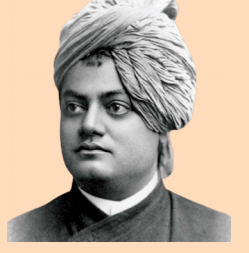


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Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy

Whole Day National Seminar on

Kauṭilya's Arthaśāstra

Its relevance and applicability to the modern times

- Date and time: 06 December 2023 (Wednesday) from 10.00 am to 4 pm
- Venue: Saradananda Seminar Hall, Prajna Bhavan, RKMVERI

We are glad to invite you to the National Seminar on '*Kauṭilya's Arthaśāstra*—Its relevance and applicability to the modern times' organized by the Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy of Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute, Belur Math, Deemed to be University declared by the Government of India under University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956, under the auspices of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) Project sponsored by the Government of India's IKS Division on 6 December 2023. Prof. Sachchidanand Mishra, Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, and Professor, BHU, Varanasi, has kindly consented to inaugurate the seminar and deliver the key-note address. Dr. Vinayak Rajat Bhat, Associate Professor, Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Chanakya University, Bengaluru, will be the Guest of Honour and deliver a special address on the theme of the seminar. The detailed programme is attached herewith.

Students, research scholars, faculty and all those interested in learning more about Indian Knowledge Systems with particular reference to *Kauṭilya's Arthaśāstra* are cordially invited to attend. The seminar will give a glimpse of how the *Arthaśāstra*, magnum opus of *Chānakya (Kauṭilya)* and an encyclopaedia as it were on a variety of topics like statecraft, governance, health, higher values, spirituality, etc., albeit written more than three millennia ago, is still relevant and applicable to the modern times. The seminar is being organized as a part of the IKS Project bearing the same name awarded to our faculty by the IKS Division, Govt. of India.

Swami Japasiddhananda
Head, Dept. of Sanskrit and Philosophy &
Convener of the Seminar
RKMVERI, Belur Math

Swami Atmapriyananda
Pro-Chancellor & Secretary
RKMVERI, Belur Math
20 Nov 2023, Monday

Programme

- 10.00 am: Registration
- 10.20 – 10.30 am: Vedic Chanting: Students of the Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy
- 10.30 – 10.45 am: Address of Welcome: Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor & Secretary, RKMVERI
- 10.45 – 11.25 am: **Keynote Address:** Prof. Sachchidanand Mishra, Member Secretary, Indian Council of Philosophical Research, and Professor, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, on Kauṭaliyārthaśāstrasya Ādhunika-vidyāsu Upayogaḥ (The Relevance and Applicability of the Arthaśāstra of Kauṭilya in Modern Knowledge Systems)
- 11.30 – 12.10 pm: **Theme Talk:** Dr.Paromita Roy, Assistant Professor and 'Swami Ahedananda Chair', Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy, RKMVERI, Belur, and Principal Investigator of the IKS project on the theme "The relevance and applicability of Chanakya's (Kautilya) Arthaśāstra for solving current societal problems."
- 12.15 – 12.55 pm: Prof. Unnikrishnan K., Professor and Shivananda Chair, Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy, RKMVERI, Belur, on 'Kauṭaliyārthaśāstrasya Sāmānyāvalokanam (An overview of the Arthaśāstra of Kauṭilya)'
- 01.00 - 1.45 pm: Lunch Break
- 01.45 – 2.25 pm: **Special address:** Dr. Vinayak Rajat Bhat, Associate Professor, Centre for Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Chanakya University, Bengaluru, on 'Kauṭaliyārthaśāstre Rājadharmavicāraḥ (Discussion on the duties of a king as presented in the Arthaśāstra of Kautilya)
- 02.30 – 3.10 pm: Swami Japasiddhananda, Head, Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy on 'Kauṭaliyārthaśāstre Śikṣā-darśanam (Educational Philosophy in the Arthaśāstra of Kautilya)'
- 03.15 – 03.50 pm: Open session (interactive)
- 03.55 – 4.10 pm: Closing song: *murta maheshvaram...* by the students of RKMVERI led by Swami Vidyapradananda
- 4.15 pm: Tea and disperse

Registration

- Participants should register at the venue on their arrival
- No fees for registration

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