



**Day-long symposium:
'Śāṅkara-Anudhyānam'**

(Contemplation on Śāṅkara—his philosophy and works)



Organised by

Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy

**Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute
(RKMVERI)**

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in collaboration with

Asiatic Society, Kolkata

Venue: Abhedananda Convention Centre, Belur Math

Date: 3 May 2025 (Saturday)—10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

On the occasion of sacred *Śāṅkara Jayantī*, a day-long symposium is being organized by the Department of Sanskrit and Philosophy, Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute (RKMVERI), in collaboration with Asiatic Society, Kolkata, on 3 May 2025 (Saturday). An attempt has been to capture and portray the multifaceted personality of *Śrī Śāṅkara Bhagavatpāda* through hymns, his commentaries (*bhāṣyas*) on the *prasthāna-traya* (which are his *magnum opus*) and *manana-vicāra* (contemplation-deliberation) of the *Vedānta vākyas* (pithy sentences) from the *prasthāna-traya* by our scholars. The deliberations and interactions will all be fully in Sanskrit.

Special Guest of Honour:

Revered Swami Bhajananandaji Maharaj

Vice-President, Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission

Invited Speaker:

Lt. Col. Anant Sinha

Administrator, Asiatic Society, Kolkata

Place: Belur Math

Date: 26 April 2025

Atmapriyananda

Swami Atmapriyananda

Pro-Chancellor & Secretary

RKMVERI

Detailed Programme

9.00—9.45 am: Registration and tea

* All the participants should take their seats in the auditorium by 9.45 am

Forenoon Session (10.00 am to 1.00 pm)

Invocation: Students of the Department (10 minutes)

Address of Welcome: Dr. Rakesh Das (5 minutes)

Hymn to Śāṅkara— *Toṭakāṣṭakam*

Swami Shivapurnananda (10 minutes)

Prasthānatraya-sambandha-bhāṣya-pārāyaṇam

(Resource persons who will conducting it is given in the parenthesis)

Gītā-sambandha-bhāṣya (Swami Atmapriyananda)

Brahmasūtra-sambandha-bhāṣya (Swami Japasiddhananda)

Īśa-sambandha-bhāṣya (Shantanu Ayachit)

Kena-sambandha-bhāṣya (*padabhāṣya and vākyabhāṣya*) (Gaurav Sharma)

Kaṭha-sambandha-bhāṣya (Rakesh Das)

Prāsna-sambandha-bhāṣya (Rajesh Adhikari)

Muṇḍaka-sambandha-bhāṣya (Pritam Bera)

Māṇḍukya-sambandha-bhāṣya (Subhadeep Das)

Taittirīya-sambandha-bhāṣya (K Sudarshan)

Aitareya-sambandha-bhāṣya (Aneek Kumar Das)

Chāndogya-sambandha-bhāṣya (Tirthankar Dey)

Bṛhadāraṇyaka-sambandha-bhāṣya (Provat Kumar Mandal)

1:00 pm to 1:40 pm: Lunch Break

Afternoon Session (1.45 pm to 5.00 pm)

1.45 pm to 2.00 pm: Q & A (Questions & Answers) on Advaita Vedanta: Answers by ChatGPT

Sri K.Sudarshan, PhD research scholar

2.00 pm to 2.15 pm: *Stotram (Prātaḥsmarāmi hṛdi saṃsphuradātmatattvam...)*

Swami Sarvabhadrananda

Vākyaṛthasadas (Śruti- Smṛti-Brahma-sūtra-vakyani)

2.15 pm to 2.40 pm: Śruti-vākyaṅvicāra

Topic: 'abhayaṃ vai brahma' (Bṛhadaranyaka Upaniṣad 4.4.25) with emphasis on Swami Vivekananda's 'discovery' of this definition of Brahman as the scriptural basis of his famous doctrine of 'fearlessness'

Speaker: Sri Subhadeep Das, PhD scholar

2.40 pm to 2.55 pm: Annapūrnā Stotram

Swami Shivapurnananda

3.00 pm to 3.20 pm: Smṛti-vākyaṅvicāra

Topic: Ajñānenāvṛtaṃ jñānam —(Śrīmad-Bhagavad-Gītā 5.15)

Speaker: Sri Gaurav Sharma, PhD scholar

3.25 pm to 3.45 pm: Stotram (Nāgendra hāraya...)

Swami Sarvabhadrananda

3.50 pm to 4.10 pm: Brahma-sūtra-vākyaṅvicāra:

Topic: Ānandamyo'bhyāsāt (Brahma-sūtra 1.1.12)

Speaker: Dr. Shantanu Ayachit, Assistant Professor

4.15 pm to 4.20 pm: Stotram (Mano buddhi ahaṅkāra cittāni nāhaṃ...)

Swami Sarvabhadrananda

4.20 pm to 4.35 pm:

Topic: Swami Vivekananda on Śāṅkara

Speaker: Lt. Col. Ananta Sinha,

Administrator, Asiatic Society, Kolkata

4.35 pm to 4.55 pm: Valedictory address

Topic: Sri Śāṅkara's multifaceted genius

Speaker: Revered Swami Bhajananandaji Maharaj

Vice-president, Ramakrishna Math and Mission

4.55 pm to 5.00 pm: Vote of thanks

Swami Japasiddhananda

5.00 pm: Tea and disperse