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Dates: 24 - 27 August, 2017

Venue: Santhigiri Ashram, Thiruvananthapuram

Accommodation

Local Hospitality and travel from any air port in India is provided to foreign delegates and senior Indian scholars. Local Hospitality covers: Food, accommodation in suitable Guest Houses / Hostels, and Conference materials. Local delegates are not eligible for accommodation.

Call for Papers

Abstract of papers on topics relevant to the Plenary/ Parallel sessions are invited from those who want to present papers at the conference. The abstracts should not exceed 300 words (maximum half A-4 size page) and the length of the full paper should be within 5000 words (not more than 15 A-4 size pages). (Rest of the matter same) Please send abstract as an attachment by email to: globaldharmacon@gmail.com gopikgopi@yahoo.com

Those who are not submitting the abstract and still interested to attend the conference can do so as OBSERVER by filling up the registration form.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date for receiving Abstract: June 20, 2017

Intimation of Acceptance of abstract-June 30,2017

Last date for receiving the full paper:July:15,2017

Travel Grant intimation : June 20, 2017

Registration Fee:

Indian Scholars: Rs.1000/-

Foreign Scholars:\$100/-

Students: Rs.500/-

Proceedings

All selected papers will be edited by a review committee and published as proceedings after the conference positively within four months. The final decision on the selection of papers rest with the review committee. All registered participants will get a free copy by courier



Gurucharanam Saranam

Santhigiri

Global Spiritual Conclave

**Dharma- Ideal &
Praxis in the
Emerging
Global Scenario**

Date August 24 to 27, 2017
Venue Santhigiri Ashram
Thiruvananthapuram

SANTHIGIRI RESEARCH FOUNDATION
In Association with
SANCHI UNIVERSITY OF BUDDHIST & INDIC STUDIES,
ICPR, ICCR and ICHR

Invitation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Santhigiri Research Foundation, a division of Santhigiri Ashram, is organizing a 4 day Global Spiritual Conclave on Dharma- Ideal & Praxis in the Emerging Global Scenario marking the Culmination of one year Navati celebration of the Founder Guru of Santhigiri Ashram, NavajyothiSree Karunakara Guru from 24-27 August, 2017.

It is our privilege and pleasure to invite you most cordially and personally to this global gathering of Spiritual visionaries, Philosophers, Scientists, Social scientists, Government institutions, NGOs and Social Activists. You are requested to participate in this global event and share your experiences and views on the subject.

Affectionately

General Convener

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Theme Note

Dharma, cosmic fundamental truths, natural laws ,systems ,designs and the ultimate reality that upholds and sustains the universe and human life, was revealed to humanity by the Enlightened ones or Atmajnanees of yore. Sanatana dharma and Yugadharmas were the foundational principles of Indian spirituality, culture and civilization. In search of the immeasurable spiritual wisdom seekers from the whole world has ever travelled to India.

Dharma being the Supreme Light and Cosmic consciousness has been the focus of scientific inquiry for quite some time. Innovative studies made by a band of Quantum physicists seeks to validate the Vedanta philosophy of India that there is only one Existing, Brahman or Supreme Light which illuminates everything and is the source of all manifested world.

Hans Peter Durr notes, in his essay ‘Matter is not made out of matter’ that there is no matter but only light, the light of consciousness in this universe. The search of scientists over a long period of time to unravel the mystery surrounding the in-between nothingness has been resolved to some extent by the recent studies and findings, especially with the finding of the so-called divine particle termed Higgs Boson. Thus dharma, the eternal laws that govern the manifested world which the ancient seers got revealed from Parabrahma prakasham has been what the quantum physicists of spiritual persuasion been searching within the built-in limitations of mechanics.

Dharma as praxis was visualized as the sustaining and guiding principle of social and political life of ancient India as exemplified by Vedas, Upanishads and Dharma Sastras. Stories, legends and narratives in ancient writings under-gird the idea that Dharma as ought principle has been working as the regulatory principle of social life, polity and economic system in ancient India. With the gradual eclipse of Atmajnana or Rishi tradition, the actualization of dharma as a way of life and social order remained as an ideal rather than a praxis. Thus, when we examine dharma as the regulating principle of Indian social life, polity and economic life over the past millenniums, we find that at the existential level social inequalities and superstitious practices contrary to the true spirit of Sanatana dharma and Yugadharmas had been in vogue in all realms of Indian life. Accordingly, Dharma was interpreted and reinterpreted in such a way that it was weaned away from its original sense of holding social life, family life and individual life in harmony with the eternal laws of nature or the cosmic will and design.

This dichotomy of dharma in theory and practice, as ideal and praxis has done irreparable damage to Indian culture and civilization. Today when India is certainly once more emerging as one of the most important social, ethical, and economic experiments in the world, it is more than ever incumbent to explore and re-discover the underlying spirit of dharma, and attempt a retrospection of dharma as ideal and praxis. Hence, this Global conclave.

Objectives: The present Global Conclave is purported to provide a common platform for the confluence of scientists of spiritual persuasion, spiritual and religions heads and social scientists:

1. To indulge in truthful and fruitful introspection and

intuitive pondering over the concept of dharma as ideal and praxis in every dimension of its manifestation.

2. To facilitate truthful introspection and review of the existing beliefs and practices in the background of the underlying spirit of dharma.

3. To Rediscover dharma as the guiding principle of individual life and social life to live in harmony without losing the togetherness and mutual trust which goes beyond our belief systems for achieving a new global social order.

The revelatory spirituality of the founder Guru of Santhigiri Ashram, Navajyothisree Karunakara Guru and the rising Santhigiri movement offers new hope and direction in this respect. A silent and all encompassing spiritual revolution is underway here towards the restoration of the Sanatana dharma and fulfillment of the dream of our forefathers that India would again decorate the Gurusthanam of the world in future. Hence, this conference in Santhigiri is purported to facilitate the emergence of a common and acceptable platform for all in rediscovering the eternal laws that lie behind all spiritual –religious experiences and philosophies of humanity with the objective of creating a harmonious social, national and global environment.

General Themes

Dharma: Philosophical and Spiritual Perspectives

Dharma: Quantum reality and Wisdom Tradition of India

Dharma: Sanatana dharma and Yugadharmas

Dharma: Way of life and social practice - Historical and philosophical perspectives

Dharma: - Guiding principle of human life

Dharma: The metaphysical foundation of Indian ethics

Dharma: Philosophical recourse to Human Rights

Dharma: Foundational Principles of a Theory of Moral Action

Dharma and Rationality

Sub Themes

Dharma in relation to modern Science - Quantum Reality

and Indian Wisdom

Dharma in relation to Ecology- Climate Change, Sustainable Development

Dharma and Polity- Governance, Law, Justice

Dharma and Social organisation- social institutions, customs, traditions

Dharma in relation to World peace and harmony

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Santhigiri Research Foundation (SRF), the research division of Santhigiri Ashram, was established in 2007 as a means to generate and impart comprehensive vision for a sustainably peaceful society by undertaking research covering the spiritual and material planes of human life. The complementary nature of material universe and symbolic universe are well acknowledged. Symbolic universe shapes identity, world view and self perception of the individuals/collectives through which everyday cultural practices are formed. Thus everyday cultural practices and its dialectical relationship with micro and macro social world are key to research process of SSRI. The spiritual aspects of human life and its interrelationship with the material wellbeing will be given predominant emphasis under the research process. The research also aims to generate and disseminate knowledge that could bridge the gap between policies and practices. Eradication of hunger, creation of healthy humankind, and imparting a new vision of life founded on spirituality are the three pillars to establish sustainably peaceful society. Issues of hunger and livelihood, aspects of human development such as culture, health and education, and the philosophy and experiences of spirituality are the major area of inquiries at SRF. SRF is recognized as SIRO (Scientific and Industrial Research Organization) by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. Santhigiri Scientific and Industrial Research Institute (SSIRI) and Santhigiri Social Research Institute (SSRI) are the two divisions of SRF.