

NATIONAL SEMINAR

ON

Continuity of Indian Identity

The concept of nation first manifested itself in the Vedic hymns; but historically it is not only difficult but also impossible to ascertain with exactness the point of time when the identity of India as a nation evolved first. Since Vedic era, till today India faced many invasions and turbulent circumstances but none could destroy her identity as a nation. This assumes greater significance when we recall that like many ancient nations of the world like Rome, Greece, Egypt, could not withstand external attacks and threats; and despite the continuation of the same ancestry at the same terrain, they could not sustain their identity as a nation. This is so because a nation is not a coincidence resulting from a particular landscape and the people who live there.

A nation has an entity of its own, with a particular consciousness, which is the soul of it. A conscious nation has a specific goal and a unique life. The nation strives to achieve that goal by its collective body, mind and intellect, which appears before its citizens as commitments, thoughts or ideals. During the journey for accomplishment of this national mission are evolved its culture, tradition and history. Thus the culture, tradition and history of a nation are byproducts of the process of manifestation of its self-consciousness.

In each time span, national identity in the form of consciousness has continuously revealed itself through its culture and traditions in all spheres of national life. India's national consciousness is conciliatory, holistic and integrated in nature, coupled with a vision of entire human life being. To identify the mutual supplementation of various forms in the vision of world unity, and to develop and refine the compatibility between them is a sign of the Indian consciousness. It's manifested in all areas of life in Indian society with continuity. The central idea of Indian culture is integral consciousness of unity in diversity or manifestation of unity in diverse forms. Through our culture and traditions it has been exhibited in various fields since time immemorial.

In modern times, fragmentation of personality, social conflicts, environmental degradation and many other problems are inflicting us owing to consumerist culture, which has developed on the ground of imported ideologies like capitalism and socialism. To be free from such problems, we must recognise the identity or self-consciousness of India, which has shaped various sectors of our national life such as culture, traditions, economy, administration, education, law and justice, etc. under changing coordinates of space and time.

Today again we face the problem of how to restructure our national life based on conciliatory, holistic and integral consciousness. To identify the continuity of Indian identity in diverse fields of human action and endeavour, an intensive study coupled with research is required.

In such a scenario, the Arundhati Vashishtha Anusandhan Peeth has decided to organise a two day national seminar to ponder over issues as aforementioned in an attempt to find out ways and means to ensure how best we can identify the self consciousness of India in various sectors of human, social and national life and to underline its presence wherever found lacking.

The seminar will be organised on Saturday - Sunday, 14-15 January 2017 in New Delhi and the participants are requested to present their research papers on any one of the following sub-themes:

- 1. The Identification of Indian Identity.
- 2. Cultural Continuity of Indian Identity.
- 3. Continuity of Indian Identity in Education.
- 4. Continuity of Indiana Identity in Economic System.
- 5. Continuity of Indian Identity in Law and Justice.
- 6. Continuity of Indian Identity in the Social Structure.
- 7. Continuity of Environmental Ethics in Indian Identity.
- 8. Indian Identity in Polity.
- 9. Indian Identity in Science and Technology.
- 10. The Concept of Physical, Psychological and Intellectual Health in Indian Identity.
- 11. Any other topic related to any or all aforementioned sub-themes.

Scholars, historians, jurists, archaeologists, philosophers, economists, educationists, scientists, sresearch scholars, saints and others willing to participate at the seminar are requested to send their research papers/articles of about 6000-8000 words on any of the broader themes mentioned above; or any other topic related thereto which in their opinion is likely to contribute towards achieving the objectives of the seminar.

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