



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	"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)
12:20 am	'Humanitarian Services of Swaminarayan Sanstha (BAPS*)', Sadhu Amrutcharit Das, BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir, Kolkata (35 mins.) (*Bochasanwasi Akshar Purushottam Swaminarayan Sanstha)
1:00 pm - 1:45 pm	Lunch Break
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.)



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2:40 pm	'Jain Philosophy of Ahimsa (non-violence), ethical & moral principles – theory and practice', Sri Sumit Desai and Sri Jayesh Bakda Shrimad Rajchandra Mission, Dharampur (35 mins.)
3:20 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.)
4:00 pm – 5:00 pm	<u>Panel Discussion and Q & A Session 1:</u> (60 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, Swami Muktinathananda, Swami Purneswarananda, Dr. H. Sudarshan, Sri Sumit Desai, Sri Jayesh Bakda, Sri B.N. Narasimha Murthy, Swami Atmapriyananda (moderator)
5:00 pm	Tea and Disperse
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	<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, Dr. H. Sudarshan, Sri B.N. Narasimha Murthy, Swami Dibyananda, Prof. Tashi Tsering, Dr. Gopinder Kaur Sagoo, Swami Atmapriyananda (moderator)
12:20 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 (25 mins.)
12:50 pm	Vote of Thanks
1:00 pm	Lunch and disperse
	<u>Compere:</u> Brahmachari Aditya (Yogesha Chaitanya)