

SAMSKRUTI ADHYAYANA KENDRA

There has been a growing awareness about India's rich cultural past and the vast repository of knowledge associated therewith. A renewed interest in rejuvenating the lost treasure is evident at all levels, as we realize the importance of being proud of our great heritage. The sense of pride in the past glory of the country and its civilization remained insignificant for a long time and hence the revival of interest bodes well for the nation and the future generations.

Every nation deserves to take pride in its past achievements. They offer something to own, something to be proud of and are expressions of national identity in the comity of nations. Above all, discovery of heritage gives a sense of belonging to the citizens and hence the need to explore it with renewed enthusiasm and energy.

However, the full potential of the past achievements can only be realized when we link the innumerable advantages and positives of our ancient heritage to our future development agenda through a process which ensures continuity. This will also enable us to overcome the aberrations and discords that have crept in and affected our national life for over a millennium due mainly to the relentless foreign aggressions and attempts at obliteration and even elimination of our glorious past.

In the light of the above background and further, due to the refreshing stimulus provided by a national level event on "Re-emergence of 'India, that is Bharat' – Role of Fifth Estate", which elaborated the role of culture in the national governance architecture of a nation, nudged us to accelerate the thought process of linking Bharatiya culture with the policies and institutions of public governance.

After some deliberations, it emerged that one very effective and useful way of contributing to the cultural rejuvenation is to look for ways to incorporate sound principles and practices from our past into the public policy environment. As it relates to our own past, the above process can be easily absorbed into the system and has the potential to impact the future. This will also go a long way in eliminating many of the shortcomings of our present policies derived straight from west-centric ideologies; thrust upon us by alien rulers, but remained largely unaltered to this date.

This challenge is being sought to be addressed by the Samskruti Adhyayana Kendra.