Goa University

Discipline of Philosophy, School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies

Report on "Vikramśilā University: A Glorious Past of Ancient India"

1. Title of the Event/Activity/program	Online guest lecture on "Vikramśilā University: A Glorious Past of Ancient India"
2. Date and Time	25 July, 2024 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM IST.
3. Mode of conduct (Physical/Online)	Online
4. School	School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies (SSPIS)
5. Detail of the Resource Person (Brief biodata)	**Dr. Gyan Prakash** is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT (ISM) Dhanbad. Previously he was an Assistant Professor at the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, BITS Pilani K. K. Birla Goa Campus. He completed his Ph.D. in Indian Philosophy at IIT Bombay, Mumbai. He completed his MA and BA from Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. He received Erasmus+ MOBILE UNLIMITED scholarship for visiting faculty, 2019 at Universidade do Porto - Faculdade de Letras da Universidade do Porto Portugal, Award for Associateship of the U.G.C Inter-University Centre for Humanities and Social Sciences (IUC) for the year 2018 by Indian Institute of Advance Study and the award for the Excellence in Thesis Work for the year 2010-2012 from IIT Bombay. His primary research interests are metaphysics, Indian philosophy, religion, and ethics. He has published in many reputed international and national journals and is working on a book on Metaphysics and Abhidharma Philosophy.
6. Number of participants	33

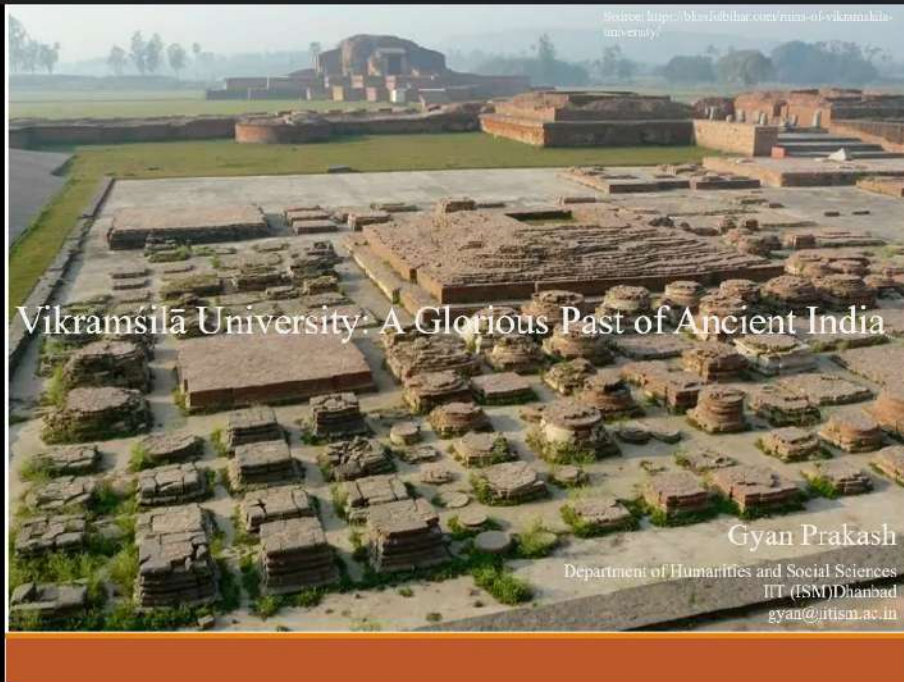|	
7. The objectives of the Program/activity/event	This talk aimed to familiarize the audience with Indian knowledge systems and their significance. Indian society has a rich cultural heritage of science and technology that can be easily traced back to ancient India's educational institutions, such as the contribution of The Buddhist alchemical Tantra in the area of chemistry. The varied interpretations of Indian knowledge systems have also led to misinterpretations that need clarification at present. To make sense of the vast repository of cultural and Philosophical literature available, a reinterpretation of the same is necessary.
8. Benefit/Key outcomes of the Program/activity/event	The key learnings of the lecture focused on bringing forth, how Buddhism in its later developments mainly, as Vajrayana Buddhism was an amalgamation of Tantra, Yoga, and Shaivism. The Speaker also argued that Buddhism was not essentially different from Hinduism and that this point of view was largely a misinterpretation. The talk also highlighted the rich system of knowledge at Vikramsila and how it was not only a center of philosophical and religious discussions but also had discussions about chemical sciences and the contribution of tantra to the same. Some sources mention dialogues about chemical processes. In all, the system of learning at Vikramsila was liberal and open to discussions beyond Buddhism.
9. Enclosures with report	https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jshR8_VtFK Q: YouTube link of the talk, Attendance sheet, & a flyer, along with the Screen shots

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An online talk by
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Meet Link: https://meet.google.com/gzt-nowm-ubk

Abstract

Modern science and technology took centuries to evolve, and myriads of scholars (even anonymous scholars) have contributed to that evolution. Science is, in conformity with its historical evolvement, an organized knowledge, which is why the history of science is an indispensable part of science education. Indian society has a rich cultural heritage of science and technology that can be easily traced back to ancient India's educational institutions, for instance, the contribution of The Buddhist alchemical tantra in the area of chemistry. In this presentation, I will attempt to comprehend the nature of scientific studies in Vikramśilā of ancient India, which was a premier institution of learning. This university has contributed in many areas of science and philosophy.

Bio

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