

Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) is organizing a National Workshop in the Department of Philosophy, University of Mumbai on “The Philosophy of *Amritanubhava*” from the

4th of July to the 10th of July 2018

(Timings: 10 A.M- 5:30 P.M. Venue : Department of Philosophy, Sant Jnaneshwar Bhavan, University of Mumbai- Kalina Campus, Santacruz(E), Mumbai-400098)

Saint Jnaneshwar or Jnanadeva as popularly known by his disciples is considered to be the first to have written a complete philosophical work in Marathi language. He had a short but extremely productive life. Disregarding all the difficulties he faced along with his siblings, he went on to establish himself as a scholar par excellence in the field of Indian Philosophy. Going against the popular fashion of his times, he was bold enough to write all of his works in the language of the local people, thereby allowing even the common folk complete access to his philosophy and knowledge.

He wrote several works of which the following are available:

1. Jnaneshwari or Bhavarth Dipika
2. Amritanubhava
3. Changadeva-Pasashthi
4. Haripatha
5. Namana
6. Various Abhangas

Saint Jnaneshwar’s abhangas paired with his friendship and camaraderie with fellow saint Namadeva of Pandharpur laid the foundations of the Bhakti cult in Maharashtra.

While his most famous work to date remains Jnaneshwari, which is a commentary on the Bhagawad Gita, which he wrote while he was only thirteen, the current workshop chooses to focus on his work ‘Amritanubhava.’ Roughly translated, it means ‘the experience of bliss’. Saint Jnaneshwar wrote this work when advised by his Guru and his elder brother Nivrattinath to write a treatise on his spiritual experiences.

In the words of Dr B.P. Bahirat, a scholar on Amritanubhava, “Saint Jnaneshwar relies upon his own religious experience and original philosophical insight to write this text instead of basing it on ancient authoritarian texts such as Upanishads or the Vedantas. The theory of Sphurtivada is expounded in this work which shows a blend of logical acumen and poetic imagery.”

The Amritanubhava also consists of Saint Jnaneshwar's refutation of the theory of Sankhya, the subjective idealism and nihilism of the Buddhists, and the Mayavada of Sankaracharya. Amritanubhava reveals the concept of 'Akritrima Bhakti' which is unique to Saint Jnaneshwar.

The present workshop aims at looking at the philosophical nuances of Amritanubhava by lectures and discussions with scholars and textual reading. Participants will get an opportunity to present papers at the end which look at Amritanubhava from the aspects of literature, ontology, epistemology, liberation and social ethics.

For the selected outstation participants, the expenses for travel by 3rd class A/C, boarding and lodging and course-literature would be borne by the ICPR. The local participants will be provided TA as permissible & decided by the ICPR. The intending participants may apply by 30th June 2018

Kindly register at events.philosophy@gmail.com before the 30th of June 2018 by entering the following details

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