

**24<sup>TH</sup> INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF VEDANTA**  
**UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS, DARTMOUTH, USA**  
**JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, NEW DELHI**  
**JANUARY 10-12, 2020**

**History**

International Congress of Vedanta, founded in 1986 in the Department of Philosophy at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, USA, is now located at the Center for Indic Studies, University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, USA. The Vedanta Congress will continue to be the Program Planner for the future conferences but the organizational details of the conference will be handled in the Center for Indic Studies of University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, USA. In 2008, Jawaharlal Nehru University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth. Besides the exchange of Faculty and research scholars between the two Universities, it has also been agreed that the Congress of Vedanta will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru University after every fourth year. The 22<sup>nd</sup> Vedanta Congress was held at Jawaharlal Nehru University in the year 2015, and the Organizing Committee of the Vedanta Congress has decided that the 24<sup>th</sup> Vedanta Congress will be held at Jawaharlal Nehru University on January 10-12, 2020.

International Congress of Vedanta has been the focal point for meeting of scholars specializing in all aspects of Indian philosophy, especially Vedanta and philosophy of religion. In the past, the Congress has also celebrated the birth centennial of S. Radhakrishnan (1988), the 1200 anniversary of Sri Sankaracharya (1990), the centennial of Swami Vivekananda's sojourn to America and his participation in the World Parliament of Religions (1992), birth centennial of J. Krishnamurti (1995), and the 700 anniversary of Sanjeevan Samadhi of Sri Jnaneswara (1996). International Vedanta Conferences were also held in Madras, Rishikesh, Hyderabad and Visakhapatnam in India and in Port-of-Spain, Trinidad & Tobago, in order to facilitate better interaction between scholars in India and the West.

**Subject Areas**

Vedanta Congress welcomes presentations of research papers in all areas of Indian philosophies and religions. Though the first Vedanta Conference began with a narrowly focused group for the study of Vedantic texts and their interpretation, the scope of the Vedanta Congress was expanded during the years to include (a) all major schools of Vedanta (*Advaita, Visistadvaita, Dvaita, Suddhadvaita, etc.*), Hindu, Buddhist and Jaina *Darsanas*, Epics, Puranas and Dharma Sastras, (b) applied Indian philosophy, dealing with contemporary issues like abortion and euthanasia, war and peace, caste and race, karma and cloning, environmental exploitations, and (c) Indian philosophical implications of recent developments in mathematics, life sciences, cognitive science, etc.

## Topics

In the past conferences, in addition to the mainstream papers in Vedanta, physicists have presented papers on the "Brahman of Physics," medical researchers have presented papers on advances in medical research and their implications to Vedantic problems (e.g. Cloning, transgenesis, Karma and Rebirth), environmental scientists have presented papers on the Vedantic concept of human-nature relationship and its implications for our environment, etc. It is in this context plenary lectures, panel discussions, research papers, and poster presentations on Practical Vedanta will be beneficial to conference attendees who would like to get some guidance in dealing with today's fast-paced and stressful life. Various schools of Vedantic philosophy (metaphysics, knowledge and hermeneutics) and life world are also included into the event.

Other topics include:

1. Science and Technology In Ancient Indian Texts (SATIAIT)
2. Interpretation of key texts of Indian intellectual tradition
3. Digital libraries, electronic access and search for the texts of Vedantic tradition
4. Yoga and Ayurveda
5. Spirituality and science: Vedantic perspective
6. Vedanta and interfaith dialogue
7. Indian cosmology and psychology - Sankhya Yoga and Vedanta
8. Vedantic pedagogy of learning and education
9. History, Vedanta and Indian culture
10. Vedanta and varna system
11. Corporate world and Vedanta
12. Vedanta and public governance  
Vedanta and music
13. Vedanta and consciousness studies

## Venue and Organizers

Convention Center, Jawaharlal Nehru University

in collaboration with

Center for Indic Studies, UMASS, Dartmouth, USA  
Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi  
Centre for Philosophy, JNU  
School of Sanskrit and Indic Studies, JNU  
Institute of Advanced Sciences, Dartmouth, (INADS), USA

## Deadlines

Abstracts and full Papers are invited on the above themes. All the Abstracts and full Papers will be twice peer reviewed. Only selected papers will be presented in the Congress. Some of the critical dates are as follows:

Last date for submission of Abstract: **August 15, 2019**

Decision after review: **September 15, 2019**

Last date for submission of Full Paper: **November 15, 2019**

Decision after review: **December 15, 2019**

Final paper to be submitted **on or before 30<sup>th</sup> December 2019**.

***Please submit your abstracts to***

*CongressVedanta@gmail.com*

## Registration fee for presenters and participants

INR 4,000 Indian academic and professional delegates

INR 2,000 Indian student delegates

US\$ 100 for international delegates

US\$ 50 for international student delegates

The participants are requested to register by sending the duly filled Registration form through e-mail along with their research paper and registration fee (through **RTGS/Wire Transfer or Online Transfer**). The bank details are given below:

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