

Keynote Speakers - 1

1.

Prof. Dr. Charles Willemen

Rector and Teaching Professor,

The International Buddhist College, Thailand.



Prof. Dr. Charles Willemen is a well known scholar of Indology. He studied Latin, Greek, Chinese, Japanese and Sanskrit. He obtained his Ph.D. in the field of East-Asian Studies (University of Gent, Belgium). He was assistant, guest professor and professor at different universities in Belgium, China, Canada, Japan and Thailand. Currently he is rector and teaching professor at the International Buddhist College, Thailand. Has given more than 100 lectures in numerous countries. He has many publications including Numerous articles in International Journal. His some latest publications are Sarvāstivāda Buddhist Scholasticism. Leiden: Brill, The Chinese Hevajratāntra. Delhi: Motilal-Banarsidass (2004), The Essence of Scholasticism. Abhidharmahṛdaya. Delhi: Motilal-Banarsidass, Defining the Image. Delhi: Sri Satguru, Buddhacarita. In Praise of Buddha's Acts. Berkeley: Numata Centre, and A Collection of Important Odes of the Law. The Chinese Udanavarga. Berkeley: Institute of Buddhist Studies and BDK America.

2.

Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta –

Former vice chancellor of Kalyani university.

Prof. Philosophy, University of Calcutta



Prof. Dilipkumar Mohanta is former Vice Chancellor, The Sanskrit College and University, Kolkata & Former Vice Chancellor, University of Kalyani, Nadia District, West Bengal. He is Professor of Philosophy, University of Calcutta. He obtained university qualifications from Visva-Bharati, Santiniketan. His specialized fields and interest are Indian Philosophy, Comparative Religion, Interreligious Understanding and Dialogue, Integral Humanism, Religion & Women, Religion & Environment, Environmental Ethics & Indian Philosophical tradition, Modern Indian Philosophy (Thoughts of Swami Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Rabindranath Tagore, M. K. Gandhi, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay). He is members of many National and International bodies. Awarded Jens Jacobsen Prize (2016) at Warsaw by The Society for Universal Dialogue (International Academic Body of Philosophers) for his outstanding research paper titled “Interfaith Dialogue and Vivekananda’s Vedantic Model of Religious Pluralism”. His special achievement are Post-doctoral Research in IIAS (Shimla, India), Institute of Religious Pluralism, University of California, Santa Barbara (USA), University of Florida (USA)

as Fulbright -Nehru Visiting Lecturer, William Paton Fellow at the John Hick Center of Philosophy of Religion, School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion (University of Birmingham, U. K.)

3.

Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma,

Former Chair and Prof. Sanskrit,
Allahabad University, Allahabad, India



A Sanskrit scholar and poet of International repute Prof. Hari Dutt Sharma was professor & Head, Department of Sanskrit, University of Allahabad. Born at Hathras U.P. in 1948, he won six Gold & Silver Medals for standing 1st in M.A. and obtained D.Phil. degree in 1975. 29 research works have

been conducted under his supervision. Prof Sharma has authored 14 books, both creative and critical, and 75 research papers to his credit. He received Uttar Pradesh Sanskrit Sansthan 'Vishishta Puraskar' & Awards on 5 books, Delhi Sanskrit Akademi Award on 1 book and Sahitya Akademi Award on 1 book. Prof. Sharma has visited 16 foreign countries on academic and cultural tour, mainly : Germany, France, Netherlands, Austria, Thailand Malaysia, Indonesia, Italy, America, Mauritius, Scotland, Japan etc. He was Visiting Professor of Sanskrit, Silpakorn University, Bangkok, Thailand for three years. He actively participated in 30 International conferences, more than hundred national conferences and seminars and chaired sessions. He has been member of high administrative and academic bodies in several universities.. His books are prescribed in courses in universities and research works have been conducted on them.. He was elected Vice President of 'All India Oriental Conference' in 2012. He is a reputed member of the 'Consultative Committee' of 'International Association of Sanskrit Studies' since 2012. He was honoured with the prestigious 'President's Certificate of Honour'. in 2015.

4.

Dr.S. Ramaratnam,

Vice Chancellor, Jagadguru Kripalu University, Odisha



Dr. S. Ramaratnam is the Vice Chancellor of Jagadguru Kripalu University, Odisha. Before taking up the present assignment, he was working as the Vice Chancellor of Sri Sri University, Odisha. Having worked as the Director of Management Institutes and Principal of Colleges, he has nearly 50 years of experience in the academic world. A major part of his career was spent in Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda College, Chennai, where he worked as Professor of Sanskrit and the Principal. The qualifications of Dr. Ramaratnam speak for themselves. He is an M.A. Ph.D. in Sanskrit. His other qualifications include a D.Litt degree, M.A. in Philosophy, M.Sc. in Psychology, M.B.A. and M.Phil (Management). In all he has 5 graduate degrees, 5 Post Graduate degrees and Diplomas in Telugu, Kannada, French, German and in 7 other subjects. Dr. Ramaratnam is truly a multi-faceted personality, that he is. He has been awarded titles such as Samskrta Ratna, Sahitya Vallabha, Kala Sastra Parangata and Bharata Kala Nipuna. He has also been awarded Eminent Academician award by the Rotary Club, Chennai and Jaro Educational Society, Mumbai. He has worked as Visiting Professor at Oxford University and Mauritius University. Dr. Ramaratnam has presented papers in conferences held in Germany, Holland, Austria, Australia, UK, USA, South Africa, China, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Mauritius and has also presided over

sessions in many of them. He has authored a number of books and over 50 articles in leading Journals (website: ratnam.weebly.com). His latest books are Management Mantras, Sanskrit Drama, The Ritual Traditions of India and the Yogasūtra of Patañjali.

5.

Dr (Mrs) Veedotma Koonjal

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Republic of Mauritius, Mauritian



Dr (Mrs) Veedotma Koonjal is Director, Mahatma Gandhi Institute. She obtained Doctorate in Business Administration (Leeds Beckett University) UK, Doctorate in Leadership (Preston University) USA, MBA (University of Wales;/University of Manchester), Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators Professional Degree (ICSA). Besides these she has many academic achievements. She is also a board member in many organisations in Mauritius such as the *Apravasi Ghat Trust Fund* and *Le Morne Heritage Trust Fund*. She is recently appointed as Chairperson of the board of Shri Satye Sai School of Mauritius. Her fields of interest are namely in Leadership, Management, Hindi Studies, Philosophy and Sanskrit. Before working at the MGI she has been assuming several senior positions in the Public/Parapublic as Secretary at the PSSA, Assistant Manager at the Industrial and Vocational Training Board (IVTB) and Secretary of the Small and Medium Industries Development Organisation (SMIDO). She has an overall experience of about 25 years at Senior Management level. She academically also presented several papers in International Conferences and have published some of them.

6.

Prof. Amal Kumar Harh,

Professor & Head, Department of
Philosophy, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma
University, Cooch Behar, West Bengal, India



Amal Kumar Harh has been teaching Philosophy for a couple of decades, having researched in the area of classical Indian thought. Presently, he is teaching Philosophy as Professor & Head, Department of Philosophy, Cooch Behar Panchanan Barma University, Cooch Behar, West Bengal and also worked as Registrar (Actg.) of this University. He has written three books in Indian Philosophy and also presented papers in various national and international seminars as a resource person. He has published several research papers and reviewed two books in professional journals of which one from IAS, Shimla.

7.

Dr. Mangala R. Chinchore,

Sadashiv Peth, Laxmi-Keshav Apartment,
Near Chimnya Ganpathi Chowk,
Pune (Maharashtra)



Dr. (Miss) Chinchore, Mangala Ramchandra , fields of specialization is Philosophy. She did her college and university education at Pune University. She has about 32 years research-experience.. She joined Pune University (1984) and worked till Sept. 2014, working in various teaching-positions (for 30 years). She is former Professor and Head, Department of Philosophy and also Department of Buddhist Studies, Pune University. She has completed UGC sponsored eight research-projects, which are published in book-form from International Publishers. My area of research-interest is Classical Indian Philosophy in general and Buddhist Philosophy in particular; especially Logic and Epistemology. She guided three Post-doctoral; six Ph.D.; three M. Phil. students. She is felicitated by four National Awards by the Indian Philosophical Congress, and recognized by thirteen International and four National Honours. In-all seven sole-authored books, three Tibetan to Sanskrit Translations, and two edited-books are to her credit in the form of publications; out of which three are recognized by Swami Pranavananda Best Book Award, Indian Philosophical Congress. She has contributed numerous research-papers to various journals, commemorative-volumes and anthologies, and different articles are published in Encyclopedias; so too she worked as editor and advisor to them. she was invited to Chair a Session and participate in various National and International Seminars and Conferences, delivered lectures as Visiting Professor, and contributed as Subject-Expert to renowned Institutions and Organizations.

8.

Prof. Manjulika Ghosh,
Former Professor of Philosophy,
and UGC Emeritus Fellow,
University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, W.B. India.



About the author: Former Professor of Philosophy and UGC Emeritus Fellow, University of North Bengal, Darjeeling, W.B. India. Specializes in ethics, analytic philosophy and phenomenology. Areas of interest include aesthetics and Buddhism. Published research papers in national and international journals and edited volumes. Published the book, *Performatives, Knowledge and Truth*. Did post-doctoral work on Philosophy of Language from the Phenomenological and Existentialist Points of Views” from the Budapest University, Hungary. Extensively travelled in Asia and Europe on invitation and presented papers in universities and Institutes there. Awarded the Jacobsen Trust Prize in 1916 for the best paper on the theme “Art and its Value: Theory and Praxis” in the ISUD XI World Congress at Warsaw, Poland. Currently, working on the projects “Philosophy of the Child” and “Religious Pluralism: the Ways and Means.”

9.

Prof. Binodini Das,
Former Professor of History,
Ravenshaw University, Cuttack, Odisha



Prof(Dr). Binodini Das obtained her M.A., M. Phil and degree in Ph.D. in History from Utkal University, Vani Vihar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha maintaining a good academic career. She served both to Government colleges and Ravenshw University for more than 35 years. Her field of interest in research is Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology. Two of her research books, “SOCIO- ECONOMICS LIFE OF ORISSA(C.AD.400-1200) & “HISTORY OF MODERN ORISSA” have been published. 10 scholars have been awarded Ph.D. degree under her guidance and other 8scholars are also continuing Ph.D. work. Under her supervision 19 M. Phil scholars have been awarded degrees in History. Nearly 100 articles of her have been published in different national and international refereed journals, proceedings and books. She has also attended national and international seminars, conferences and conclaves both in India and Abroad as participants and resource personnel.

10.

Dr. Saral Jhingran

Former Research Scientist & UGC Post-Doctoral fellowship



Dr. Saral Jhingran is doctorate in Vedanta(1972). She had three UGC Post doctoral Fellowships, including the last as Research Scientist, B, in which capacity she was affiliated first to Rajasthan University, Jaipur, and then to Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, New Delhi. She also taught to post graduate classes in my capacity as Research Scientist at Rajasthan University, Jaipur for 2 years. However, she did not opt for a job for personal reasons. She has presented papers in a large number of Seminars and Philosophical Congresses., including the World Assembly of WFIRC at Washington, in 2008; International Conference of Philosophy, New Delhi, 2008, etc. ; and have also regularly given lectures at JNU and NMML, New Delhi. Saral Jhingran's uniqueness consists in her multiple interests which include philosophy of religion, ethics-her main interest-, and various sociological issues. This has given to her works a comprehensive .She has six publications in form of books and 45 published research papers on her credit in which several in anthologies, rest in various journals of philosophy (IPQ, JICPR), Philosophy of Religion and Secularism, and two in foreign journals. Four papers have been published in the Series on History of Indian Culture, Philosophy and Science.

11.

Daya Dissanayake

Udumulla Roa, Battaramulla,
Sri Lanka



Daya Dissanayake, Sri Lankan bilingual writer, poet, journalist and independent researcher on history and religion. Has published 8 novels in English and 6 in Sinhala, and one collection of poetry in English. He published the First e-novel in Asia and the First Sinhala e-novel. Won the State Literary Award for the Best English Novel three times, and the SAARC Literary Award. Participated in international conferences on Literature, Buddhism, Archaeology and Sufism. He won the SAARC Literary Award 2013, at Agra, India. Won the State Literary Award THREE TIMES, 1998, 2007 & 2013 for the Best English Novel, and shared the award for the first ever Swarna Pusthaka for the Best Sinhala Novel. He is president of the Colombo District Writers' Organization and Vice-President of the Sri Lanka Writers' National Organization. Published the First Asian e-novel in English and also the First Sinhala e-novel. Served on the Swarna Pusthaka (Golden Book Award) panel for three years to pick the short list, and the Godage Award for the best Sinhala Translation, and to select the Godage awards

for the English Novel, Short Stories and Poems. Serve on the manuscript evaluation panel of the National Library of Sri Lanka. He is also Country Coordinator, International Conference on Buddhist Archaeology in China and South Asia. Coordinator in Sri Lanka for the Foundation of SAARC writers and Literature (FOSWAL).

12.

Prof. Dr. Hab Marta Kudelska

Professor and the Chair,
Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilizations,
Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland



Prof. Dr. Hab Marta Kudelska - a Full Professor and the Chair of the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations, Jagiellonian University, Krakow, Poland. Her research interests include Indian philosophy and Sanskrit literature. Her main book publications are: *The Cosmological Scheme of Classical Upanishads* (1996), *Karman and Dharma. The Vision of the World in the Philosophical Thought of India* (2003), *Why is the "I" rather than "That". Ontology of the Subject in the Upanishads* (2009). She also translated the Upanishads into Polish. From 2014 she is the manager of the project *Birla mandirs - the contemporary Hindu temple complexes as an example of modernization by going back to tradition* - research project in the National Science Centre, Poland

13.

Dr. Agnieszka Staszczyk

Assistant Professor,
Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilizations,
Jagiellonian University



Dr. Agnieszka Staszczyk - an Assistant Professor at the Centre for Comparative Studies of Civilisations, Jagiellonian University. Her research concerns the early art of the Indian subcontinent, particularly its iconography and the origin of religious representations. She is the author of the monograph on Mathura sculpture: *Hindu Sculpture in Mathura from 2nd CE to 4th CE. Iconography and Form*. She is the key investigator in the Birla project.

14.

Professor Kanti Lal Das,

Department of Philosophy,

University of North Bengal,



Dr. Kanti Lal Das is a senior Professor in the Department of Philosophy, University of North Bengal. He is also holding the additional charge of UGC HRDC, NBU. He is also the Coordinator, UGC SAP DRS III, Department of Philosophy. His special areas of interest are: Philosophy of Language, Logic, Environmental Ethics, Contemporary theory of Justice, Religion and morality. He has published eight books and more than 40 articles in various national and international journals. Ten PhD Scholars have already been awarded doctoral degree and 15 scholars have been awarded M.Phil degree under his guidance. He has visited Hiroshima, Japan; Athens, Greek; Singapore for attending international conference. He has represented and is representing as member of various research bodies in national universities. He has delivered lectures as visiting fellow in various universities as well.

15.

Prof. (Dr.) Suhas Vasudeo Chavan,

Director, Institute of Science and Religion, Navi Mumbai.
Management and Educational consultant



Prof. Suhas Chavan is currently a management and educational consultant and Director of Institute of Science and Religion, Navi Mumbai.. He is Doctorate in Management subject specialized in CSR based on Vedic wisdom. He has done his MBA in Finance from prestigious management institute “Jamnalal Bajaj Institute of Management Studies, Mumbai” and also a graduate in commerce and also law from University of Mumbai. He is a research guide for management and also a professional accountant. He has done extensive research in various areas of management. He possess more than 23 years’ senior level experience in the area of Finance, Law, Management etc. in reputed companies in India & abroad while working with corporate and also is having more than 10 years experience in academics in leading

Indian and foreign universities/institutes in the subjects of Finance & management and law. He has delivered lectures, organized seminars & workshops in Indian & Foreign Universities in Finance & management subjects and recipient of NAAC award for best faculty. He has participated and presented papers in National and International seminars in the subject of Value Based Management, Business Ethics.

16.

Dr. Jayanti Ranganathan Chavan,
Founder President, Institute of Science and Religion,
Navi Mumbai



Dr.(Mrs.) Jayanti Ranganathan Chavan is the founder President of Institute of Science and Religion based at Navi Mumbai, India. She has been actively conducting several outreaches/workshop and participating in college/University festivals and presented more than 40 papers in National and International conferences in tune with Institute's mission synthesizing science and spirituality in India and abroad. As a counselor for inclusive holistic education integrating sciences and spirituality and as a social scientist she is actively involved in guiding the intellectual/youth community towards constructive societal engagement and their holistic development. She is a life member of Indian Women Scientists' Association (IWSA). She has organized two regional conferences and one national conference all in association with campus and university on behalf of the institute. She has authored a publication and edited three conference proceedings. She has a unique blend of academics covering both science and philosophy. She has done her Masters in Philosophy and Religion and B.Sc. in Mathematics and completed her Postgraduate diploma in Data Processing-computer applications (from Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan's Rajendra Prasad Institute of communication and Management, Bombay, India). She had received Govt. open merit scholarship from Mumbai University for two consecutive years (1978-79 and 1979-80) during graduate studies. She also received award at inter-collegiate debate competition organized by Lions club of Chembur in 1978. She is also former HOD in computer division of St. Xavier's Technical College, Mumbai, and also served the BTE(Board of Technical Education, Maharashtra).

17.

Dr Arpita Sharma

**Associate Professor in Computer Science
Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College of Delhi University**



Dr Arpita Sharma, is an Associate Professor in Computer Science Dept of Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College of Delhi University. She has published around 30 papers in national/international conferences and peer reviewed journals. She has keen interest in reading Indian scriptures and spirituality related literature.

18.

Ms Sheetal B Sachdev

**Professor in Commerce,
Maharaja Agrasen College of Delhi University**



Ms Sheetal B Sachdev is working as Associate Professor in Commerce with Maharaja Agrasen College since 2005. She has been associated with IGNOU and School of Open Learning in the past. She has completed her second masters in spiritual sciences ie value education and spirituality from distance learning program of Annamalai University and very much keen in doing some good research work in the field of spirituality.

19.

Prof (Dr.) Veenus Jain
Professor, Amity Institute of Social Sciences
Amity University,
Sector 125, Noida,, Uttar Pradesh



Prof (Dr.) Veenus Jain is Masters in Ancient History and Medieval History respectively along with M. Phil in History. She earned her doctorate in 2000 for her thesis entitled “System of Devadasis in India” for which she received the significant contribution award. She holds bachelor degree in Law as well as in Education and Masters in Business Administration with specialization in Human Resource Management. She commenced her career as Coordinator in the Galaxy Education System and became the Principal and Human Resources Manager at K. P. S. Global Indian International School and Director, Global Indian International School, Gandhidham. Dr. Veenus joined Amity University as Professor and Junior Vice-President in 2006. She is currently serving as Professor at Amity Institute of Social Sciences and General Manager at Amity University, Noida, Uttar Pradesh. Dr. Jain contributed more than 30 research papers and is serving as editorial member of many refereed and indexed international and national journals. She has conducted various training and development programs, organised International conferences and is advisory board member of several professional organizations of national and international repute. She has been felicitated with numerous awards and honours such as gold medal for her M. A. Ancient History and M. Phil degrees. She has received the President Award by the President of India for her service to the nation and Outstanding Educator and Scholar Award from National Foundation for Entrepreneurship Development (NFED) for her splendid contribution to Research and Teaching in the field of History.

20.

Dr. Alka Maurya
Associate Professor
Amity International Business School
Sector 125, Noida,Uttar Pradesh



Dr. Alka is an Associate Professor at Amity International Business School, Amity University, Noida. She is a Computer Science Graduate and has done her Maters in International Business from Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, New Delhi. Her area of specialization is International Business and she is engaged in teaching subjects like WTO, Global Business Management, Trade Logistics and documentation, Managing Business in Emerging Markets to post graduate students. She has over 20 years of experience in teaching, research and consulting. During her last

assignment with the Plastics Export Promotion Council (Plexconcil) as Dy. Director she worked on number of projects for promoting exports of plastic products from India. She conducted training programs on “Exporting Plastic Products from India” and “Foreign Trade Policy” during her tenure at Plexconcil. While working with National Centre for Trade Information (NCTI), a UN designated Trade Point in India, she prepared several market and product feasibility reports for Ministry of Commerce, Export Promotion Councils, Trade Promotion Organisations, MNCs and SMEs. She has received training from ITC on trade information sources on internet. She has presented her research work in many national and international conferences and has authored 3 books. Her research works is published in reputed national and international research journals.

21.

Prof. Suresh Kumar

Head, Department of African Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences,
University of Delhi, India.



Prof. Suresh Kumar is Head, Department of African Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Delhi, India. He is the **Chief Collaborator** of the Indian Council of Social Science Research and National Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences, South Africa (ICSSR-NIHSS) **International Joint Research Project on Religion, Yoga and Education in India and South Africa** (2016-2018). He is the Chief Editor of [Africaindia.org](http://www.africaindia.org) (<http://www.africaindia.org>) and traveled widely in East Asia, Europe, South America and Africa (Nearly 30 Countries) for research and teaching assignments.

22.

J. L. Athal (Krishna)

Youth Leader, Former chairman, The
National Youth Council of Mauritius,

Executive Director, YUVA
Head Office, Level 2, Jade Court,
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Krishna Athal is a young, motivated man with great vision who is passionate about making change a reality and backing the youth of the world to do just that. He is a youth leader, former chairman of the National Youth Council of Mauritius and Executive Director of one of the largest youth-led organisation of Africa, YUVA in Mauritius. His political leadership book “Ramrajya: An Enigmatic Leader’s Rise to Power” has been a bestselling in Mauritius. No stone gets left unturned with Athal pushing to achieve a new generation of thinkers among millennials both in Mauritius as well as across the world. A recipient of national and international awards, Athal rarely conforms to the norms, and society averages in his constant strive for a

higher standard. This changemaker wishes to leave in his wake inspiration, challenges and most of all change. Despite all the above, he is only a human being and can be totally unwise, silly and unpredictable sometimes.

23.

Mihai-Dan Chițoiu
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Mihai-Dan Chițoiu is a Professor in Philosophy Department, Faculty of Philosophy and Social-Political Sciences, Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iasi, Romania. His specialized fields of study and research are Eastern-European Philosophy & Spirituality , Byzantine Philosophy , Christian Phenomenology , Hermeneutics. He has delivered many Scholarly Presentations and Invited Lectures . He has four books in his publication and many research papers and articles. He is Project Director On “Human Person, Determinism and Free Will, within the Science and Orthodoxy”, Research and Education Grant, Templeton Foundation,

He is former Research Fellow on The Knowledge Based Society Project, Project, with the double financing of the European Union and the Government of Romania by the European Social Fund in connection with the Sectorial application programs for the development of human assets 2007-2013 (April 2011 – March 2013)

Senior Researcher and Team Coordinator: Innovation and Development in the structuring and representation of knowledge through doctoral and postdoctoral fellowship POSDRU/159/1.5/S/133675, with the double financing of the European Union and the Government of Romania by the European Social Fund (2014-2015).

24.

Juichiro Tanabe.
Kumamoto University
Kurokami Chuo-ku Kumamoto, JAPAN



A biographical statement: Juichiro Tanabe is an assistant professor of Kumamoto University, Japan, teaching peace and conflict studies. He is an author of “Buddhism and non-violent world: Examining a Buddhist contribution to promoting the principle of non-violence and culture of peace” (In Factis Pax Journal of Peace Education and Social Justice, November 2014), “A Buddhist philosophy of the human mind for a sustainable future” (Eubios Journal of Asian and International Bioethics, March 2016), “Buddhism and Peace Theory: Exploring a Buddhist Inner Peace” (The International Journal of Peace Studies, December 2016), “Buddhist philosophy of the global mind” for sustainable peace” (Dialogue and Universalism, April 2017), “A Buddhist Philosophy of Global Mind for Peaceful Future” (Philosophy Study, June 2017) and “Beyond liberal peace: A

philosophical critique of liberal peacebuilding and exploring a postmodern post-liberal hybrid model of peacebuilding” (Sandhan, in press). His current research themes are “Religion and peace”, “Human mind and sustainable peace”, and “Model of post-liberal peace.”

25.

Dr. B.V. Venkatakrishna Sastry,

CEO and Researcher & Director and Dean,
Indus Business Academy, Florida, USA



Dr. BVK Sastry is the Founder –President of Yoga-Samskrutham University', Florida, USA. Dr. Sastry, hails from Karnataka, South India. He holds a Ph.D in Sanskrit. He is trained in several disciplines related with Samskruth studies, research and Yoga, he hails from, Karnataka, India. Dr. Sastry is an Educator, On-Line Education Technologist and a Content Developer with three decades of experience, internationally. C-School is an innovative management education concept visioned and developed by Dr. BVK Sastry. The C-school is getting ready to offer a Masters of Business Applications in Applied Yogas as an international dual degree program training Yoga-empowered leadership who will aim for corporate governance for wellness. Sastry has served the cause of Samskruth related digital standards, in the capacity of an invited- member for the 'Vedic Unicode proposal'. Dr.Sastry holds a US Patent on Samskruth and Computer applications related product. One of his innovations is 'One Keyboard for All Indian Languages, based on Brahmi Phonetics'. Dr. Sastry is promoter of many innovative Language-Appropriate Technology projects using Paninian Samskrutham for building Voice Interface for Non-English like Languages. Dr.Sastry has many publications, conference proceedings, articles, Teaching Programs to his credit. Dr.Sastry has been honored on many platforms by institutions recognizing excellence of contributions in the field of Samskruth and Yoga.

26.

Dr Jasbir Chawla,

President ||WAAK||,
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Dr.Jasbir Chawla, Metallurgical Engineer, technocrat, retired from Ministry of steel, attracted to Buddhism in fag end of employment, found out the secret of Jatak stories. The long experience of working in industrial environment coupled with training methodology helped him to identify the applicability of Jatak atthakatha to modern managerial problem_solution. After obtaining Ph.D from Punjab University, is dedicated to the propagation of Buddhist Management. He has written three , out of ten envisioned volumes on the way of Buddhist Management, namely, a. Management of Corruption, b. Management of marital relationship and c .Development of managerial skills

27.

Dr. Bhosale Jalindar Ganpat

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Dr. Jalindar Bhosale working as Associate Professor & Head, Department of History at Maharashtra Education Society's Abasaheb Garware College, Pune (Maharashtra). He has completed my M. A. in history with First Class First Rank from Department of History, University of Pune, and also completed M. Phil. & Ph. D. from Department of History, University of Pune. My area of study is social history of modern Maharashtra. He has received following awards and prizes : i. The Shreemant Narayanrao Babasaheb Ghorpade of Ichalkaranji Prize., ii. Itihaskar Vishnu Sitaram Chitale Paritoshik. And iii. The Late Shankar Narhar Arankalle Smruti Paritoshik and felicitated by 'Adarsh Shakshak Purskar' in 2007 by Bal Shikshan Kendra, Pune . He has 30 years of teaching experience at UG and PG level. I am a recognized Teacher for Post Graduate Courses and a research guide at Savitribai Phule Pune University, Pune. He is author of 17 books, edited 06 books, presented 34 research Papers and Participated in 40 Conferences/Seminars and Work Shops at national and International level. He has organized 03 International Conferences, 07 National level seminars, 05 state level seminars, 03 state Level Exhibitions on "Sources of History" and 02 University level workshops.

28.

Prof A Jagan Mohan Reddy

Symbiosis Institute of Business Management,

Symbiosis International University,

Hyderabad



D. rA Jagan Mohan Reddy is a Gold Medalist in Economics with an M.Phil. Degree from JNU, New Delhi. He has obtained his MBA & LLB degrees from Osmania, apart from the PGDIR&PM from Bhavans, New Delhi. Dr Reddy worked on Sickness among SSIs for his PhD from SKDU.He has more than 2 Decades of Industry experience and for the last 17 years he is in the teaching-cum-research line. Though he teaches

HRM,OB & BP&S his passion is to synchronize ancient wisdom with modern management. Recently his articles, synchronizing ancient wisdom with modern management, have been brought out in the form of a book by Tattvaloka, A Shringeri Publication titled "Spiritual Guidelines for Management Success".

Area of Specialization: Human Resource Management ,OB,BP&S and Ethics

He has presented several research papers in various National and International conferences apart from publishing many articles in National/International Journals and contributed chapters in book form.

29.

Dr. B.R. Shantha Kumari,

Associate Professor, Philosophy,

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Dr. Talat Praveen is an assistant professor, in the department of Pali and Buddhist Literature, Savitribai Phule Pune University. She has completed M.A., M. Phil and Ph. D in Buddhist Studies from Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Delhi, her specialization is in Pali Language and literature. She teaches Abhidhamma Philosophy, Buddhist History, Buddhist Psychology and Pali Grammar for M.A courses. She also teaches M. Phil, PHD courses students as well as part time courses students. Before joining in the Pune University, she was teaching M.A Buddhist studies course, certificate and Diploma courses of Pali in the Delhi University. Her research interest fields are Abhidhamma Philosophy, Sutta literature, Socially Engaged Buddhism, Buddhist Psychology, Buddhist History , Human Right and Pali Language. Since 2013, she is an In– charge of Human Right Programme in the Department, which is selected by the University of Pune. She has participated and attended several national and international seminars / conferences. She has also delivered many public talks to bring awareness of moral values in the ultra-modern society. She is also involved in many social works.

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