

ICPR SEMINAR
ON
PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS OF KAUTILAY'S ARTHASHASTRA

The Arthashastra of Kautilya is one of the most significant and exhaustive treatises on applied philosophy dealing with social, political, economic and cultural life of a civilized society. Apart from stating the methodological principles of theorizing and system building (*Tantra yuktis*) it deals with various topics pertaining to different knowledge disciplines. It reflects vast realm of knowledge of the glorious intellectual past of India. It embodies several seminal ideas, key concepts and theories which need subtle philosophical analysis in modern context for cosmic wellness. So far there has not been any systematic philosophical study of this valuable text. The aim of this seminar is not just to describe the contents of the book but to delineate on their precise meaning and implications for contemporary times so that their purposefulness is properly appreciated and made use of. In our deliberations we propose to bring out meaningful implications of the rich ideas contained in this text so as to point out its distinctness in terms of contemporary relevance and utility. Of particular importance are dharmic- embeddings, efficacious management, good political governance and universal welfarism.

Kautilya was a down to earth practical visionary, a thinker of ingenuity, erudite scholar and a strategist. His views were the culmination of a long drawn tradition which he inherited, systematized and gave a coherent shape. On the basis of experience and reasoning he propounded practical and applied principles pertaining to statecraft, political governance, social organization, economic set up and international relations. Arthashastra is composed in 15 books, 150 chapters and 180 topics in a sutra style.

There are many subjects and topics to be dealt with in this seminar from philosophical perspectives. You are cordially invited to present a well researched and well thought out paper. We appreciate analytic papers only and not

descriptive ones. Selected papers will be presented after evaluation by competent experts. Kindly send your learned papers latest by 15th September, 2017 via email to seminar.icpr@gmail.com in Hindi or English (Typed, doc format, English - Times New Roman fonts size 12, Hindi –Unicode or any other font, size 14-16 (in the case of any other fonts than Unicode please send font also). No papers will be accepted thereafter. The venue of the seminar is Chanakya International Institute of Leadership Studies, Vidyanagari Campus, University of Mumbai. You will be provided free hospitality and travel as per ICPR rules.

Some of the concepts and topics are mentioned below:

Concepts:--

Anvikshaki, Artha and Arthashastra Rajarshi Rajamandala, Dandaniti, Dharma and Rajadharma, Saptaprakriti, Labha, Raksana, Palana, Prajasukh, Yoga-kshema, etc.

Topics:

Tantrayuktis and Research Methodology; Nation and Nationality; Decision-making; General Management and Leadership; Good Governance and Welfare state; Holistic Development; Economic Development; Revenue Generation and Financial Management; Effective Administration; Eliminating Corruption; Internal security, Law and order and judicial system; Women Empowerment; Social Justice; Diplomacy, Espionage and Foreign Relations; Military Science, Defense and Security Studies and warfare Strategies; Conflict Management, geology, Agriculture and Agro-industries ; Ayurveda; Environmentalism, etc.