



Ramakrishna Mission Vivekananda Educational and Research Institute

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PO Belur Math, Dist Howrah, West Bengal 711202, India

Humanitarian Philosophy of India: Philosophy and Practice

28-29 November 2025 (Friday and Saturday)

Venue: Abhedananda Convention Centre, Belur Math, Howrah, West Bengal

We are organizing a two-day conference on the above subject, wherein representatives from various faith-based organizations of Indian origin will participate and discuss their humanitarian philosophy and service activities.

Programme

28 November 2025 (Friday)

8:30 am	Registration
9:45 am	Invocation
10:00 am	Welcome Address, Swami Atmapriyananda, Pro-Chancellor, RKMVERI (15 mins.)
10:20 am	'Objectives and Expected Outcomes of the Conference', Dr. P.G. Dhar Chakrabarti, Emeritus Professor, Dept. of Environment & Disaster Management, RKMVERI (20 mins.)
10:45 am	'Humanitarian Philosophy in Indian Traditions (Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh)', Dr. Paromita Roy, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Sanskrit & Philosophy, and 'Swami Abhedananda Chair', RKMVERI (25 mins.)
11:15 – 11:35 am	Tea Break
11:40 am	Inaugural Address: Prof. Sachchidananda Mishra, Member-Secretary, Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi (35 mins.)
12:20 pm	"Ramakrishna Mission's Saga of Service spanning 128 years – Philosophy and History", Swami Muktinathananda, Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh (20 mins.) and "Ramakrishna Mission's Relief and Rehabilitation Service Activities (with visuals including video clippings)", Swami Purneshwarananda, Ramakrishna Mission Ashrama, Narendrapur, Kolkata 700103 (20 mins)
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Lunch Break



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- 2:00 pm 'Integrated Rural and Tribal Development Activities across India, in the service of the marginalized and underprivileged',
Dr. H. Sudarshan,
Founding Secretary, Vivekananda Girijana Kalyana Kendra, and
Founding President, Karuna Trust, Bengaluru, Karnataka (35 mins.)
- 2:40 pm "Sri Sathya Sai Institutions' selfless service of humanity",
Sri B.N. Narasimha Murthy, Chairman, Prashanthi Balamandira Trust,
Chief Mentor, Sri Sathya Sai Loka Seva Gurukulam Group of
Institutions, and First Chancellor (former), Sri Sathya Sai University
for Human Excellence, Karnataka (35 mins.)
- 3:20 pm 'Humanitarian Services of Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS*)',
Sadhu Amrutcharit Das, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir,
Kolkata (35 mins.)
(*Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha)
- 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm Panel Discussion and Q & A Session 1: (60 mins.)
Themes: Seva (selfless service), Karuna (compassion), Dana (sharing),
Ahimsa (non-violence) – philosophy and practice:
Dr. P.G. Dhar Chakrabarti, Dr. Paromita Roy, Prof. Sachchidananda
Mishra, Swami Muktinathananda, Swami Purneswarananda,
Dr. H. Sudarshan, Sri B.N. Narasimha Murthy,
Sadhu Amrutcharit Das, Swami Atmapriyananda (moderator)

29 November 2025 (Saturday)

- 9:00 am Registration (for the second day)
- 9:45 am 'Bharat Sevashram Sangha in the service of humanity',
Swami Dibyananda,
Member of the Governing Body, Bharat Sevashram Sangha (35 mins.)
- 10:25 am 'Buddhist philosophy of compassion – theory and practice',
Prof. Tashi Tsering, Professor (Retd.), Central Institute of
Higher Tibetan Studies, Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh (35 mins.)
- 11:05 am 'Philosophy of service (seva) rooted in Guru Nanak's teachings',
Dr Gopinder Kaur Sagoo, Senior Writer & Advisor, Education,
Guru Nanak Nishkam Education Trust, Birmingham, UK (35 mins.)
- 11:45 am 'Jain Philosophy of Ahimsa (non-violence), ethical & moral principles –
theory and practice', a representative of Shrimad Rajchandra Mission,
Dharampur (35 mins.)



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12:25 pm	<u>Panel Discussion and Q & A Session 2:</u> (30 mins.) <u>Themes:</u> Seva (selfless service), Karuna (compassion), Dana (sharing), Ahimsa (non-violence) – philosophy and practice: Dr. P. G. Dhar Chakrabarti, Dr. Paromita Roy, Prof. Sachchidananda Mishra, Dr. H. Sudarshan, Sri B.N. Narasimha Murthy, Swami Dibyananda, Prof. Tashi Tsering, Dr Gopinder Kaur Sagoo, Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Swami Atmapriyananda (moderator)
1:00 pm	Vote of thanks, Dr. Paromita Roy
1:15 pm	<u>Conclusion:</u> ‘Adopting Indian Humanitarian Philosophy Charter’ – how it can add value to and enrich the Global Humanitarian Charter Dr. P.G. Dhar Chakrabarti (15 mins.)
1:35 pm	Lunch and disperse

Compere: Brahmachari Aditya (Yogesha Chaitanya)