

International Seminar
on
Universal Welfare and the Eternal
Philosophy of Bhagavad Gita

3rd to 5th December 2019

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Rejuvenated by the benevolent sun and pleasant winter of November, the pious land of Kurukshetra once again experienced the footsteps of tourists, artists, scholars, connoisseurs, knowledge-seekers and all those who witnessed the grandeur of International Gita Mahotsav held from 23rd November to 10th December, 2019 on the banks of Brahma Sarovar. During the festival, Kurukshetra University, the glorious gem of the city, organized 4th international seminar on the theme 'Universal Welfare and the Eternal Philosophy of Shrimad-Bhagavad-Gita' from 3 to 5 December, 2019. The theme inspired to have a look on serious global issues of today's era and seek for their sustainable solutions with keen foresightedness of the scholars. The aim of the seminar was to spread the welfare philosophy of Gita among the people, especially the youth in order to attain a long lasting influence of the teachings of lord Krishna. To achieve this outcome, a special session 'open House' (*Gita - Sansad*) was introduced for the first time in the seminar to involve undergraduate and postgraduate students so that they become motivated to study and understand the auspicious scripture and become more mature and wiser citizens.

Inaugurated by Hon'ble Governor of Haryana, Sh. Satya Dev Narayan Arya and graced by Hon'ble Chief Minister of Uttarakhand , Sh. Trivendra Singh Ravat and Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana, Sh. Manohar Lal Khattar, the seminar

received representation of scholars from various disciplines from all the globe, researchers of different fields and students from all streams. The seminar was divided into eight technical sessions along with Inaugural and valedictory sessions and was concluded as a multi-disciplinary event having wider social impact. Renowned international and national speakers of Gita were invited as resource persons in the seminar to deliver lectures. Funded by the Govt. of Haryana, it ended as a mega academic event touching the heights as well as the depth of the message of Gita. An outcome based report of different sub-themes and sessions is as follows:

International Perspective on Bhagavad Gita

We all know that Gita is one of the most widely - read scriptures of the world. It has been translated into many languages and has been commented upon by the scholars of various religions and streams. A panel discussions of foreign scholars was organized in order to achieve a general perception about how Gita is understood in other countries. The discussion led to the conclusion that Gita is a great scripture which can inculcate among people a deep sense of duty, dedication, devotion, highest quality of self-discipline and above all a vision of comprehensiveness in place of individuality. The scholars were of the view that the philosophy of Gita is the only way out today to attain global peace because it teaches us to live in harmony, to think about larger interest and to act for universal welfare.