

# All India Saraswat Sammelan

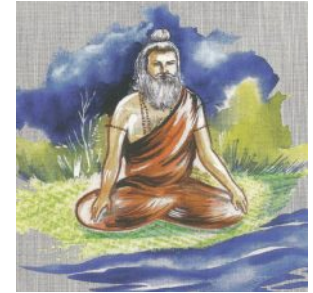
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*Joining Hands  
in Harmony*



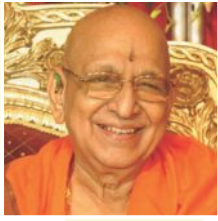
Come hither, all you brothers and sisters  
of the ancient Saraswat tradition  
let us get together yet again  
and sing hymns in unison  
to the glory of our mother river Saraswati

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Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Stadium  
Taleigao Panaji, Goa

## Shree Kashi Math



H.H. Shrimad Sudhindra  
Teertha Swamiji

## Shree Gokarn Math



H.H. Shrimad Vidyadhiraj  
Shripad Vader  
Teertha Swamiji

## Shree Chitrapur Math



H.H. Shrimad Sadyojat  
Shankarashram Swamiji

## Shree Kavale Math



H.H. Shrimad Shivanand  
Saraswati Swamiji

## Sammelan Overview

In January 2016 in the beautiful coastal city of Goa - All India Saraswat Sammelan is proposed to be held. The event will highlight the distinct Saraswat identity - something as of yet unknown to many. According to the Puranas, the Saraswats derive their lineage from their founding father, the great sage Saraswat Muni who lived on the banks of the lost river Saraswati in North India six thousand years ago.



Tragically, the disappearance of the life giving river Circa 1000 BC subsequently led to a series of mass migration which has scattered the Saraswat population over the years - giving rise to various smaller denominations such as the **Gauda Saraswats, the Chitrapur Saraswats, The Rajapur Saraswats, Kutchi Saraswats** and so on. Similarly the origins of some ethnic groups such as the **Kashmiri Saraswats** and certain communities of **Rajasthan, Haryana, Punjab and Kerala** can also be traced to the Saraswat entity.

Inheritors of ancient Vedic practices, the Saraswat have for centuries persistently preserved their traditions; facilitated largely by the community temples and maths which have proved to be the medium for social interaction. However the ravages of time have slowly eroded their common cultural identity which is so precious to their preservation.

## Objectives of Sammelan

- To bring together Saraswats of all denominations from all over India.
- To identify the areas of unity and diversity among the various Saraswat denominations.
- To facilitate the preservation and propagation of the Saraswat way of life with reference to cultural indicators such as language, customs and traditions, arts and craft.
- To focus attention on the cultural, social, economic and other issues that affect and concern the lives of Saraswats in particular.

To encourage a sense of pride and prestige among the Saraswat population through greater self awareness and knowledge of their rich cultural heritage.

## Sammelan Program

The Sammelan to feature

**Conference** where there will be papers presented, lectures delivered, discussions held and resolutions debated over by eminent scholars and renowned experts on a wide variety of topics and issues concerning Saraswats.

**Cultural presentations** where in the evening the delegates will be offered the glimpse of a fascinating variety of Saraswat arts ranging from Folk arts, to theatre to music to cultural programmes of every kind.

**Felicitations** where individuals and institutions that have put in meritorious service for the preservation and propagation of the Saraswat language, literature and culture will be honoured by eminent people specially invited for the purpose.

**Trade Fair** which will include display stalls for companies and organisations and sales counters for artefacts, goods and novelties.

**Presentations** from various regional Saraswat organisations



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## Sammelan Registration

Any Resident or Non Resident Indian Saraswat can become a delegate\* (or other category) at the All India Saraswat Sammelan 2016 by paying the amounts as shown below

## Delegate Registration

Early bird Registration  
(till 30th November 2015) ₹ 1,000/- per person

Normal Delegate Registration  
after 30th November 2015 ₹ 1,500/- per person

Spot Delegate Registration ₹ 2,500/- per person

## Sammelan Contribution

Contribute to the success of  
AISCO Saraswat Sammelan 2016

The Saraswat Sammelan 2016 is being organised with the whole-hearted support of all sections of the community. Your gracious contribution is solicited in following categories

- Title Sponsor - ₹ 7,50,000/-
- Premier Sponsor - ₹ 5,00,000/-
- Corporate Sponsor - ₹ 2,00,000/-
- Platinum Sponsor - ₹ 1,00,000/-
- Gold Sponsor - ₹ 50,000/-
- Banner Sponsor - ₹ 15,000/-

## Souvenir

All forms of contribution for the cause, in form of monetary, material, morale, intellectual and participatory help is welcome and solicited. Advertisement tariff for the Souvenir to be released on the auspicious occasion of the Sammelan

- Full Page : ₹ 10,000/-
- Half Page : ₹ 6,000/-
- Back Cover Page : ₹ 25,000/-
- Inner Cover Page : ₹ 15,000/-

Size of Souvenir : 19 cms by 25 cms

Drafts / cheques drawn in favour of  
"AISCO Saraswat Sammelan Goa"

## Programme

### Day 1

- 9:00am - 11:00am Registration / Breakfast
- 11:00am - 1:00pm Inauguration
- 1:00pm - 2:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm - 6:00pm Sessions
- 6:30pm - 9:00pm Cultural Event
- 9:00pm - 10:00pm Dinner

### Day 2

- 8.30am - 9.30am Breakfast
- 9.30pm - 1.00pm Sessions
- 1.00pm - 2.00pm Lunch
- 2.00pm - 4.00pm Sessions
- 4.00pm - 6.00pm Closing Ceremony



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