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Professor Fred Dallmayr addressing at the ICPR Round Table at the WCP, Seoul



For all those who are interested in philosophy and philosophical studies and research in India, the fact that ICPR has completed 25 years and that in all these years it has made itself significantly known in all academic circles is by no means a small achievement. The academic agenda of ICPR has recently been broadened considerably by the inclusion of many new programmes and activities. One of the urgent and important objectives of ICPR is to reach out to all the places in the country. This year we have made very special efforts and have also taken all care to see that ICPR reaches out to even the remotest of the places in the country. Probably, this is the first time in the Council's history that its programmes have managed to attain a really wide reach.

I am glad to report to the readers of this *Newsletter* that ICPR has an important role to play in the protection as well as encouragement of the study of philosophy besides the preservation of the vibrant, living tradition of philosophy in India. Our ambitious goal is to eventually build up ICPR as a valuable think tank of the nation. We wish to see this think tank playing at least a modest role in shaping and directing the future progress of the country as a whole.

During the period under report, this year's Life Time Achievement Award was given to Professor Daya Krishna who passed away on 5th October, 2007. In his memory ICPR has organized one Memorial Meeting at the India International Centre, New Delhi and later on, a Seminar in Jaipur on his life and works at Rajasthan University. Apart from organizing a National Workshop on Applied Philosophy at GITAM University, ICPR also helped organizing many other seminars in different parts of the country, the list of which is given in this *Newsletter*.

During this period, ICPR has also endeavoured to find a suitable place for the Academic Centre at Lucknow after the Butler Palace had to be vacated as a result of the Supreme Court order. So far, Lucknow Centre has been the only Academic Centre of ICPR and it contains a library of about 30,000 books on philosophy. The Council envisions to develop the Academic Centre as the largest repository of Philosophical works in Asia. Towards this, the Council thanks Shri Arjun Singh, Minister of Human Resource Development, for his letter to the Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh to provide a suitable place for the Centre. We are hopeful that UP Government will help to find a place to enable us to revive the academic activities as in the past.

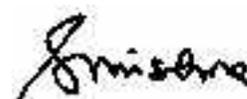
On the *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (JICPR)* front, two pending volumes of *JICPR* have been brought out this year. Efforts are being made on a war footing to publish the remaining volumes and update the publication of the *Journal*.

In August 2008, ICPR sent a delegation of 10 scholars to the World Congress of Philosophy (WCP) held at Seoul, South Korea. At the WCP our delegates organized two Round Tables titled 1. "*Rethinking Indian Philosophy: Identity and Globalization*", 2. "*Indian Philosophy and Globalization: Prospects in Peace and Liberation*." I am happy to report that the ICPR Round Tables drew considerable attention and praise from the other delegates coming from other countries.

Some months ago, under the active and inspiring direction of our future-oriented Chairman, a decision had been taken to prepare a full electronic catalogue of all the books and journals available in the ICPR Library at Lucknow. A Member of the Council who is familiar with such work was entrusted with the task of supervising and directing this computerization through a Committee headed by him. Despite severe power problems, infrastructural deficiencies and other handicaps faced by the Lucknow Centre, I am glad to report that the cataloguing work is nearly complete and right now it is being thoroughly checked for accuracy. Once the catalogue is ready, it will be available on the website of ICPR through a link and anyone from anywhere in India and also from abroad can access this catalogue. This catalogue will be of great help to thousands of students, teachers and researchers in India who have not been able to visit the ICPR Library and hence have no idea at all as to how rich the ICPR Library really is. I hope that it will

encourage many of them to become Members and make very good and effective use of all the facilities and resources available in the Library. Full details of these will also be posted on our website “<http://www.icpr.in>.” The commissioning of Library service will be duly publicized and I hope to do it quite soon.

Finally, the Council is taking all care to see that other things being equal, there is equal distribution of funds to scholars from all parts of India. We are making all necessary efforts to see that our public accountability rises to a much higher level and that we are fully transparent in all our activities to the philosophy community in particular and the Indian public in general. We are striving to stand up to the expectations of the philosophy academia and the public at large for the promotion and preservation of philosophy in this country which definitely needs patronage and encouragement from one and all, that is, YOU along with your colleagues.



Godabarisha Mishra



ICPR Fellows Meet at JNU

## Life Time Achievement Award Function



Hon'ble HRD Minister Shri Arjun Singh ji speaking at Life Time Achievement Award Function

I feel greatly honoured to be in your midst at the Life Time Achievement Award Ceremony of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research. I recall that this Council was the brain-child of our former Prime Minister Late Mrs. Indira Gandhi. Mrs. Gandhi took serious interest in setting up this Council precisely because she was aware of the great role philosophy had played for thousands of years in shaping the cultural life of the people of India. It was her dream and hope that this Council would give strength and vision to all those who are interested in promoting studies and research in philosophy.

I am happy to observe that during the past quarter-century of its existence, the Council has worked towards making Mrs. Gandhi's dream a reality. Of course, twenty-five years is a small period in the history of an Institution like this Council and there is still a lot more to be achieved. I am confident that the Council will climb much greater heights in the years to come and will definitely become famous. You must always remember that the people of India are investing their hard earned money in each of your research projects. It is the public money that reaches you through the ICPR and translated into fellowships given to you. Whatever complex research you may do, please keep in mind that all this research must in some way benefit the people, benefit the country, enrich our tradition, make Indian scholarship most authoritative, uphold the

highest of human values and above all, make you a much better human being. Remember, knowledge is best utilized when it is used to enrich lives of the people around.

We have a shining example of such great achievement in Late Professor Daya Krishna who devoted his entire life to philosophical research. He breathed philosophy and spent every moment of his life in its pursuit. What was possible for Daya Krishna must be possible for you also and for any teacher of philosophy in this country. As a humble citizen of India I feel greatly honoured and privileged to present the Life Time Achievement Award to him posthumously. His demise has created a void that will remain unfilled and this Award is a mark of our respect and admiration for this great scholar.

As an individual and as a Minister, I have always firmly believed that the goal of any institution is to see that the benefits always reach a large section of the population. Taking the benefits to sections which had been hitherto deprived of such benefits so far is the noblest aim of all public bodies and institutions. The Council should strive to take up newer and novel projects that have a much wider reach and influence as well as projects that cover areas and sections that have not been effectively and systematically covered so far.

I once again convey my best wishes and appreciation to all the staff members of ICPR.

## Chairman's Speech at Life Time Achievement Award Function



Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao felicitating Hon'ble HRD Minister Shri Arjun Singh

**M**y Distinguished Predecessors and Past-Chairmen of the ICPR, Members of the ICPR Council, Governing Body, Research Program Committee, Member-Secretary and the Staff of ICPR, National Fellows, Senior Fellows and Fellows of the ICPR, Media, Ladies and Gentlemen:

First, permit me to extend to all of you a warm and hearty welcome to the Annual Day and Awards function of the ICPR. I am particularly delighted that Hon'ble Shri Arjun Singhji has graced this occasion to bless us and the ICPR. Sir, this is your successive second visit since I took charge as the Chairman of the ICPR. I am indeed doubly thankful to you. First, I am here today because of you. Second, whatever we were able to do at the ICPR during the past couple of years, it is because of your helpful interest and encouragement. We are deeply beholden to you, Sir.

It may not be inappropriate to recall on this occasion your Government's outstanding achievements in the field of education in general and higher education in particular. The unprecedented large increase in the allocation for education in the

current central budget is one of its most distinguishing and distinctive features. The steps you have initiated to enlarge the number of IITs, IIMs and Central Universities are uniformly welcomed as among the most significant in the history of higher education in the country. Also, your courageous decisions on OBC reservations, which recently received the blessings of the Supreme Court, are bound to transform the very landscape of higher education in the country, making access to quality higher education equitable and inclusive. We at the ICPR applaud your visionary initiatives, courage and commitment to the cause of excellence in, access to, and inclusiveness of education.

The ICPR in its own small way has strived to implement your policy guidelines for (a) promoting academic excellence and (b) making philosophical research socially relevant, people-centered, problem-solving, and path-breaking, rather than merely engaging in armchair, abstract, abstruse and other-worldly speculations. In doing this we reach out for interdisciplinary inputs and inter-institutional synergy. In this connection, we recall that in your message last year you referred to ICPR as "nation's think tank." It shall be our endeavor to live upto

your expectations. Here are a few of our initiatives that you may be glad to know.

In addition to funding a large number of seminars, workshops and conferences, the ICPR has taken another important initiative in directly funding original research. For example, one of the ICPR's grants supports a three-year interdisciplinary research program on the phenomenology of violence. Violence today has taken a variety of shapes and forms and a tremendous toll. Terrorism has raised its ugly head in several countries, including our own, and shattered the myth that man is the "peace-making primate." We now know that violence cannot be simply wished away. Nor is it likely to melt down with the preaching of nonviolence. We need to understand its evolutionary roots, the social factors and the communal passions on which it is fed, and ideologies that fuel it, so that we can contain violence before it consumes us.

Promotion of research consists in (a) stimulating research by providing the necessary inputs, (b) recognizing and rewarding excellence in it, and (c) disseminating the results of research nationwide and beyond. Therefore, the ICPR not only provides financial support to research, awards fellowships to nearly 100 persons every year, and organizes on its own and helps others to organize seminars, workshops and conferences relevant to the field of philosophy, but it has also instituted special awards for recognizing philosophical excellence. These include Life-time Achievement Award, Young Philosopher Award, Best Book Award and Best Dissertation Award. This year's Life-time Achievement Award goes to Professor Daya Krishna who died a few months ago. The presentation of other awards is awaiting your Ministry's clearance and selection. Also, the ICPR has taken a decision to significantly strengthen its publication programs and publish on average 25 full length books every year.

We are doing all this and more with a meagre budget smaller than the annual expenditure of a major department in one of the Central Universities like Delhi or Banaras, smaller than the funds allotted to one research project by the Department of Science and Technology. Lack of funds is no reason to rest. We are moving forward with a proposal to establish nation's philosophical archives at the ICPR Aca-

demical Center at Lucknow. We plan to preserve the manuscripts and related artifacts of philosophers for posterity.

When I mention the Academic Center of the ICPR, I cannot help but share with you the present condition of the Center. The Academic Center was established many years ago in Lucknow when the UP Government, after extensive consultations between ICPR and the then Governor of UP Hon'ble Shri C.P.N. Singh, had offered the Butler Palace for locating the Academic Center. The ICPR spent a significant amount of its extremely limited resources to remodel the inside of the Butler Palace to make it suitable to house its extensive library collection, possibly one of the best in Asia, to hold periodic meetings and conferences, and provide living accommodation and boarding facilities to visiting scholars. As a measure of appreciation of the admirable gesture of the UP Government, the ICPR has provided for the nomination of two Members to its Council and Governing Body by the Government of Uttar Pradesh. The UP government is the only state in the union which has the unique privilege of nominating two Members to the Council and the Governing Body of the ICPR.

Unfortunately, two years ago the Supreme Court decided that Butler Palace, considered "enemy property", rightfully belonged to the legal heirs of the Raja of Mahmoodabad who fled to Pakistan and that the UP Government had no legal rights over the property. The ICPR was asked by the Supreme Court to vacate Butler Palace within two weeks. The ICPR duly complied with the Court's orders and moved into rented space which is barely sufficient just to store the library books. Consequently, the activities at the Lucknow Center had to be severely curtailed.

This was the situation when I took charge as the Chairman of the ICPR. Immediately, I consulted with the Council and the philosophical community in and around Lucknow. We explored the possibility if the present owners would allow us to use the Butler Palace, perhaps donate it. When this did not appear likely we began looking for suitable accommodation. Since we were unable to find a place that the ICPR can afford to rent I began consulting with the Governor of Uttar Pradesh His Excellency Shri Rajeswara Rao. It was at the instance of a

previous Governor that the Academic Center came to be located in Lucknow. Therefore, it seemed quite appropriate to seek similar guidance and help. Shri Rajeswara Rao was very kind in receiving me and was very sympathetic to the plight of the ICPR. After a search by his staff and ours, it was clear that there was no suitable accommodation available in Lucknow for locating the Academic Center. Therefore, the Governor suggested that the best option is to acquire suitable site from one of the university campuses in Lucknow area and then seek the assistance of the State and Central Governments to provide the necessary grant to build the required structures for the Academic Center.

Following the Governor's suggestions, myself and a local member of the ICPR Council Dr. Roop Rekha Verma contacted the Vice-Chancellors of Ambedkar University and Lucknow University in Lucknow and requested them to lease to the ICPR a suitable site in their campus. Unfortunately, neither of them thought that it is possible.

So we were again to square one; and I had no choice but directly contact the State administration. This I did; and the matter is now pending with the UP Government. We hope that the UP Government would come forward soon to provide a suitable site for locating the Academic Center. If these negotiations fail to bear fruit, the ICPR would be forced to consider moving the Academic Center to another state willing to give suitable land free of cost for locating the Academic Center.

The Academic Center needs approximately 35,000 square feet of built up area to house the library and reading rooms, conference halls, office and guest house for visiting scholars. It is estimated that the cost of this structure would be approximately 3.5 crore rupees. I request the Hon'ble Minister Shri Arjun Singhji to use his good offices to find a comfortable home for the Academic Center, which is in fact the nerve center for research and development. A significant amount of ICPR budget is allocated to the Academic Center. And currently the Center is in such a sorrowful state that it is hardly in a position to render the services for which it was established. What was once the pride and showpiece of the ICPR is now languishing as a neglected legend. It is time we act, and act quickly, to revive it not only as a depository of knowledge, but also as a crucible for generating new knowledge.

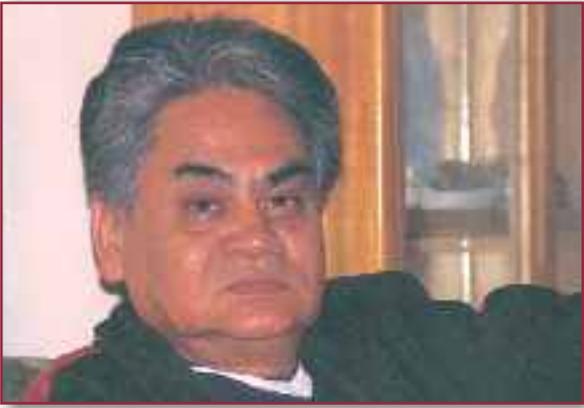
I hope I have not sketched an all too gloomy a scenario. There is indeed much that we could proudly present to you as significant achievements of the ICPR. What I mentioned earlier are just a few programs illustrative of the direction we are heading. The feedback we get from the ICPR "watchers" is that the institution is no longer stagnant and stale. It is one that is vigorous and on the move, raising the expectations of scholars and students alike.

The ICPR prepared proposals to (1) establish regional centers in different parts of the country, (2) set up the Indian Institute of Philosophy, (3) raise the monthly honorarium of the ICPR fellows to be on par with comparable fellowships offered by sister organizations like the UGC, (4) organize interdisciplinary research on topics of national relevance and concern and (5) identify scholarly original philosophy books in regional languages and arrange for translating and publishing them. I know, the Hon'ble Minister, the Secretaries in the HRD Ministry and the Member of Planning Commission dealing with education, Prof Balachander Mungekar, are all sympathetic to our proposals. We are uniformly complemented for these initiatives, plans and proposals. With the blessings of the Hon'ble Minister Shri Arjun Singhji, it is my hope that these proposals receive the necessary clearances and that we would soon be acting on them.

The ICPR was the baby of Smt. Indira Gandhi. I had the privilege of knowing her personally and had several occasions to discuss matters relating to science and education. She was the greatest patron of knowledge and scholarship in independent India. It was her vision that the ICPR be the think tank of the nation. We have the responsibility to see that her vision is realized. I have no doubt in my mind that with the continued support, guidance and help from Shri Arjun Singhji, the ICPR will have a place of pride among the national organizations devoted to promote excellence in research. We are committed to strive utmost to raise ICPR to ever newer heights of success and achievement.

Once again, let me welcome you, Ladies and Gentlemen, to the Annual Day and Awards function and say how delighted I am to present to you the Hon'ble Minister of Human Resource Development, Shri Arjun Singhji. Before I request the Hon'ble Minister to address, we will have the presentation of the Life Time Achievement Award.

## ICPR Fellowships



Professor Mrinal Miri

The Council awarded National Fellowship to Professor Mrinal Miri, formerly Chairman of ICPR and currently Chairman of the Text Book Monitor Committee, NCERT and Member of Centre for Study of Developing Societies to work on the project "Philosophy, Education and the Arts."

## Other Fellowships



Professor Chhanda Gupta



Professor Tapti Maitra

### Senior Fellowships

Senior Fellowships were awarded to Professor Chhanda Gupta and Professor Tapti Maitra for working on their projects *Justice and family* and *Advaita Metaphysics: A Contemporary Perspective* respectively.

Fifteen General Fellows and thirty three Junior Research Fellows were selected for the year 2008-2009 to work on different projects as given below:

### General Fellowship-2008-09

Annapurna Singh, Banaras Hindi University, Varanasi

*Samajik Samrasta Evam Manavtavad ko Kabir ke Darshan ka Sandesh*

Raj Naryan Singh, Banaras Hindi University, Varanasi

*Hathyogapradipika: Ek Samikshatmak Adhyayan*

Akoijam Thoibisana, IIT, Mumbai

*Radical Sociality and the Problem of Relational Ethics: Heidegger vs. Levinas*

C. Bharath Kumar, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad

*Philosophical Reflections on Nationalism in the Indian Context*

Sonali Bhatt Marwaha, Visakhapatnam

*The Lokayata Tradition: Classical Indian Materialism and Contemporary Science*

V. Vidya, Madras University, Chennai

*The Implication of Devotion and Science in Indian Tradition*

Diwan Taskheer Khan, Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh

*Authenticity-Inauthenticity Debate in Kierkegaard and Heidegger*

Pooja Vyas, Direct Fellow

*Tulsi Ke Manas – darshan me "Moha" aur "Moksha": Ek Samikshatmak Adhyayan.*

Sarita Ojha, Banaras Hindi University, Varanasi

*Padmapadacarya krit Panchpadika ka Tattvamimamsiya Anushilan*

Rahul Kumar Singh, Banaras Hindi University, Varanasi

*Anaikantvadpraves; Ek Samikshatmak Adhyayan*

Rajeev Ranjan, Nitishwar Mahavidyalaya, Muzaffarpur

*The Status and Destiny of the Individual in the Philosophy of J. Krishnamurti*

Tuhina Pandey, Allahabad University, Allahabad

*The Philosophical Utility of Value-Education in Current Affairs*

Pratap Nirbhay Singh, MMH College, Ghaziabad (U.P.)

*Contemporary Indian Philosophy of Education: with special reference to Shri Aurobindo, Shri J. Krishnamurti & Acharya Rajneesh*

Sanjay Kumar, BR Ambedkar Bihar University, Muzaffarpur

*Bhartiya Darshan me Truti ke Samasya*

## Junior Research Fellowship 2008-09

Namita Das, Guwahati University, Guwahati

*Concept of Consciousness in Yogacara Buddhism—A Study*

Ritu Shree Gour, Vikram University, Ujjain

*Samakalin Bhartiya Darshan me Buddhivadi Pravrittiyan: Ek Adhyayan*

Rajnandini Das, Guwahati University, Guwahati

*The Concept of Bhakti (Celestial Love): A Study of Sankardev and Kabir.*

Koppula Victor Babu, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

*Philosophy and Education: A Study with reference to Dewey, Tagore, Gandhi and Martha Nussbaum*

Mahi Pal, Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra

*Purusarthaki Avdharana ka Darshanik Vivechan*

Bineeta Bhatia, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur

*Karma Yoga in Bhagwad Gita: With Special Reference to Acharya Rajnish*

Akyana-Padmaja, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

*A Critical Study of the Pragmatic Philosophy of the Bhagavadgita*

Nabanita Bhowal, North Bengal University, Darjeeling

*Kant and the Notion of Synthetic – a priori Judgement*

Sanapala Chandravathi, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

*The Educational Philosophy of Mahatma Gandhi and Rabindranath Tagore: A Comparative Study*

Jakku Srinivasa Rao, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam

*Gandhi: Philosophy of Education and Social Values*

Shiv Prakash Singh, DDU Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur

*A Comparative and Critical Study of Religious Thoughts of Willgenstein and Gandhi.*

Shilpa Yadav, Dr H.S. Gour Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar

*Samkalin Bhartiya Adhyatamvad mein Paramsat ka Swaroop*

Pinki Yadav, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

*Shiva Dharma Darshan: Shivamahapuram Ke Vishes Sandarbh Me*

K. Edwin George, Madras University, Chennai

*Transformative Nature of Socio-Political Philosophy in the Global Age: An Indian Critique on Fred Dallmayr's Contribution.*

Mayavee Singh, Lucknow University, Lucknow

*Philosophical Investigation into Liberty and Equality (Mill, Berlin, Rawls & Dworkin).*

Rashmi, Lucknow University, Lucknow

*Bauddha Darshan Mein Vahya Jagat ki Avadbarna*

Sanchali Banerjee, Jadavpur University, Kolkata

*Language Acquisition Beyond Chomsky*

Jaya Tripathi, DDU University, Gorakhpur

*An Evaluation of Indian Theories of Causality: A Buddhist Perspective*

Rinkee Singh, DDU University, Gorakhpur

*The Concept of 'Humanism' in the thought of Gandhi and Tagore: A Comparative Study*

Shalini Rani Das, Meerut College, Merrut

*Sree Arvind Evam Acharya Rajnish ke Samaj-Darshan ka Ek Tulnatmak Adhyayan*

Nikhlesh Katara, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

*Sufi Mat ke Sadhanayo ke Siddhant evam Vyavahar ka Darshnik Parisheelan: Chisti Sampradaya ke Vishesh Sandarbh me*

Mahesh Kumar Nigam, Dr. H.S. Gaur Vishwavidyalaya, Sagar

*Advaitavadi Bhartiya Darshan ke Khayativadi Sidhanto ka Sameekshatmak Adhyayan*

Keerti Choudhary, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

*Beesavi Shatabdi me Narivad ka Darshnik Svarup*

Jyoti Singh, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

*Yog Darshan: Bhojavritti ke Veshes Sandarbh me*

Kanchan Sharma, University of Rajasthan, Jaipur

*Rishi Vasisth ka Darshan Yog Vasisth ke Sandarbh me*

Anuradha Pathak, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

*Advait Vedant me Sushupti*

M. Radhakrishnan, University of Madras, Madras

*Hermeneutics of Rituals in Siva Temples (An Indological Study based on the Kamika Agama Purvabhaga)*

Youghish Kumar, HNB Garhwal University, Srinagar

*An Examination of Connections in the Philosophies of David Hume and A.J. Ayer*

Navnita Kishore, Jai Prakash University, Bihar

*Visvanath's Theory of Inference: A Critical Analysis*

Ram Narain Mishra, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

*Bhartiya Darshan mein Indriya prapyakaritva evam aprapyakaritva ke Samasya ka Sameshkatamak Adhyayan*

Ms Rachana Ambasht, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

*Advaita Vedanta me Sadhana ka Swarupa*

Manisha Singh, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi

*Mahatma Gandhi aur Vinoba Bhave ka Sarvodaya Vichar*

Dev Singh, Gurukul Kangri University, Haridwar

*Meaning of Life and the Attitudes towards Suicide: An Exploration into Human Existence*

Puspallata Swain, Utkal University, Bhubneshwar

*Value Theory in Environmental Ethics*

V.R. Devika, University of Madras, Chennai

*Communication Strategies of M.K. Gandhi: Issues and Dimensions: A Study*

Hemlata Keshari, Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi

*Critical and Comparative Study of Atheist Epistemology*

Shraddha Pandey, Kanpur

*Critical Study of Neo-Vedantik Concept of Sri Aurobindo and its Contemporary Relevance In context Acharya Shankara.*

Priyanka, Kanpur

*Paryavaran Pradushan Ki Samasya Aur Bhartiya Darshan Ka Avadan*

**Staff Members of ICPR  
who have completed 25 years of active service.**



**Beena Jain**



**Pushpa Sadasivan**



**Neerja Chogtu**



**Chaman Lal**



**Mohan Das**



**Sadhana Nagar**



**Rachel Joseph**



**Jagannath Prasad**



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Jagdish Ram



Inder Lal



Bidyadhar Shee



Chander Kumar Mishra



B.S. Bora



Ram Nakshatra

## Academic Centre, Lucknow gets a Director



Dr. Mercy Helen, Director (Planning and Research), has been transferred to Academic Centre, Lucknow to strengthen its functioning. Dr. Mercy Helen joined the Council at Academic Centre, Lucknow as Programme Officer in the year 1990. With her long experience in Indian Council of Philosophical Research both as Programme Officer and as Director (P&R), we expect her to rejuvenate the Centre.

### Attention Publishers/Authors

Publishers and Authors are invited to send their books on Philosophy and allied disciplines for review in the *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*. Two copies may be sent to the following address for consideration.

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### Refresher Course in *Logic and Language: Eastern and Western*

Department of Philosophy, University of Delhi invites applications along with detailed Curriculum Vitae from Teachers and Research Scholars interested in attending twenty-one days All India Refresher Course in *Logic and Language: Eastern and Western* to be held in Delhi University from Mar 30 to Apr 19, 2009. It is sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research.

The selected participants from outside Delhi shall be paid to and from AC III tier rail fare by the shortest route. Free Boarding and Lodge arrangements shall be made in the University Guest House. The applications should reach

**Professor Ashok Vohra,**  
Head, Department of Philosophy,  
University of Delhi, Delhi – 11007  
by March 6, 2009.

### Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research

*Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, a referred journal exclusively meant for philosophy and allied disciplines, invites research articles/papers, discussion and comments, agenda for research columns, to be considered for the forthcoming issues.

Editorial correspondence including manuscripts for submission should be sent to the

**Executive Editor**  
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Articles should be between 3000 to 6000 words. Only fresh research articles/papers, which have not been published elsewhere will be considered.

Articles in the *JICPR* are indexed in the *Philosopher's Index*, USA.

### National Integration and Identity-Violence

A National Workshop on *National Integration and Identity-Violence* will be held from 20 to 23 March 2009 at North East Hill University, Shillong jointly sponsored by Indian Council of Philosophical Research & Indian Institute of Advanced Study, Shimla.

The general themes of the workshop include *Identity Politics, Identity Conflicts, Identity Violence, Indian Identity & National Integration*.

## Periodical Lectures



Periodical Lecture at Lucknow University

Four ICPR-Sponsored Periodical Lectures organized by the Department of Philosophy, The University of Burdwan, during 6-8 March, 2007.

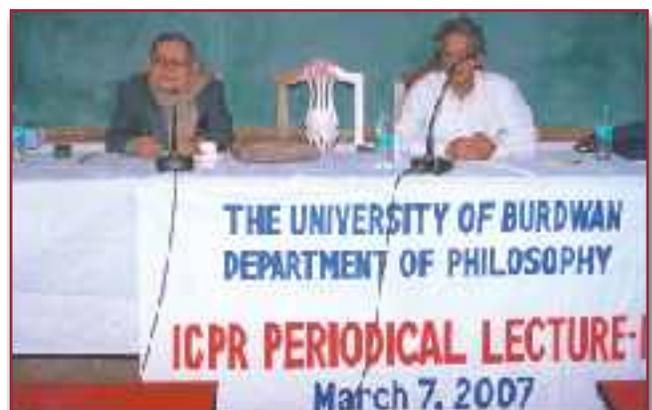
The University of Burdwan, Department of Philosophy, West Bengal, organized four Periodical Lectures sponsored by the Indian Council of Philosophical Research, New Delhi, during 6-8 March, 2007 [First two lectures on 06.03.2007, third lecture on 07.03.2007 and fourth lecture 08.03.2007] in the DDE Building of the University of Burdwan.

The general theme of the four lectures was: *Religion Morality and World Peace*. Speakers and Chairpersons of the lectures were as follows:

- ICPR Periodical Lecture I: Speaker: Professor Tushar Kanti Sarkar  
Chairperson: Professor Brian A. Hatcher
- ICPR Periodical Lecture- II: Speaker: Professor Indrani Sanyal  
Chairperson: Professor D.N. Tiwary
- ICPR Periodical Lecture III: Speaker: Dr. Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri  
Chairperson: Professor Saranath Basu
- ICPR Periodical Lecture-IV: Speaker: Professor Madhumita Chattopadhyay  
Chairperson: Professor Tariq Islam

The Four Speakers addressed different aspects of Religion Morality and World Peace.

- Professor Tushar Kanti Sarkar, Retired Professor of Jadhavpur University and Presently Adjunct Visiting Professor of the University of Waterloo, Canada, delivered lecture (in English) on “Religious Tolerance and World Peace: A Jaina Perspective”,
- Professor Indrani Sanyal, Professor of Jadavpur University, delivered lecture (in English) on “Religion Morality and World Peace: From the perspective of Hinduism”,
- Dr. Nrisingha Prasad Bhaduri, Reader, Gurudash College under the University of Calcutta, delivered lecture (in Bengali) on “*atha dbarmer katha ebam visva mangal*” and
- Professor Madhumita Chattopadhyay, Professor of Jadavpur University, delivered lecture (in English) on “Buddhist Religion: An Avenue Towards World Peace”.



Periodical Lecture at Burdwan University

## ICPR Delegation to World Congress of Philosophy, Seoul



**Professor G. Mishra presenting his paper at the Round Table at the WCP, Seoul**

Indian Council of Philosophical Research sent a delegation of 10 scholars to World Congress of Philosophy (WCP), Seoul led by Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, ICPR. International Federation of Philosophical Societies in collaboration with Korean Philosophical Association organized XXII World Congress of Philosophy at Seoul National University, Seoul, Korea from July 30 to August 5, 2008. At the WCP, ICPR organized two Round Tables on the topics (1) Rethinking Indian Philosophy: Identity and Globalization and (2) Indian Philosophy and Globalization: Prospects in Peace and Liberation. Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, ICPR chaired the first Round Table and Professor George F. McLean chaired the second Round Table.

Participants of the First Round Table on "Rethinking Indian Philosophy: Identity and Globalization:"

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| 1. Professor Ramakrishna Rao  | India (Chair) |
| 2. Professor George F. McLean | USA           |
| 3. Professor Geo Lyong Lee    | Seoul         |
| 4. Professor G. Mishra        | India         |
| 5. Professor Sujata Miri      | India         |
| 6. Professor Nirbhair Singh   | India         |

In his lecture at the Congress, Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, ICPR Chairman, spoke on the

'Colors of violence'. Multifaceted, bidirectional and many colored violence, he pointed out, causes in various diversities from harmless thoughts to lethal acts. Violence is bidirectional in that some acts of violence are self-directed as in suicides while others are other-directed. This distinction is sometimes blurred when a suicide is used to trigger mass murders as in the case with suicide bombers.

Participants of the Second Round Table on "Indian Philosophy and Globalization: Prospects in Peace and Liberation:"

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| 1. Professor George F. McLean   | USA (Chair) |
| 2. Professor Geo Lyong Lee      | Seoul       |
| 3. Professor Fred Dallmyar      | USA         |
| 4. Professor Jalalul Haq        | India       |
| 5. Professor Y.V. Satyanarayana | India       |
| 6. Professor R.P. Shrivastava   | India       |
| 7. Professor J.P. Shukla        | India       |
| 8. Professor D.N. Yadav         | India       |

The discussion and interaction at both the Round Tables forced participants to rethink the great philosophical questions relating to culture, religion, history, science, technology with special reference to Asia. ICPR deems it a privilege to thank the authorities of WCP and Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India for their help in making this delegation a great success.

## Fellows' Meet



Dr. Karan Singh addressing ICPR Fellows

Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR) organised Fellows' Meet from May 8-10, 2008 at the Centre for Philosophy, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University. A large number of research scholars and a few resource persons from all over the country participated in this programme.

The chief guest of this function was Dr. Karan Singh, Chairman, Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) and the ex-Chancellor of JNU.

Professor G. Mishra, Member Secretary welcomed all the delegates and the scholars. Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, Chairman, ICPR, in his opening remarks pointed out that the secret of success lies in hard work. The future of the country largely depends upon the activity of the younger generations. He urged the scholars to involve in incessant activities and contribute for the society.

Dr. Karan Singh, in his Inaugural Address observed that India's contribution to the world lies in the fields of art, science, commerce, technology, archi-

ecture, music and above all these, philosophy. An eminent scholar, well-versed in Sanskrit language and Indian Culture, Dr. Singh maintained that *Vedas* and the *Upanishads* are the cream of Indian philosophy. He stressed that in the age of globalization, moral values are degrading. But the task of restoring them lies in the hands of the students and researchers of philosophy. In his Inaugural Address, he also emphasized the contribution of the twentieth century Indian philosophers like Vivekananda, Sri Aurobindo, Gandhi, J. Krishnamurti and others.

Professor R.P. Srivastava, Professor Rajendra Prasad, Professor K.S. Radhakrishnan, Professor P.K. Mukhopadhyaya, Professor Janak Pandey, Professor Mrinal Miri, Professor R.L. Singh, Professor Nirbhai Singh, Professor Srinivasa Rao, Professor S.P. Gautam, Professor Sujata Miri, participated in the Fellow's Meet and delivered lectures.

## Life Time Achievement Award Function



Minister presenting a shawl and citation to Dr. Shail Mayaram, in honour of Professor Daya Krishna

On May 10, 2008, ICPR's Annual Day and Awards ceremony was held at SCOPE complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. On this auspicious occasion, ICPR's Life Time Achievement Award conferred on Professor Daya Krishna (posthumously). The Minister for Human Resource Development Hon'ble Shri Arjun Singh graced this occasion as the Chief Guest. At this function, the Chairman, the past-Chairmen of ICPR, Members of the ICPR Council, Governing Body, Research Programme Committee, Member-Secretary and the Staff of ICPR, National Fellows, Senior Fellows and Junior Fellows of the ICPR and Media were present.

The Minister lighted the lamp. There was also an invocation. The Member-Secretary welcomed all

the delegates. Professor K. Ramakrishna Rao, the Chairman of ICPR, delivered the opening remarks. In his opening remarks, he wished the Ministry to extend all kinds of possible help to ICPR. After the opening remarks, the Member-Secretary Professor G. Mishra read the citation, honouring Professor Daya Krishna with the Life Time Achievement Award of the Indian Council of Philosophical Research. The Head of the Department of Philosophy, University of Rajasthan, Professor Kusum Jain received the ICPR Life Time Achievement Award on behalf of Professor Daya Krishna. The Minister presented a shawl and citation to Dr. Shail Mayaram in honour of Professor Daya Krishna. A few books were released on this occasion.

## Workshops

A Two-day workshop was held at Madras Institute of Development Studies, Chennai from 28-29 March 2008 on ***New Horizons of Human Development: Art, Spirituality and Social Transformations.*** The Director of the workshop was Professor Ananta Kumar Giri.

In his introduction to the workshop, Professor Giri began by saying that today the existing meaning, understanding and realization of human development, art, spirituality and society are getting broadened. He presented several experiments of the broadening of the vision and practice of aesthetic development from societies and histories.

Professor Giri's initial presentation was followed by the presentation of John Clammer of United Nations University, Tokyo on Art and Social Transformation: Challenges to the Discourse and Practice of Human Development. In his presentation, Clammer explored several issues related to art and human development.

- A National Workshop of ***Applied Philosophy: A Colloquium to discuss curriculum for courses in***

***Applied Philosophy and Human Science*** was organized by GITAM University, Visakhapatnam from April 11-13, 2008. Thirty delegates participated in the discussions. The function was presided over by Professor M. Gangadhara Rao, Vice Chancellor, GITAM University. Professor K. Sivarama Krishna, Principal, delivered the Welcome Address. Professor Janak Pandey, Head of the Centre of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences and a Member of the Research Programme Committee of ICPR and Professor G.J.V Jagannadha Raju, Chancellor, Sri Chandrasekharendra Saraswati Viswa Mahavidyalaya joined as special guest.

The workshop was designed in a manner to facilitate the initiation of discussion on course structure, curriculum, syllabi, the evaluation process etc. for the proposed programmes- M.Phil and Ph.D in Applied Philosophy and five year integrated Masters program in Applied Psychology, Sociology and Social work and Rural Development

## National Seminars

Here is the report of a few seminars which were not included in the previous News Letter

- A National Seminar on **Recent Debates in Epistemology : Indian and Western** was held from 28-30 November 2007 organised by the Department of Philosophy, North Eastern Hill University, Shillong. Dr. Laxminarayan Lenka was the Director of the seminar. The seminar was inaugurated by Professor Pramod Tandon, Vice Chancellor, NEHU. The inaugural session was chaired by Professor Tamsula Ao, Dean of School of Humanities and Education, NEHU, and Professor Jagat Pal delivered the welcome address. Sixteen papers were presented in seven academic sessions of the seminar.
- A three day national seminar on **Person, Consciousness and Culture** was organised by the Department of Philosophy, Punjab University, Chandigarh from 2-8, February 2008.

Professor V.T. Sebastian was Director of the Seminar. There were seventeen scholars who presented their papers covering nine sessions on different sub-themes of the seminar. Professor M.M. Puri, Vice Chancellor, Punjab University, Professor Dharmendra Goel, Dr. John V. George, Professor R.C. Pradhan, Professor A.K. Mohanty, Professor S.P. Dubey, Professor S.A. Shaida, Professor D. Nesy and Professor Nirbai Singh participated in the seminar.

The following seminars also took place during the period of report.

- A two day National Seminar on **A Philosophy of Love** from 5-6 June 2008 was Organised by P.K.Roy Memorial College Dhanbad. The seminar was inaugurated by Dr. J.L.Oroan, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Vinoba Bhave University.

## ICPR Celebrated Hindi Week

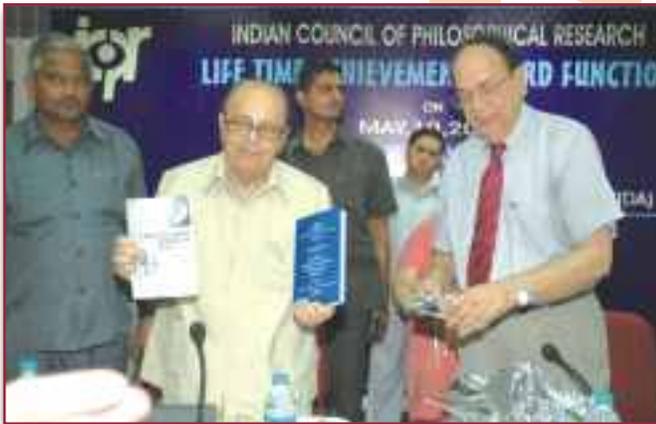


Mr Ashwini Kumar, Ms Hemlata Bharati, Mr M Chopra receiving prizes for Debate Competition from Professor Namvar Singh

Indian Council of Philosophical Research celebrated the Hindi Week from 23 September 2008 to 29 September 2008. for the promotion of Hindi language . Under the programme Poetry recitation, Writing, Noting and Drafting and Debate competi

tions were held. All the staff participated in the event with enthusiasm and received first, second and third positions both at Head Quarters and Lucknow Centre.

## Book Release Function



Book Release Function



Felicitating Dr. Madhuri Sondhi, author of ICPR Publication

The name of the books and the author's were-

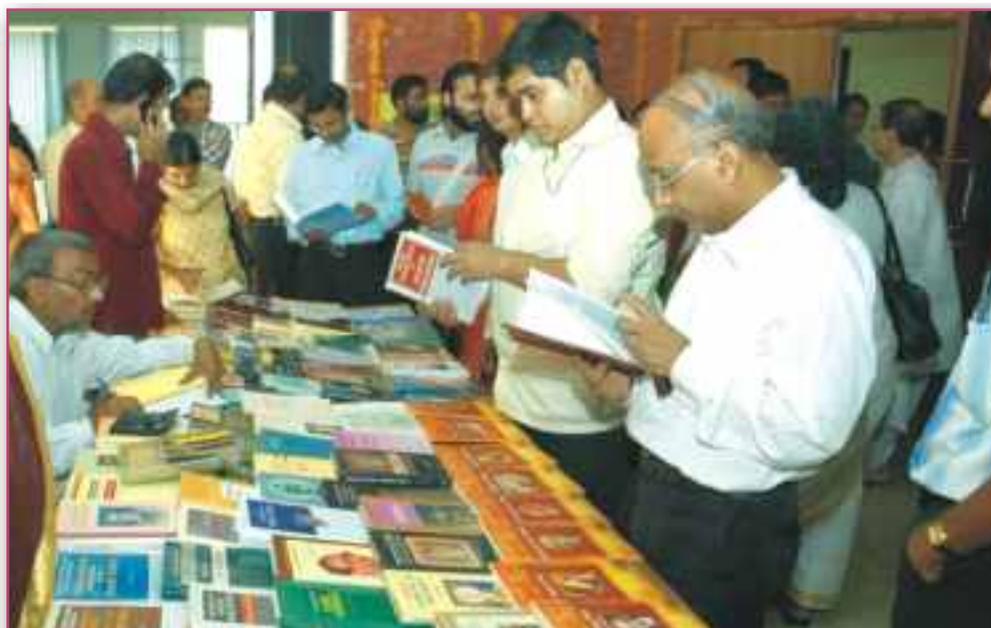
1. Professor R.S. Bhatnagar: *Author and Subject Index*, JICPR,
2. Ms. Madhuri Sondhi: *Intercivilizational Dialogue on Peace*,
3. Professor R.C. Pradhan (ed.): *Philosophy*,

*Culture and Value*,

4. Professor D.N. Tiwari: *The Central Problems of Bhartrhari's Philosophy*.

On this occasion, the Minister also presented mementoes to staff members, who have completed 25 years of service at ICPR

## Publications

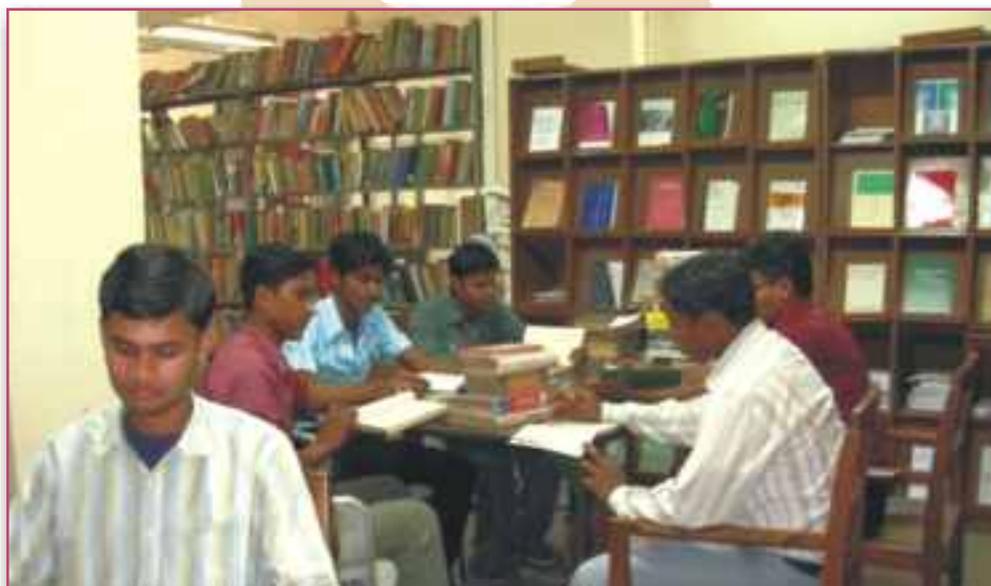


ICPR books at display for sales

Indian Council of Philosophical Research has published so far 120 titles in different areas of

Philosophy and the Council participates in different Book fairs in different parts of the country.

## Library



ICPR Library at Lucknow

At present the Library is having approx. 30000 books. It also subscribes to around 107 Journals every year. Apart from that Library receives around 27 journals on exchange basis, the Library is providing Reprography service to its readers on demand at

very nominal cost. This year from 1.1.2008 to 31.12.2008 approximately 1191 users/readers consulted our Library including Local as well as outstation readers.

In starting several experiments in Indian philosophy, Professor Daya Krishna along with Professor Rege organised several symposia and seminars to explore the interaction between Indian and Western thinking and edited the resulting volume, titled *Samvada*. The Jaipur Edition of the Rgveda was the culmination of his decades of teaching and thinking about classical Indian thought and its relevance to a more complete and comprehensive Indian historiography. In most of his writings, Professor Daya Krishna sought not only to demonstrate the relevance of the ancient Indian thought in discussing contemporary issues across academic disciplines, but also to highlight the range of diversity and tension within Indian culture. Recoiling from formulaic and holistic models of India's culture, he argued against some prominent specialists whose interpretations and paradigms he regarded either as glossing over tensions within India's culture or as simplifying complexities in comparative studies between India and the West.

As the Editor of the *JICPR* he threw himself enthusiastically into editing the *Journal* and only because of his sustained and abiding interest the *Journal* became

the effective mouthpiece of Indian philosophical thinking throughout the globe. Needless to mention, we are all indebted to him for his very invaluable services rendered as the Editor of the *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research (JICPR)*.

Professor Daya Krishna throughout had in him a kind of Socratic streak. His inquiring spirit and attitude was infectious and the way he raised questions specially inspired successive generations of young students and researchers throughout the country. The sophistication of his thinking made him famous as a unique Indian thinker of his generation throughout the world. Providing the argumentation in simple and clear language, he raised and addressed several questions which had not been raised so far in the classical tradition and he did this exercise in a way that was very different from the way it used to be done earlier. The Indian Council of Philosophical Research, of which Professor Daya Krishna was a founder member, is very greatly indebted to him for his active patronage and support, and it feels greatly honoured and privileged in conferring on him the Life Time Achievement Award.



Life Time Achievement Award cheque being received by Prof. Kusum Jain on behalf of Rajasthan University, Jaipur

### ARTICLES

DAYA KRISHNA

*Some Reflections on the Knowledge called 'Mathematics'*

SURYA KANTA MAHARANA

*Phenomenology of Consciousness: The Husserlian Dimension*

P.R. BHAT

*Possible Worlds*

SATRUGHNA BEHERA

*The Ethical Challenge of Post-modernism: Some Reflections*

ANIL KUMAR TEWARI

*The Problem of Personal Identity in Buddhism*

SHARDA NARAYANAN

*The Significance of Temporal Sequence in Language Study in Sastra*

L. ANTHONY SAVARI RAJ

*The End of Reality: Raimon Panikkar's Cosmotheandric Vision and its Implications*

C.R. AGERA

*Scriptural Text and The Reader*

ARUN KUMAR OJHA

*The Enigma of Maya: A Reappraisal*

### DISCUSSION AND COMMENTS

DAYA KRISHNA: *How Empirical is 'Empirical': Some Reflections*

RONIE PARCIACK: *Debating the Visual: Reflections on the Ontology of Film in the Hindu Context*

### AGENDA FOR RESEARCH

### NOTES AND QUERIES

### BOOK REVIEWS

HAGI KENAAN: "The Present Personal: Philosophy and the Hidden Face of Language" by Archana Barua

RAMESH CHANDRA SHAH: *Ancestral Voices: Reflections on Vedic, Classical and Bhakti Poetry* by Daniel Raveh

TUTUN MUKHERJEE (ED.): *Translation: From Periphery to Centrestage* by Daniel Raveh

MUHAMMAD MAROOF SHAH: *Problem of Evil in Muslim Philosophy: A Case Study of Iqbal* by Mufti Mudasir

JULIAN YOUNG: *Nietzsche's Philosophy of Religion*;

FRANSON MANJALI (ED.), NIETZSCHE: *Philologist, Philosopher and Cultural Critic*;

DAVID B. ALLISON, *Readings the New Nietzsche* by Daniel Raveh

### ARTICLES

DAYA KRISHNA

*Freedom, Reason, Ethics and Aesthetics*

A.K. CHATTERJEE

*Apobha: Buddhist Theory of Meaning*

SRINIVASA RAO

*The 'Ontological Gap' and the Sadasadvilaksana of Advaita Metaphysics: Are they Logically Sound?*

K. RAMAKRISHNA RAO

*Meditating on the Mandala of Indian Identity*

RACHANA SHARMA

*Reason as a Creative Faculty: An Account for Reason's Indecisiveness and Irresoluteness*

JAGAT PAL

*Non-Violence as a Social Value*

SRIKANTA SAMANTA

*Permissibility of Euthanasia and Self-Killing vis-à-vis the Concept of Moral Autonomy*

P.D. PREMASIRI

*Problems Concerning the Application of a Non-Cognitivist Analysis of Religious Language to the Teachings of Buddhism*

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PAUL RICOEUR:

*Sur la traduction, Bayard, Paris*  
by Daniel Raveh

LAXMI NARAIN (ED.):

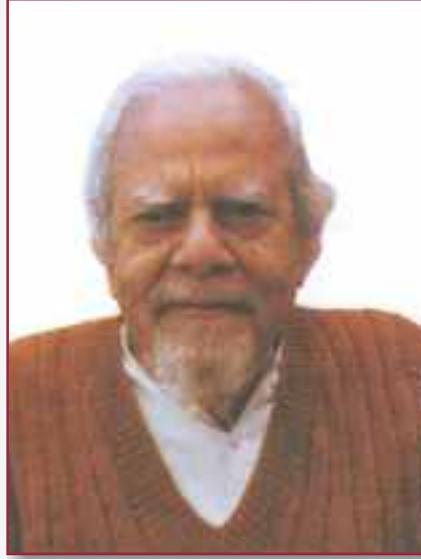
*Face to Face with Sri Ramana Maharshi*  
by Daniel Raveh

VIJAY TANKHA:

*Ancient Greek Philosophy*  
by Binod Kumar Agarwala

JONARDON GANERI:

*Artha: Meaning*  
by Maitreyee Datta



## Honouring Professor Daya Krishna

### LIFE-TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD OF THE INDIAN COUNCIL OF PHILOSOPHICAL RESEARCH

Professor Daya Krishna, born on September 17, 1924, was a distinguished and inspiring Indian philosopher of our times. Gifted with outstanding philosophical ability, he has made unique contributions to the vast firmament of philosophy in general and Indian philosophy in particular. As a student at Sanatan Dharma School, Hindu College and the University of Delhi, and later on as Professor at the Department of Philosophy, Rajasthan University, Jaipur and also as the Editor of the *Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical Research*, Dayaji always distinguished himself wherever and in whatever position he worked. Throughout his working career and even after retirement, his critical concerns about contemporary issues and trends in society, philosophy and polity continued to remain central to his life as a committed intellectual.

A voracious reader and a prolific writer, Dayaji's all comprehensive scholarship and intellectual vision touched every branch of philosophy. He threw himself enthusiastically into the task of learning Sanskrit since he always cherished a strong desire to

read the original texts to explore ancient cultures. His story is largely the story of philosophy in India for the last three decades. His first book, *Nature of Philosophy*, was hailed as a pioneering work in going against the widespread idea of colonial superiority and it was also an attempt to raise a platform for engaging with Indian thought very seriously. It was he who demonstrated that philosophy is a universal discourse and there is nothing Western or Indian about it. Professor Daya Krishna expanded the boundaries of Indian thought meaningfully and dialogically. Having evolved and consolidated an intellectual orientation of his own that informed all his later work, Professor Daya Krishna was also using Indian texts to explore the life and work of leading figures and their personalities in the context of concrete historical circumstances. Providing translated texts for others to join in the exploration of the interaction between ideology and action, he was one among the new breed Indian thinkers who tried to build a bridge between tradition and modernity.

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