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Sir/Madam,

I am extremely happy to inform you that the Institute for Oriental Study, Thane, founded in 1984 has entered into the 24th year of its existence.

The Institute is a voluntary organization working for the promotion of Indian culture and Sanskrit language. The Institute is registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (No.MAH/1124/Thane dated 31st Dec.,1983) and also under the Bombay Public Trusts Act 1950 (No.F/1034/Thane dated 14th March, 1984). Donations to the Institute are exempt under 80 G of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

To achieve the objective of the Institute, we have been conducting tutorials, discussions, exhibitions, film and slide shows. We have organized various seminars on different topics related to Indian culture. We have also conducted study tours to different places of historical and cultural importance both in India and abroad.

I am giving below a list of activities conducted by the Institute since its inception in 1984. This will give you an idea of the sphere of activities covered by the Institute.

(A) SEMINARS

The Institute has so far conducted 17 Seminars on different topics as under:

1. Science & Technology in Hindu Tradition (1982)
2. Music and Musical Instruments in Hindu Tradition (1982)
3. Dance & Drama in Hindu Tradition (1983)
4. Sanskrit Outside India (1983)
5. Paninian Grammar(1984)
6. Minor Sciences (from ancient Sanskrit literature) (1984)
7. Hindu Mythology and its Inter-relationship with the Mythologies of the World (1984)
8. Museology (1985)

9. Tantra (1985)
10. Smritis (1986)
11. Administration in Ancient India (1987)
12. Varnashrama Institute in Ancient India (1988)
13. The Puranas (1989)
14. Ecology and Ancient India (1990)
15. Greater India Outside India (1991)
16. Agriculture in Ancient India (1992)
17. Kama as a Human Goal in Ancient India (1993)
18. Vedangas (23rd April, 1994)
19. Education in Ancient India (29th April, 1995)
20. Law & Justice in Ancient India (27th April, 1996)
21. Sports and Pastimes in Ancient India (26th April, 1996)
22. Science and Technology in Ancient India
(25th & 26th April, 1998)
23. Second International Conference on Marine Archaeology
(8th, 9th & 10th January 1999)
24. Sthapatya in Ancient India (25th December, 1999)
25. Bio - Revolution and Hinduism (23rd December 2000)
26. Dietetics in Ancient India (29th December, 2001)
27. Kalas and Vidyas in Indian Tradition
(28th December, 2002)
28. Panini, Bharata, Kautilya, Vatsyayana and Indian Civilisation
(27th December 2003)
29. Dialogues in Indian Tradition (25th December 2004)
30. Indian Contribution to World Civilisation
(25th December 2005)
31. Darshana and its relevance to Indian culture
(30th December 2006)
32. Innovations and Inventions in Ancient and Medieval India
(29th December 2007)

(B) STUDY TOURS

The idea behind undertaking such study tours is to acquaint the members with the culture, the old monuments, museums, libraries, etc., and give them a first-hand knowledge to assess their cultural and architectural values.

- (i) So far, the Institute has conducted the following tours within India:
1. Tamil Nadu (1985)
 2. Kutch & Gujarat (1986)
 3. Paithan, Ter and Nasik (Maharashtra) (1987)
 4. Karnatak (1988)
 5. Kerala (1989)
 6. Andhra Pradesh (1990)
 7. Orissa (1991)
 8. Rajasthan (199)
 9. Madhya Pradesh (partly covered) (1993)
- (ii) The Institute also led teams of scholars to foreign lands to attend Conferences and visit libraries, museums, old monuments, etc.
1. Philadelphia (U.S.A.) to attend and participate in the VI World Sanskrit Conference (1984)
 2. Beijing & other places in China. Our team was the first non-political and non-governmental unit to visit mainland China after the recent Revolution (1986)
 3. Leiden (Holland) to attend and participate in the VII World Sanskrit Conference (1987). (The team consisted of about 25 scholars).
 4. Vienna (Austria) to attend and participate in the VIII World Sanskrit Conference (1988)
 5. Members of the Institute participated in the History Conference of Asian Countries, held in Singapore in 1988.
 6. In 1988, Dr. Vijay Bedekar, President of the Institute, visited Mohenjo Dado, Harappa, Taxila, Lahore, Karachi etc. in Pakistan for a study tour.
 7. In 1994 Melbourne Australia to attend and participate in the IX World Sanskrit Conference.
 8. Turino, Italy XI World Sanskrit Conference attended and participated in (2000)
 9. In 2002 visit to Afghanistan observe aftermath of U.S. Intervention in Afghanistan
 10. XII World Sanskrit Conference at Helsinki, Finland in 2003.
 11. XIII World Sanskrit Conference at Edinburgh, Scotland, U.K.

(C) EXHIBITIONS

The Institute arranges exhibitions for the benefit of its members and the general public. The Institute has conducted the following four exhibitions:

1. An exhibition depicting the past history of Thane City of Two thousand years. (1985)
2. An exhibition of Encyclopedias in Marathi. The institute also arranged loans to individuals through a co-operative bank, to enable them to purchase encyclopedia sets. The loan amount of Rs. 15,000/- per person was taken advantage of by many people, and about 200 Encyclopedia sets were sold (1986).
3. Arranged an exhibition of Ecology, in association with the Prince of Wales Museum, Mumbai (1990)
4. The Institute arranged an exhibition of photographs taken by members of the Institute, and the coins collected during the different study tours (1992).
5. In 1994 - Institute arranged an exhibition of Encyclopedias and books.
6. In 1999 Exhibition of books on Education
7. In 2000 Exhibition of Manuscripts
8. In 2001 Exhibition of Grammar Books
9. 2005 Exhibition of Manuscripts donated by Dr. R.C. Dhere, Pune
10. 2006 Exhibition of books and Manuscripts. The Exhibitions were well attended and people from Thane, Mumbai, Pune and nearby places visited the exhibitions and expressed their satisfaction.

(D) OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. The Institute arranged a meeting of about 50 scholars of Western Region of India, to aid and contribute in the compilation of Encyclopedia of Hinduism being brought out under the editorship of Prof. Sheshagiri Rao (1988) a project of Hindu Heritage Research Foundation (Sanatana Dharma Sanskrit Shodha Pratishthan) Rishikesh.
2. The Institute conducted a course to acquaint students of Nagaland and Manipur with Bharatiya Culture (1989). The course was of six weeks' duration at Yeur (a suburb of Thane) in which 15 students participated.
3. Arranged a lecture series of Babasaheb Purandare, 'on Shivaji and nation building' (1989)

4. Conducted a Yoga-Ayurved course of one year's duration (1990)
5. Arranged a film-show of one week's duration titled 'Amara', in collaboration with the Films Division, Government of India, Mumbai. The films selected were based on Indian traditions. About 20 films of different durations ranging from 10 minutes to 90 minutes, were screened (1991)
6. Second Brihanmaharashtra Prachhyavidya Parishad was organized in the year 1997
7. 2004 Publication of Platinum Jubilee Felicitation volume to honour Dr. M.D. Paradkar, a renowned Sanskritist from Mumbai, and our patron.
8. Institute was recognised as Manuscript Resource Center (MRC) in the year 2005 by National Mission for Manuscripts, Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi-01.
9. 2006 Celebration of 81st Birthday of Dr. M.D. Paradkar
10. 2006 Dr. Vijay Bedekar, President of our Institute was awarded 'FELLOWSHIP' by Royal Asiatic Society London. He was honored by our Institute.
11. 2007 Pneumismatic Expert from Thane, Shri Shashikant Dhopate received Late Dr. Parmeshwarilal Gupta award. He was felicitated by the Institute.

(E)TEACHERS' EXCHANGE PROGRAMME AND STUDENTS, VISITS ABROAD

Since 2003, L.E.C.T. (League of Exchange of Common Wealth Teachers, (L.E.C.T.) and the Institute jointly implements an Exchange programme of primary and middle school teachers from U.K. and India, for studying each other's education system.

Nearly 150 teachers from U.K. visited our educational Institutes during 2003 to 2007.

From 2004 - Indian teachers visited schools at London, Oxford, West Sussex, and Birmingham. Nearly 50 Indian teachers have participated in the scheme so far.

From 2005 - Students from Maharashtra visited schools, libraries, and places connected with Indian culture and Independence struggle. 40 students so far visited U.K. under this scheme.

The Chinese government arranged Science Exhibition for school students in Kunmin in Yunan province. Four students from Late A.K. Joshi English medium school participated and demonstrated their research project thereat.

Institute for oriental study, Thane, is the only Institute in Maharashtra which is conducting such educational activity in India and Abroad. An information regarding this activity is available on the Institute's website <http://www.orientalthane.com>.

(F) THE LIBRARY

The Institute is running a Reference Library from 1985. The library now possesses 30,000 volumes relating to history, culture, language, arts etc. The library has a collection of 3500 Sanskrit manuscripts. Senior citizens, research workers, journalists, and students of graduation level, frequent the library.

(G) BOOK DONORS

The Institute is receiving rare and valuable books from many book donors. A mention is made of the donors of books who donated their book collection to the Institute.

1. Late D.D. Patil, Mumbai
2. Late George Morais, Mumbai
3. Late Patankar, Rajapur
4. Late Pandharinath Deshmukh, Thane
5. Late T.V. Gune, Pune
6. Shri Krishna Arjun Wadkar, Pune
7. Shri Manohar Bagwadkar, Thane
8. Late Pandhari Prabhu, Mumbai
9. Late Ganeshshastri Shende, Pune
10. Late S.P. Desai, Thane
11. Shri R.C. Dhere, Pune
12. Late Dr. S.A. Dange, Mumbai
13. Smt. Sindhu Dange, Mumbai
14. Dr. Sharatchandra Kopardekar, Mumbai
15. Shri V.L. Manjul
16. Dr. V.M. Kulkarni
17. Smt. Shailaja Nimbalkar, Thane
18. Dr. S.R. Sharma

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You can actively participate in developing the Library and the Museum in the following ways:

- a. By donating books and manuscripts in your possession.
- b. Donating artifacts, idols, rare specimens of art, etc. to the museum
- c. You can persuade your friends and relatives to part with such things if they are in possession of the above.
- d. By cash donations.

To run all these activities the Institute naturally requires funds. The Institute is not receiving any grant from the Government, but it is supported by private organizations. Hence all the activities are run mainly through the small contributions from well-wishers only.

The Institute expects liberal donations from you to build up the reference library and the museum. You are the better judge to decide in what way you can serve the cause and thus serve the people.

If you want any more information, please do not hesitate to write.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. V. V. Bedekar)

President

Institute for Oriental Study, Thane

Annual Donation Rs. 1,000/-

All cheque to be drawn in favour of Institute for Oriental Study, Thane.
