

Vidya Ashram Trust (Ashram Samiti) Meeting **5 February 2017, Nagpur**

Agenda

We have been discussing and attempting to locate our work broadly under the headings of Philosophy of Knowledge (language, art, darshan, economics) and campaign and movement (people's organization, people's movement, unity of lokavidya samaj). Publications and activities, namely Gyan Panchayat, Kisan-Karigar Panchayat, Lokavidya Satsang and Knowledge Dialogue were undertaken from Varanasi, Indore, Aurangabad, Singrauli, Nagpur, Hyderabad and Bangaluru. Our association with the Farmers' Movement remains live and active.

This can be seen in reports of the Ashram Samiti Meeting and the VA National Meet on 27-28 Feb. 2016 in Varanasi and the LJA National Meet on 17 Oct. 2016 in Varanasi. These are attached as a ready reference to the context in which this agenda is prepared. Various decisions taken in these meetings required that initiatives be taken from various places and by many persons to further the lokavidya movement. Please take a look at these reports.

The Ashram Samiti

1. **New Members for Ashram Samiti :** Three members of the Ashram Samiti, namely Vinish Gupta, Vijay Kundaji and Kavi Mahesh have written offering to withdraw from the Samiti. This gives us three more vacancies. Two vacancies were already there. The upper limit to the number in Vidya Ashram Samiti is 23. At present the number of members is 18. The list is attached. In the February 2016 meeting of the Ashram Samiti names were proposed for nomination on the Ashram Samiti. These are Sanjeev Kirtane, T. Narayan Rao, L.K. Kaul and G.Sivaramakrishnan.
2. **Election of New Office Bearers of Ashram Samiti and Constitution of Executive Committee :** The present office bearers of Vidya Ashram, namely President, Coordinator and Treasurer and the present Executive Committee are completing three years. The set of new office bearers and a new Executive Committee (Karyakarini Samiti) to be elected for a period of three years.
3. **Resolution/Ammendment in VA Trust Deed--** To clarify that the Board of Trustees of Vidya Ashram Trust and the Ashram Samiti are identical and other suggestions.(A committee was formed in the previous Ashram Samiti Meeting).

Reorganization of Vidya Ashram and Tasks

4. **Reorganization of Vidya Ashram** into some kind of a distributed structure.(A committee was formed in the previous Ashram Samiti Meeting).
5. **Places of initiative** with lokavidya perspectives. Existing places to be identified and new ones proposed. This was discussed also in the previous Ashram Samiti Meeting. These places are Hyderabad, Chirala, Bangluru, Indore, Singrauli, Nagpur, Delhi and Varanasi.
6. **Regional Language Translation Group for lokavidya movement** may be formed.
7. **Online presence** of Lokavidya Movement-- A committee may be formed to take the responsibility.
8. **Publications** related to the following have been under discussion. A process may be adopted to give shape to these publications from various different places.

Lokavidya Bazar, Lokavidya Arthiki, Lokavidya Darshan, Lokavidya Swaraj, Lokavidya Kaladrishti, Lokavidya Bhaichara Vidyalaya, Gyan Panchayat, Dialogue on Societal (Social) Organization (like community, caste, trade union, cooperatives, kisan union, social panchayat, cultural organization etc.).

Lokavidya Jan Andolan (LJA)

9. **Gyan Panchayats, Kisan-Karigar Panchayats, Lokavidya Bazar, Lokavidya Satsang** , are becoming the main programs from a people's organization point of view. Issues may be different for different regions along with the main issue that, lokavidya samaj should get incomes equal to government employee. This meeting may take stock of the present situation and discuss the way ahead in the context of the organizational decisions taken in the LJA National Meet at Varanasi on 17 October 2016.

Finances

10. **Audit Report** of Financial Year 2015-16 to be placed before the Ashram Samiti.
11. **Mobilization** of finances for Vidya Ashram. We continue with about the same collection for more than five years now. It must increase. Is crowd-funding a possibility.
12. Any other matter