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## INTRODUCTION

We would like to start with a heartfelt thanks to Sant Rajinder Singh Ji [1967/BT/EE] for his sustained benevolent contributions towards the growth and development of IIT Madras.

IIT Madras aims to provide sustainable solutions to societal problems, which are made possible by contributions from our alumni and well-wishers. The Office of International & Alumni Relations is striving for this task under the guidance of Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula.



**Prof. Mahesh Panchagnula**  
- Dean International & Alumni Relations

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji is the head of the international non-profit organization Science of Spirituality (SOS), known in India as the Sawan Kirpal Ruhani Mission. To his disciples he is known as Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj. Sant Rajinder Singh Ji is internationally recognized for his work toward promoting inner and outer peace through spirituality and meditation on the inner Light and Sound.

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji earned his bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT (Indian Institute of Technology) Madras, India and his master's degree in Electrical Engineering from IIT (Illinois Institute of Technology) in Chicago, Illinois. He received his spiritual education from two of India's leading spiritual Masters: Kirpal Singh (1894–1974) and Sant Darshan Singh Ji Maharaj (1921–1989). His training in both disciplines has helped him express age-old spiritual teachings in clear, logical language. Rajinder has had a distinguished twenty-year career in science, computers, and communications.

He is the son of Sant Darshan Singh Ji Maharaj (1921–1989) and grandson of Kirpal Singh (1894–1974).



**Sant Rajinder Singh**  
has said,

**"One of the greatest benefits of meditation is that we will not only have peace in our own homes, but will contribute to the peace of the world. Throughout the world, people are praying for peace. But, as the expression goes, charity begins at home. World peace can only become a reality when each of us individually has peace in our own circles. If we bring peace into our individual spheres, the effect will be cumulative, and it will contribute to world peace."**

# SANT RAJINDER SINGH JI MAHARAJ ADJUNCT CHAIR



In 2000, He was part of a delegation of hundreds of world religious leaders who traveled to New York for the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders, “an event unusual for its religious diversity and for its having convened at the United Nations,” according to the New York Times. Singh told the Times, “When we sit and talk with them [leaders of other religions], we realize they are not much different”

Sant Rajinder Singh Ji has written a number of books including Inner and Outer Peace through Meditation which was #1 Barnes and Noble best-selling meditation book.

As founder of Darshan Education Foundation, Singh has established Darshan Academy throughout India (schools that teach students from Pre-K—12). Integrating both meditation and a spiritual curriculum into a traditional academic environment, the foundation’s goal is two-fold: first, to produce students whose spiritual potential is developed along with their intellect and physical well-being; and second, to inspire in each student a global view of the world, unobstructed by distinctions of race, nationality, religion, or economic status.

He was President of the 16th International World Human Unity Conference in 1998.

## Prof. K S Kannan

- Chair occupant, Professor,  
Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Prof. K S Kannan the former director of Karnataka Samskrit University and former principal Samskrit University (evening). Professor KS Kannan has been teaching Sanskrit for over 35 years and authored around 25 books on Sanskrit grammar, literature, among others
- The Chair is housed in the “Department of Humanities and Social Sciences,” the Chair was launched during Alumnite 2019.

# ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

## DURING THE FIRST SEMESTER

(July-December 2019)



Prof. K S Kannan

## RECOGNITIONS

- (Aug 2019) Felicitated by the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore, on the occasion of the Founder's Day. (Established in 1945 in Bangalore, The Indian Institute of World Culture is a public institution that aims, via its activities, "to foster the growth of a truly cosmopolitan spirit among citizens of all nations.")
- (Sep 2019) Felicitated by Indic Academy under their "Grateful2Gurus" initiative in Chennai, in recognition of the "outstanding and selfless service rendered to Sanatana Dharma". (Indic Academy is a non-traditional "university" for traditional knowledge. It seeks to bring about a global renaissance based on Indic civilizational thought)
- (June 2019) Appointed as Member, Academic Council, Veda Vijnana Shodha Samsthana, Chennahalli, and Bangalore. (Veda Vijnana Shodha Samsthana (Estd. 2010) is a research organisation blending the two streams of traditional Indian knowledge and modern science, primarily focussing on the study of research in Shastra-s. As a research body, it has affiliations with three universities: S-VYASA University (Bangalore); Tumkur University (Tumkur), and Karnataka Samskrit University (Bangalore).
- Continuing as External Member, Board of Studies, University of Hyderabad, Hyderabad.
- Continuing as External Member, Board of Studies, Chinmaya Vishva Vidyalaya, Veliyanad, Kerala

## TALKS GIVEN

- (Aug 2019, Bangalore) Talk on "Life and Works of BPWadia" (on the special annual occasion of the Founder's Day) as Founder's Day Lecture at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore. (BPWadia is the Founder of the esteemed organisation).
- (Sep 2019, Chennai) Talk on "Kalividambana-kāvya" under the auspices of Samskrita Sangha, IIT-Madras.
- (Sep 2019, Chennai) Talk on "Kāthopaniṣad" under the auspices of Vivekananda Study Circle, IIT-Madras.
- (Oct 2019, Chennai) Talk on "Kumārasambhava" of Kālidāsa - first in the series of talks commenced under the joint auspices of the Sant Rajinder Ji Singh Maharaj Chair, Dept. of HSS, IIT-Madras, and Samskrita Sangha, IIT-Madras.

(To be resumed and continued fortnightly in the current Semester (January-June 2020).

## PROJECTS (ONGOING)

- With ICPR, New Delhi (Minor Project): "The Philosophy of Ananda Coomaraswamy"
- With ICSSR, New Delhi (as Senior Fellow): "Sanskrit Non-translatables"
- Book project: Editing Ākhyātacandrikā (a work on Sanskrit Grammar)

## COURSE CONDUCTED AT IIT-MADRAS

- HSS 6080: An Introduction to Sanskrit Literature (previous and current semesters)

## TALKS ORGANISED AT IIT-MADRAS

- (Sep 2019) Talk on “Principles and Applications of Acoustics in Hinduism” by Prof. M.G.Prasad, Emeritus Professor, Stevens Institute of Technology, NJ, USA.

## FORTHCOMING

### PUBLICATIONS

- (Expected March 2020) Swadeshi Critique of Videshi Mīmāṃsā (313 pp.) (= Proceedings of Papers presented at Swadeshi Indology Conferences held in 2016 and 2017, respectively held at Chennai and Delhi) (Vol. 5 of the Swadeshi Indology Conference Series). Editor.
- (Expected April 2020) Parīksā of Pollock’s Works (Monograph, about 175 pp.) (=Vol 6. of the Swadeshi Indology Conference Series). Editor.

### TALKS

- (Jan 2020) Invited Talk on “The Indian View of Life” at Veda Vijnana Shodha Samsthan, Bangalore.
- (Feb 2020) Invited Talk on “Art and Aesthetics: An Exploration of Dr. Ananda Coomaraswamy’s views” at the Indian Institute of World Culture, Bangalore.

### PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER (JAN-JUN 2020) AT IIT-MADRAS

- 3-day Workshop on Natural Language Processing
- 2-day Workshop on Temple Architecture and its Digitisation.
- Invited Talk(s) on Indian Culinary Art: A Scientist’s Perspective



# SANT RAJINDER SINGH JI MAHARAJ

## MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIP FEEDBACK FROM STUDENT BENEFICIARIES



*"I am really happy and privileged to receive the Sant Rajinder Singh Ji Maharaj Scholarship. Receiving this scholarship will help to reduce my financial burdens. This scholarship motivates me to work hard. I again thank you for providing me with this scholarship"*

### **For Video of the Feedback**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hbw2DmyhVGO9AwmagSFbFt-qhiFhARM4/view?usp=sharing>

### **- Rishita Narware**

ED17B050  
Dual Degree (B.Tech & M.Tech)  
Engineering Design



*"I would like to thank Sant Rajinder Singh Ji from the back of my heart for the scholarship offered. Coming from an economically weak background this scholarship will surely help me more on academics rather than basic needs. It is in fact a dream come true for a boy like me to be studying in a prestigious institution and having a donor to help me with my economic needs throughout my education period. Once again I would like to thank Sant Rajinder Singh Ji for extending an olive branch to me and this would surely motivate me to work harder"*

### **- Bipin.V**

MM19B005  
B.Tech, Metallurgical & Materials  
Science Engineering

# INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY CELEBRATED AT IITM



IIT Madras celebrated the International Day of Yoga on 21st June 2019 at the Student Activity Centre (SAC).

*Thank you*

IIT Madras is incredibly grateful for Sant Rajinder Singh Ji and Family for the generosity and support in nurturing the development of this premier academic and research institute. His unrelenting care and commitment have charted the route that guided us towards achieving various milestones for a better tomorrow, making IITM a better place for the faculty and students. His contributions to the development of IIT Madras will be cherished forever.



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