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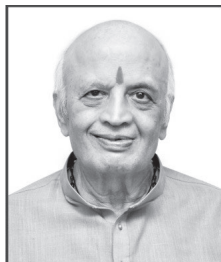


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Introduction to Authors



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Sadguru (Dr) Vasant Balaji Athavale was a renowned Paediatrician. He founded the Paediatrics Department in 1959 in Lokmanya Tilak Mahanagarpalika Hospital, Mumbai. He was Professor and Head of this Department from 1960 to 1990. He was the Chairman of the 'International Conference on Alternative Medicine' in Bangkok in 1980. In 1996, He received the international honour for the 'Best author of books on Ayurveda'. In 2001 and in 2012 respectively, He was honoured with the 'Lifetime Achievement Award' in an International conference on 'Ayurveda and Hepatic Disorders' and by the Indian Academy of Paediatrics.

1. The journey from being a seeker to becoming a disciple

A. Selflessness and the attitude of sacrifice, which are essential for spiritual practice : He started noting down higher level philosophical thoughts on Spirituality in 1980. He toiled day and night to create a vast treasure of knowledge on Spirituality. Very altruistically, He donated this treasure to Sanatan Sanstha in 1990, soon after it was established. This sacrifice, before He became a Saint, indicates the level of His spiritual practice and seekership. Due to His writings, Sanatan's Texts are now becoming inclusive in the true sense.

B. In 2004, He became a disciple of Sachchidananda Parabrahman (Dr) Athavale (A great Saint who is also His younger brother and the Founder of Sanatan Sanstha, the world-renowned spiritual organisation).

2. Attaining Sainthood

On 16.12.2012, He reached Sainthood due to His spiritual emotion, intense yearning, inquisitive nature and humility.

A. He attained Sainthood by performing spiritual practice through various Paths of Spirituality : Every person performs spiritual practice as per some path of Spirituality, becomes introverted, progresses spiritually and thus moves towards Sainthood. However, Dr Vasant Athavale attained Sainthood by performing spiritual practice as per Karmayoga (Path of action) by serving His patients, Jnanyoga (Path of knowledge) by writing Texts, Bhaktiyoga (Path of devotion) and Gurukrupayoga (Path of Guru's grace).

3. Active in seva for Sanatan's mission until His last breath

He kept performing satseva for Sanatan's mission until His last breath. When He came to know of Divine particles found in Sanatan's Ashram, He inquisitively studied the subject, contemplated on how to conduct research on this topic from a scientific perspective and gave His own suggestions.

He renounced His body on 9.11.2013 at the age of 80.

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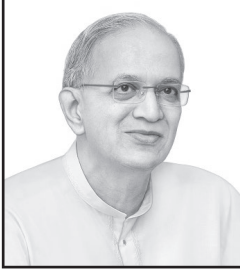
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Brief introduction to the unique mission of Sachchidananda Parabrahman (Dr) Athavale, Founder of Sanatan Sanstha



1. Established 'Sanatan Sanstha' to propagate Spirituality.
2. Proponent of 'Hindu Rashtra' (Divine Rule) ^(Note) and commencement of its mission (Year 1998).
3. Propounder of 'Gurukrupayoga' for faster God-realisation : By performing spiritual practice as per 'Gurukrupayoga', 127 seekers have become Saints and 1,049 seekers are progressing towards Sainthood as of 10.1.2024.
4. Creation of unique Spiritual texts on various topics.
5. Research on spiritual remedies for physical, psychological distress and that caused by negative energies.
6. Research using scientific instruments on religious rituals and events that are beyond the comprehension of the intellect.
7. Presenting the research conducted on sattvik Art-forms.
8. Founder-Editor of fiery Hindu Periodical 'Sanatan Prabhat'.
9. Uniting and guiding Saints, Sects, devout Hindus, etc. so as to establish the 'Hindu Rashtra'.
10. Recognising the coming dreadful times, guiding and preparing Texts to protect lives.

(Note : हीनञ्च दूषयत्येव हिन्दुरित्युच्यते प्रिये ।, meaning - One who eliminates the inferior *Raja-Tama* components in himself is a Hindu. A Nation of such *sattvik* people is called 'Hindu Rashtra'.)

(For complete introduction, visit - www.Sanatan.org)

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**The reason for prefixing spiritual
title 'Sachchidananda Parabrahman'
before the Name Paratpar Guru (Dr) Athavale**

As per the instructions of Saptarshi through the medium of Saptarshi Jeevanadipatti, Paratpar Guru (Dr) Athavale is being addressed as Sachchidananda Parabrahman (Dr) Jayant Athavale since 13.7.2022. Before, He was addressed as Param Pujya [His Holiness] and Paratpar Guru in Sanatan's Texts. He has been addressed accordingly on the cover of this Text and inside the Text wherever required.



Preface



Dear Parents,

You must have gone through my Text 'Your baby' which discusses at length, how to take care of the baby from conception to the end of the first year. The present Text gives the characteristics of growth and development between 1 to 12 years of age and the important factors which modify them.

You will find hints for diet, immunisation and selection of toys, books, games and TV programmes in this text. Important hints for disciplining your child and tackling common school problems are given. You will also learn how to handle the child tactfully. Companions and neighbours have an impact on the personality of your child and it is your duty to keep a watch on the child's friends and neighbours.

Those who have not been blessed with a child, will find guidelines for adoption in this text.

Parenthood is an art; however, parents have to learn how to become better parents. You will find in this Text, important guidelines about your duties, how to tackle common problems of your children, how to correct your faulty attitudes and mistakes and how to develop a better rapport between you and your children. Find the key to becoming ideal parents and apply it to unlock the inherent potential in your children so that with your guidance they can become ideal citizens and lead the Nation to peace and prosperity.

Yours,

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