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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

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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.

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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 1,047 seekers are progressing towards Sainthood as of 21.11.2023.
 - 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 I, meaning - One who eliminates the inferior *Raja-Tama* components in himself is a Hindu. A Nation of such *sattvik* people is called 'Hindu Rashtra'.)

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The reason for the honorific Sachchidananda Parabrahman for Dr Jayant 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.

Every parent wishes that their child be healthy, beautiful and intelligent. For a healthy crop, the seeds have to of very good quality. One has also to plan for sowing the seeds and planting the seedlings. This applies to human beings as well. For exceptional progeny, this planning has to be done before marriage. If we wish that our child be virtuous, we have to select a virtuous companion to marry. This Text elaborates the various measures to be taken by the parents-to-be, so that the required virtues are inherited by their child and the garbhadan ritual advised by the Scriptures for good progeny.

This Text provides information on how according to the science of genetics, the ailments and virtues in the family of the parents are genetically transferred to the child. The father-to-be and the entire family should provide appropriate help to the pregnant woman, support her and thus, keep the environment in the house blissful, religious and sattvik.

If this Text is studied by every parents-to-be and members of the woman's paternal as well as in-law's house, they will understand how to welcome the new guest in the house blissfully. The new born that arrives in the house is a member who connects the entire family and brings each member closer with love. This Text is useful not only for the family members, but even doctors, nurses, social workers, etc.

We pray earnestly to the Almighty, who controls the entire world - 'May the nine months of pregnancy of a woman be spent in a healthy and blissful state, may the physical, mental and spiritual growth and development of each child be good right from its foetus state and may it progress to become an ideal citizen in future! - **Authors**