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10-day National Śāstra Praśikṣaṇa Workshop on Manuscriptology and Paleography

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Venue: CIF Shodha Sansthan, Veliyanad, Ernakulam, Kerala

About the Workshop

This workshop aims to train research scholars in the fundamentals of Manuscriptology and Paleography, focusing on the identification, preservation, and critical editing of ancient manuscripts. Special attention will be given to Grantha and Sharada scripts, with hands-on training in manuscript reading and editing.

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There is no registration fee for the Course. Boarding and lodging are also free for the participants.

ABOUT THE HOST INSTITUTION (CIFSS)

Chinmaya International Foundation is the heart and sinew of its founder sage Swami Chinmayananda whose idea was to build a study and research centre to facilitate academic alliance among scholars across the globe and to bring out the ancient terms and terminologies employed in the Vedas to the context of the modern way of life. He wanted to build a bridge to embrace the western minds with our heritage.

Affiliated to the Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi, as a Shodha Sansthan (Centre for Sanskrit Research), under the scheme for financial assistance to institutions recognized as Adarsha Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya / Shodha Sansthan, the CIF Shodha Sansthan came into existence on 21st February 2008.

The objective of the scheme is to support and promote traditional Sanskrit learning and research. CIF Shodha Sansthan is a leading centre for advanced learning in Sanskrit and Indology in India with a good academic environment. Ever since the inception of the CIF Shodha Sansthan (CIFSS), it has been serving as a nucleus for the study of Sanskrit, philosophy, principles and values, and the cultural heritage of India.

Today, the Shodha Sansthan stands as a premier Sanskrit research institution recognised by the Department of Science and Technology (DST), Govt. of India and the worlds' largest open university, Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

BRIEF SUMMARY OF COURSE CONTENT

This workshop on *Manuscriptology and Paleography* is designed to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of ancient Indian scripts, manuscript preservation, and textual editing. The course covers:

- **Understanding Manuscriptology & Writing Materials** - Exploring the significance, classification, and history of manuscripts, along with an overview of writing materials, inks, and instruments used in manuscript creation.
- **Origin, Development of Grantha, Sharada & Nandi Nagari Scripts** - Tracing the evolution of these scripts, their structural characteristics, and their role in Indian manuscript traditions.
- **Practical Training in Script Reading & Manuscript Editing** - Hands-on practice in reading and transcribing ancient texts, culminating in a guided manuscript editing session.
- **Fundamentals of Textual Criticism & Critical Edition** - Learning higher and lower criticism techniques, methods for reconstructing texts, and principles of producing a critical edition.
- **Preservation, Conservation & Cataloging Techniques** - Studying the science of manuscript conservation, proper handling, and systematic cataloging methods.
- **Deciphering Colophons, Date Codes & Eras in Manuscripts** - Understanding how to interpret historical markers and metadata within manuscripts.
- **Insights into the Evolution of Indian Scripts** - A broad overview of various Indian scripts and their development over time.

This workshop will equip scholars with essential skills in manuscript studies, ensuring the preservation of India's rich intellectual heritage while integrating traditional knowledge with modern research methodologies.

REGISTRATION FEE, TA & ACCOMMODATION

- There is no registration fee for the Course.
- Boarding and lodging are also free for the participants.
- Accommodation for outstation participants will be provided on a twin-sharing basis. It is limited to 30 people and will be allotted on a first-come, first-served basis. Participants will be hosted at Adi Sankara Nilayam, the maternal house of Jagadguru Adi Sankaracharya, located within CIF's campus, surrounded by the serene natural beauty of Kerala.
- Travelling allowances (TA) is payable only for Train sleeper class/ Normal Bus fare as per CSU rules and Guide Lines. The participants, to claim TA should present original tickets.

ELIGIBILITY

- PG and UG Completed Students & All registered Ph.D scholars in recognized Indian university/research institute may send their application for this workshop. The candidates should have basic knowledge of Sanskrit, Hindi and English. Selected candidates would be informed 10 days in advance of commencing the workshop. Registered participants must attend the workshop without fail.

INVITED EMINENT SCHOLARS



Prof. Vasant M. Bhatt
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