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SF BAY AREA BASED, INDIC STUDIES FOUNDATION ANNOUNCED
THE NEXT STEP IN THE SERIES OF ANNUAL SEMINARS,
CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF
DISTORTED HISTORY OF INDIA

Pleasanton, CA April 1, 2009 -- SF Bay area based Indic Studies Foundation (ISF) a not for profit public benefit corporation announced a series of annual seminars and workshops to address the issue of distorted history of India. Its president Dr. Kosla Vepa stated that "freedom is a natural desire among all humans, and India's history needs to be freed from its colonial past on the same footing as India's political freedom was attained sixty years ago."

In a key initiative towards the process of decolonization of history, Indic Studies Foundation is hosting

**An International Conference on
Indian History jointly organized by**

**Indic Studies Foundation, California, & ABISY Delhi at
India International Centre, 40 Lodi Estate, New Delhi on
January 09 (Friday) - 11th (Sunday), 2009**

This is a sequel to an International Seminar on Chronology of India in Dallas, TX, during Oct 12-14, 2008 that was also convened by ISF

Due to imperial imperatives the colonial powers in India contrived a false history of India in general, and completely mangled its chronology in particular. There is a need to correct the historical narrative of India, that needs to be done from an Indian perspective and by historians and scholars whose professionalism is complete and who are not influenced either by an alien ideology or a domestic political motive. We need to bring a sense of urgency to the task. For it is clear that one cannot assume the presence of the Pandits in great numbers, in the future as they will migrate to positions that are more financially secure rather than do the arduous task of memorizing sizeable portion of the Veda as they have done in the past.

Further, there is a need to investigate and measure the socio-cultural consequences of youths learning contrived history during their formative years resulting in self-alienation and hatred towards their own cultural background. An overall assessment of the cultural damage caused to the society by contrived history needs to be made.

Consequently, it is imperative for the civil society and its plethora of stakeholders to come together, and develop and execute a plan of effective remediation in order to decolonize the discipline of History once and for all.

The Foundation will undertake a series of seminars annually with an exclusive focus on Indic history to specifically research the distorted history, investigate its consequences, assess its consequences, and remedy the situation by facilitating impartial/professional research into Indic history, and in addition will conduct programs to correct the history in the academia, media and in public perception.

The overall goal of the Dallas HEC2007 seminar was to increase awareness of the importance of learning the accurate History of India. The seminar fulfilled the following aims:

1. Identified key distinguishing characteristics and dates of the Indic civilization.

The following key distinguishing characteristics were highlighted

- The staggering amount of literature ever since the time of ancients
- The eclectic nature of the knowledge built up since antiquity
- The essential continuity of the Indic civilization
- The unique nature of the contributions in various fields such as Mathematics and Astronomy

The following key events were identified

- The dating of the Veda
- The dating of the Mahabharata war to serve as a sheet anchor for the History of India
- The dating of the Birth of the Buddha
- The dating of the coronation of Chandragupta Maurya
- The dating of Adi Sankara
- The dating of the Sulva Sutras
- The dating of Panini
- The dating of the Satapatha Brahmana and Yajnavalkya

2. Indicated those areas of Indian history which are egregiously in error.

There are resulting inconsistencies in the chronology of the Indic historical narrative, which is now horribly mangled to fit the straightjacket of British assumptions

The Foundation will make available presentations of the conference so that scholars and researchers can eventually reconstruct a true Chronology keeping the aforementioned aims in mind.

The Foundation also calls upon the civil society -- parents, teachers, journalists and other stakeholders to attend the follow-up workshop to develop a strategic plan of corrections in History and remediation of the negative impact of contrived history on the youth.

The Foundation is committed to devising and executing plans

- that will focus awareness on the antiquity, diversity, intellectual vibrancy, the logical rigor and ontological scope of Indic civilization, the profound contributions it has made to many spheres of activity of humanity.

- comprehend the nature and breadth of adversarial theologies which seek to malign the Indic ethos, dispel lacunae and misconceptions in the understanding of Indic traditions in India and the Western hemisphere, as exemplified by the case of the California Text Book Misrepresentation of Ancient India in 2005/2006

The next step in the process is the International Conference on Indian History, to be held at the India International Centre , January 9-11,2009 at New Delhi. The conference will build upon the conclusions established at Dallas and has basically two objectives. One is to increase awareness of strategic thinking and to show that a strategic approach based on long-term objectives is key to creating an environment for a civilization in which the future is less threatening and offers greater and better choices. The second objective is to increase awareness of the importance of learning the accurate history of India and its impact on the future choices that a country can and should make in its vital interests

It is estimated that the conference will need a basic minimum of \$25,000, to assist students, and other deserving individuals to attend the Conference, and we request those who believe that India deserves a n authentic history step forward to donate any amount of their choosing in order to further these causes. Donations may be sent to

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