step-motherly by the society, leaving them to fend for themselves. So, the features and traits of eleven rudras were well expressed by invited speakers for guiding boys in the world to grow and realize their full potential in the same vein as Nava Durga. INADS faculty members Sh. Nilesh Oak and Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh were also among the invited speakers. The event also included one hour 'Ram-Katha-Vachan'. Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal and Sh. Alok Kumar Dwivedi were the representatives of the program. This was live on INADS Facebook page and attended by renowned scholars from India and abroad that made the sessions very interactive.

➔ A Three-Month Online Skill Development Certificate Course in collaboration with Maitreyi College, University of Delhi was initiated by INADS from April, 2021.

TIME	SCHEDULE
05:00 PM	Sanskrit Mangalacharan by Dr. Anirudh Ojha
05:03 PM	College Documentary
05:07 PM	Address by Dr. Haritima Chopra, Course Director & Principal (Officiating), Maitreyi College
05:17 PM	Address by Sh. Santosh Kumar Taneja, Chairperson, Governing Body, Maitreyi College
05:25 PM	Address by the Guest of Honor Prof. Balaram Pani, Dean of Colleges, University of Delhi
05:33 PM	Address by the Chief Guest Prof. Bal Ram Singh, Director, Institute of Advanced Sciences, USA
06:25 PM	Address by the Chair of the session & Keynote speaker Prof. Ramesh Chandra Panda, Former Vice-Chancellor, Maharshi Purani Sanskrit Ivam Vedic Vishvavidyalaya, Ujjain, MP
06:55 PM	Vote of thank by Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh, School of Indic Studies, Institute of Advanced Sciences, USA
Moderators	Dr. Pramod Kumar Singh & Dr. Anamika Singh

## Presentations –

- ❖ **Prof. Bal Ram Singh** presented on ‘*Cause and Cure of the Underutilization of Sanskrit for Science and Society*’ in a webinar organised by Department of Sanskrit, Janaki Devi Memorial College, Delhi University, April 3, 2021. Also, on ‘*Interfacing Scientific Methods and Philosophical Enquiry*’ in a Webinar ‘JNU World Philosophy Day’ April 7, 2021. His presentation at Global Interfaith Summit, Santhigiri, Kerala on ‘*Faith, Interfaith for Society through Science*’, April 24, 2021. He gave inaugural address in an online 3-month workshop jointly organised by Maitreyi College and INADS. Prof. Singh talked about ‘*The Meaning of Independence*’ in an online program 75@75 organised by TCN Media program for India’s 75th Independence Day celebrations on April, 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2021.
- ❖ **Sh. Nilesh Oak**, Adjunct Faculty presented about 20+ talks on Mahabharata, Ramayana, Rigveda, Nyayadarshana, to various groups (USA and India). He also presented at the conference on 'Indic Knowledge Systems in puranas, organized by Indic Academy (with Jeevan Rao). His ongoing weekly episode series (Discussion on various Indic topics) on Sattology, a program attended by 400 through 40,000 + students, researchers and faculty members of American Universities.
- ❖ **Mrs. Rupa Bhaty** presented at the conference on 'Indic Knowledge Systems in puranas, organized by Indic Academy on New evidence from Parashara tantra solving Agastya Vindhya lore. Also, 13 Presentations done so far on Sattology, India Academy Toronto, Hindu scriptures of Vaisali Shah platform, INDICA, programs attended by many students, researchers and faculty of American Universities.
- ❖ **Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh** gave two lectures on ‘*Using Unicode for Indian Languages*’ in Three Months Online Skill Development Certificate Course on ‘Application of digital tools in teaching and learning Indian languages’ jointly organised by INADS and Maitreyi College, University of Delhi on April 24 & 25, 2021. He has also presented on ‘शिव के विविध रूप एवं अन्य देवगण’, in an online 11 day series of एकादश रुद्र मन्थन organised by INADS in collaboration with Kuruom Janakalyan Sansthan.

## Publications –

- An article on ‘[Nava-Durga as Ideal Model for the Development of Women to Attain their Natural Full Potential](#)’ authored by **Prof. Bal Ram Singh** has published on Vedic WAVES Blog on 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2021.
- **Prof. Bal Ram Singh** and **Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal** co-authored a paper ‘*Vedic Prajā-System for the Transformational Leadership in Modern Times*’ that has published in ‘*Vaidika Vāg-Jyotih*’ (ISSN : 2277-4351), a journal edited by Prof. Dinesh Chandra Shastri published from Gurukula Kangri Vishwavidyalaya, Haridwar (Uttarakhand).

## **Workshops –**

**Dr. Umesh Kumar Singh** successfully completed the Faculty Development Program/Refresher Course on 'Emerging Accessible Technologies for Teachers in Higher Education' jointly organized by Guru Angad Deva Teaching Learning Centre, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and Maitreyi College, University of Delhi from 20th March to 2nd April 2021

## **Others –**

**Dr. Aparna (Dhir) Khandelwal** was involved in lecture series on 'Bharatiya Shastra Bodh' organised by WAVES from 17th March to 5th April, 2021.

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