**The Sampradaya Samelan (Summit)**

**Context**

The World Headquarters of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), at Mayapur, India is developing the world’s largest modern Vedic temple with an aim to propagate the message of Vedic wisdom scientifically. Known as the Temple of the Vedic Planetarium (TOVP), this structure will house the world’s first Vedic Cosmology based planetarium in it, and will present the teachings of ancient scriptures in an easy-to-understand manner. As the temple now nears its Grand Opening deadline of 2024, the Founder- Acharya of ISKCON, Srila Prabhupada, in his deity form is going to grace the temple on the 15th of October, 2021, to commemorate his 125th Appearance Anniversary Year.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, the TOVP management is organizing a two-day festival comprised of summits, kirtan melas, homage offerings, yajnas, abhishekam and prasadam distribution.

**Initiative**

As part of this overarching theme, ISKCON and the TOVP are delighted to launch the world’s first-ever ***Sampradaya Summit*** wherein prominent Acharyas/representatives of all the four Vaishnava Sampradayas will participate to share their views on the state of Vaishnavism in modern times. These representatives will be accompanied by accomplished scholars from international universities.

**Structure**

Format: Online (ZOOM) and broadcast live on Mayapur TV

Total number of panel members: 12

Composition: 2 prominent Acharyas from each Sampradaya along with one academician of international repute will represent each Sampradaya.

Date: 14th October

Duration: 50 minutes

**Schedule**

7:20 pm - 7:30 pm (IST)

9:50 am - 10:00 am (US - EST)

2:50 pm - 3:00 pm (UK)

His Grace Gauranga Das, moderator for the summit, introduces the theme of the program along with a very brief introduction of the participating dignitaries.

**Round 1**:

7:30 pm - 7:55 pm (IST)

10:00 am - 10:25 am (US - EST)

3:00 pm - 3:25 pm (UK)

Opening remarks are made by the representatives of each Sampradaya for a period of 6 minutes and constructive inputs are suggested by the team members. The theme of the summit is categorically non-sectarian and doesn’t promote the idea of supremacy of any one Sampradaya. The team effectively provides inputs about how Vaishnavism can benefit today’s world and what are the innovative approaches available to achieve this objective.

**Round 2**:

7:55 pm - 8:10 pm (IST)

10:25 am - 10:40 am (US - EST)

3:25 pm - 3:40 pm (UK)

The thrust of round 2 focuses on valuable additions that can be provided after hearing views of the other participants. Each Sampradaya representative speaks for 4 minutes and shares his conclusive remarks which shall be in the form of take away/measurable outcomes, if any.

**Conclusive Remarks:**

8:10 pm - 8:15 pm (IST)

10:40 am - 10:45 am (US - EST)

3:40 pm - 3:45 pm (UK)

Gauranga Das offers a cohesive synopsis and thanks the participants.

**Participants**

**Shri Vaishnava Sampradaya:**

Shri Chinna Jeeyer Swami (Famous monk from Sri Vaishnava Sampradaya)

Shri Raman Dixitlu Garu (Main Priest, Tirumala Devasthanam)

Prof. Vasudha Narayanan (University of Florida)

**Rudra Sampradaya:**

HH Dwarkesh Laal Ji Maharaj (Shatha Peethadheesh, Baroda)

HH Brajaraj Ji Maharaj

Prof. David Haberman (Indiana University)

**Nimbarka Sampradaya:**

HH Shyam Sharan Dev ji Maharaj (Salemabad Peeth, in-charge)

Dr. Brahmachari Sharan (Georgetown University)

**Madhva Sampradaya:**

Pujya Shri Shri Vishwapriya Teerth Sri Padru (Head, Adamaru Matha)

Pujya Shri Shri Isha Priya Teerth Sri Padru (Second-in-command, Adamaru Matha)

Pujya Shri Shri Vishwaprasanna Tirtha Sri Padru (Head, Pejawar Matha)

Dr. Krishna Abhishek Ghosh (Grand Valley State University)