

National Workshop on Reading Advaitasiddhi

(With special reference to Prapancha-Mithyatvam)

Duration: 13-22 July, 2015

Applications are invited for a 10 days Workshop on Reading Advaitasiddhi to be conducted at the Academic Centre of ICPR, Lucknow from 13-22 July, 2015. Workshop shall be conducted by Professor Raja Ram Shukla, BHU. Professor Mani Dravid, Chennai and Professor Prahladachar, Bangalore shall be resource persons. Selected participants shall be reimbursed 3rd AC Rail fare through shortest route from their stay/Institute and ICPR shall take care of local hospitality during the workshop. Interested teachers and scholars may send their applications through proper channel as **scanned** copy by email (followed by hard copy via post) up to 15th of June 2015 to the Programme Officer, Academic Centre, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, 3/9 Vipul Khand, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow 226010 or icprkw@gmail.com or centre@icpr.in.

In Indian philosophical tradition, polemical literature started with the polemics between Buddhist logicians and Nyaya logicians. Then, it spread to Vedanta and the other systems of Indian Philosophy. The Advaita Vedanta had to enter into polemics with Nyaya, Samkhya etc. before the advent of Dvaita school of Vedanta. The major concepts of Advaita Vedanta viz the concept of निर्गुणब्रह्मन्, अविद्या, अध्यास, जगन्मिथ्यात्व, भेदमिथ्यात्व, सत्तात्रैविध्य, प्रमाणानाम् अविद्यावद्विशयत्व etc. were not acceptable to the other systems of Indian Philosophy. They challenged these concepts and initiated polemics on these issues.

Shri Madhvacharya takes up the above Advaita concepts for a review and makes strong counter formulations on the basis of Shruti. With this background of the development of Dvaita-Advaita dialectics the rise of Nyayamrita of Shri Vyasa-tirtha marks the Himalayan highs of the Dvaita-Advaita polemics. The first important task achieved by Nyayamrita has been to bring together the scattered material on Advaita thought and put it in a systematic form. Right from Padmapada to chitsukha different definitions of Mithyatva, Ajnana, Adhyasa etc. were proposed.

The concept of Mithyatva is very vital to Advaita since the doctrine of Advaita could be established only by pointing out the Mithyatva of Dvaita. Therefore, eminent Advaita writers have offered a number of definitions of Mithyatva and deduced a number of syllogistic arguments to prove Mithyatva. This workshop is organized with intention to conduct the line by line reading of Mithyatva portion of Advaitasiddhi and have a vital discussion from the various points of views.

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APPLICATION FOR ICPR Textual Workshop on *Reading Advaitasiddhi*

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