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# NATIONAL SEMINAR ON PHILOSOPHY OF NAGARJUNA

Holly presence of

**Nobel Laureate Dalai Lama**



## Theme

Buddhism came in light and effect during sixth century BC and subsequently became an internationally renowned religion. Buddhism attacked severely ritualistic and unjust social aspects of the prevalent Vedic culture and prepared groundwork for a rational and egalitarian cultural reform. The principles inbuilt in Buddhism have contributed immensely to the development and growth of Indian Culture in its various aspects such as literature, art, education, religion and philosophy.

Apart from highlighting the contributions of Buddhism to different aspects of Indian culture, the conference will specially focus on the contribution of a key figure in Buddhist philosophy, Acharya Nagarjuna (ca. 150-250 CE). Nagarjuna is known as a versatile personality having made contribution even to the field such as rasayana (alchemy). This conference the main focus will be on his philosophical contributions. Nagarjuna, his disciple

Āryadeva, his commentators such as Bhavaviveka and Candrakirti and commentaries on their works in Tibetan, Chinese and other languages constitute a long chapter in the history of Buddhist philosophy carrying a lasting impression on world culture. The Madhyamaka school of Buddhism founded by Acharya Nāgārjuna had a deep impact on some other schools of Indian philosophy as well, most noteworthy being Kevaladvaita Vedanta. As a platform for interdisciplinary academic pursuits this National Conference will bring together the intellectuals in the field of ancient Indian culture, Indian philosophy and Buddhism to discuss upon the contributions of Buddhism in general and Acharya Nagarjuna in particular to Indian culture and will try to bring out their relevance in the contemporary world.

## Sub-Themes

- ♦ Grounds for accepting certain text to be genuinely Nagarjunian or otherwise

- ♦ Nagarjuna's interpretation and employment of some traditional Buddhist Philosophical terms and concepts
- ♦ Textual study of a specific philosophical text (or a part thereof) of Nagarjuna
- ♦ Diverse interpretation of Nagarjuna's Philosophical position given by modern scholars.
- ♦ School of Madhyamika Buddhism developed in India, China, Tibet and other countries
- ♦ Contemporary issues in Nagarjun's Philosophy
- ♦ Nagarjuna's Method
- ♦ The Madhyamika school of Buddhism
- ♦ Implications of Nagarjun's Philosophy to Social, Political and Environmental Issues

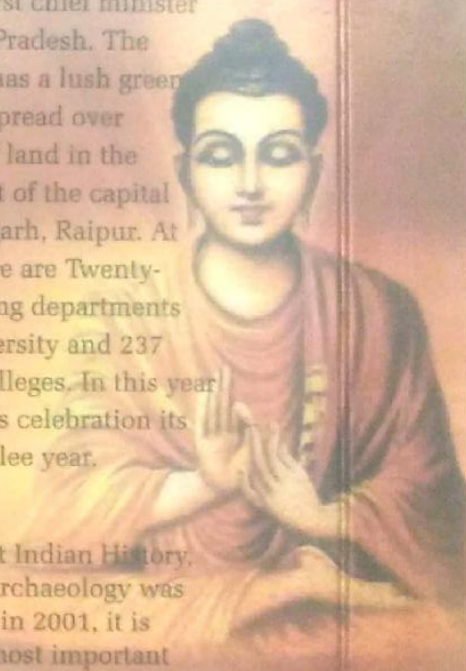
## The University

Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University is Chhattisgarh's largest and oldest institution

of higher education, founded on May 1, 1964, by Pt. Ravishankar Shukla the erstwhile first chief minister of Madhya Pradesh. The University has a lush green campus is spread over 207 acres of land in the western part of the capital of Chhattisgarh, Raipur. At present there are Twenty-Nine teaching departments in the University and 237 affiliated colleges. In this year University is celebrating its Golden Jubilee year.

## Host

SoS Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology was established in 2001, it is one of the most important subject to know our glorious past. Chhattisgarh region has the richest heritage and antiquities. Our thrust areas in imparting Education and Research





are Regional History, Art History, Ethno Archaeology, Field Archaeology, Art & Architecture, Numismatic, Palaeography, Epigraphy and Indian Philosophy.

## Raipur and its Surroundings

Raipur city is the capital of Chhattisgarh. It represents the administrative, educational, business and industrial seat of the State. In its immediate neighbourhood lies, Bhilai, the steel city of India. Its popularity and significance is immense. It holds great importance from the cultural and historical view point. Many cultural and historical heritages like Tala, Malhar, Sirpur, Rajim, Arang, Boramdev and Devbaloda are situated near by it.

In this region, Buddhism was popular and is widely know due to many reasons: one of them being that the ruler of the place had a very humble and soft eye towards it. We find

many structures like Stupa, Vihara from Sirpur. Buddhist Nagarjuna also visited the place during Satvahana period. But from the religious view point and harmony of the rulers of this region temples of many cults were established (Shaiva, Vaisnava, Jaina, Bauddha). In the south of Raipur is the tribal heart of India-the Bastar, where the tribal culture, art and philosophy are still preserved in original form along with the natural settings in deep and thick woods.

It is important to mention here that in January the climate of Raipur is very pleasant Raipur is well connected by air, train and roads.

## Call for Papers

Research papers from interested persons are invited in soft copy (Hindi/English). The abstract should be about 200 words and must be typed on A4 size paper.

## Important Dates

### Last date:

For submitting  
Registration form:  
December, 20, 2013

For submitting Abstract :  
December, 20, 2013

For submitting full Paper:  
December, 31, 2013

Typed in MSW file in a  
Soft copy and hard copy.

## Registration Fee

Faculty	Rs.	500.00
Students	Rs.	300.00
Organizations	Rs.	2000.00
Foreign delegate	\$	150.00

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*Highlight of the Seminar is  
Sirpur Visit in the holy  
presence of*

**Hon'ble Dalai Lama**

*that is proposed on  
14th of January 2014*




# Souvenir




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