To All Interested in National Seminar

Friends,
We are glad to inform you about the National Seminar which we have organized on 18th, 19th and 20th February 2021 at the behest of ICPR. As you know it was due last year but it could not be conducted due to COVID-19 Pandemic. Though Corona has still an awful picture in some part of the country our Muzaffarpur of Bihar is fortunate of having been spared by the divine providence. Hence we take opportunity to invite you in the National Seminar.

Some of you might have sent your abstract or full papers or sent your registration fees etc. as academicians/ professionals or students. I very humbly request you to kindly remind us by mentioning your name, address, date, subject etc.

Those who have not applied earlier and want now to participate should do the needful at the earliest. We are attaching here Seminar Brochure in PDF (revised) for all of you to refresh your information and proceed in this venture. With kind regards and best wishes of the new year.

Yours in the service of God,

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National Seminar
“Religious Pluralism, Social Harmony and Inter-faith Dialogue”
February 18th to 20th, 2021
Thursday, Friday and Saturday

In Collaboration with
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New Delhi - 110 062
Religious Pluralism, Social Harmony and Inter-faith Dialogue

Religious Pluralism is unavoidable in the modern democratic society. Religious Pluralism considers harmonious existence of different religions, each exhibiting his own faith, own theories and own culture adding beauty to the society as a bouquet of religions and providing different alternatives as scope of spiritual growth to every individual according to his or her nature, need and taste. Great religious ideas of each one of them can also prove to be great civilizing factors of human society. But instead, as history reveals religions have sometimes become more a threatening agent to human survival than a civilizing agent to the human society. Blames may largely be attributed to Religious Fundamentalism. Religious Fundamentalism holds that only a particular religion of his or her is valid and superior, and hence capable of being a universal religion, and that every other religion be marginalized or destroyed. Religious pluralism holds that every country may have a dominant religion and culture but other religions and cultures should find their place within the banner of dominant religion.

Religious Pluralism in the democratic society also anticipates multi cultural way of living and belief which gives ways to atheistic approach of life.

In such a situation if religions are to exist in harmony with each other and the idea of no exclusion on the basis of religion has to be maintained in the democratic set up we must find a system which would accommodate pluralism while preserving and maintaining individual characteristics of each religion.

Social Harmony may, though be a very difficult task, be brought about on ground by working on different aspects of religion. One such aspect may be the consideration of nature of Truth as preached by religions in terms of universality. Religion must preach Truth in its true sense. Truth being universal in its nature must find its expression universally or else it becomes finite and subject to belief based on geography, caste, culture and creed. The more the Truth is universal the more it becomes acceptable and accommodative. The ideas of tolerance and acceptance become the natural outcome of Truth. We believe every religion has elements of universality.

To bring about a true harmony and understanding among different religions and countries Inter-faith Dialogue is thought to be an effective measure. One such historic inter-faith dialogue was held in Chicago in the World Parliament of Religions in the year 1893 when Swami Vivekananda represented Hinduism.

The indigenous religion called Sanatana Dharma or Hinduism accepts all religions as true. ‘Ekam sat viprah bahudha vadanti’- Truth is one and wise men name it variously, and ‘Chantare’pi va’ – Truth has been attained by seers even beyond our boundary, have been the realization of saints and seers of Hinduism and the same has been the raison d’etre of Religious and Cultural Pluralism in India.

Resource Persons and their research papers are invited from all corners for discussion and the Seminar likes to get the papers published for distribution among the seminars, participants, institutes and different centres of our Ashrama in India and abroad.
Sub topics of the Seminar:
A. Concept of Religious Pluralism
B. Universal Aspects of Religion vis-a-vis Social Harmony
C. Religious Pluralism and Social harmony
D. What in religion should be acceptable to the followers of other religions?
E. Can Religion be Complementary to each other?
F. Religious Pluralism and Universal Religion
G. Rationale behind Inter faith Dialogue
H. Believing in Toleration or a step ahead: All religions are true?
J. Swami Vivekananda’s concept of Universal Religion
K. Religious Pluralism and Indian Constitution
L. Failure and Success of Inter-faith Dialogue
M. Ideological Similarities and Differences in different Religions
N. Essentials and Non-essentials in Religion
O. Radicalization and De-radicalization of Society–A Psychological Analysis
P. Any other relevant topic

1. Submission Guidelines
   - Words limit for the Abstract is 250-300 words.
   - Words limit for the full paper is 2000-2500 words.
   - The Abstract and full papers are to be sent as a MS Word document.
   - For English content Font style should be in ‘Times New Roman’.
   - For Hindi content Font Style should be in ‘Mangal’.
   - Uniform font size ‘12’ should be maintained, for footnotes font size ‘10’ is to be maintained.
   - Text align should be ‘Justified’.
   - Line spacing should be ‘1.5’.
   - Footnoting submission full paper should be in the APA citation style.
   - Plagiarized submission will be subject to disqualification.
   - In case of any aberration from aforementioned guidelines the organizing committee shall reserve the right of disqualification.

2. Rules for Participation
   - No abstract or full paper shall be accepted after the last date of submission.
   - For participation, registration is mandatory. After confirmation of the participation, registered participants will be allowed to take part in Seminar.
   - Submission of full paper is mandatory for paper presentation and certificates.
   - There will be no change in paper as well as the name of author/co-author once accepted.
   - Only the selected papers will be considered for Souvenir which will be published after Seminar.
Note:
i) The registration fee is inclusive of conference kit, lunch, high tea, entry to all technical sessions, and certificates.

ii) Shared Accommodation may be provided to outstation participants requesting for it. For this, an additional fee of Rs.300/- per day has to be paid along with the registration fee.

3. Registration
Upon the selection of abstracts, the candidate will have to register by filling up the registration form. The filled up form along with the registration fee (in the form of Demand Draft/Cheque or the details of NEFT transfer) together with the Full Paper is to be sent in hard copy to the address mentioned later. A scanned copy of the Demand Draft/Cheque/NEFT details and the Registration form is to be sent to the e-mail address: <rkm.muzaffarpur@gmail.com>.

4. Important Dates
Submission of Abstract : 10th February, 2021
Confirmation of Abstract Selection : 12th February, 2021
Registration : 15th February, 2021
Submission of FULL paper : 15th February, 2021
Date of Seminar : 18th – 20th February, 2021

5. Abstract & Full Paper be sent to:
Soft Copy : rkm.muzaffarpur@gmail.com
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6. Important Downloads:
Details of Seminar and Registration Form can be downloaded from our website.

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