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Vedic Discourse on Avaranavada

Renowned archarya of vedic vijnana, Pandit Anant Shastri presented the vedic discourse on Avaranavada organised by Shri Shankar Shikshayatan on December 25, 2021. Avaranavada is one of the several incisive books written by Pandit Madhusudan Ojha on Creation.

Pandit Sharma began his discourse by giving an overview of Ojhaji's literature. He said Ojhaji's works could be divided in three sections—itihasa (history), srishti (creation) and sidhantavada (principles). Historical rendition can be found in Atrikhyati, Madhavkhyati, Indravijaya and Jagadguruvaibhavam. Rajovada, Sadasvada, Avaranavada form part of ten works on Creation. Brahmasidhanta, Brahmasamanvavya et al are books on theoretical principles.

Pandit Anant Sharma said one thousand five hundred years after the Mahabharata war, Indians were pursuing modern thoughts. There are many discrepancies in the history of India. For instance, he pointed out that Dhanteras was wrongly celebrated on the birth anniversary of great ayurveda seer, Acharya Dhanvantari. He cited other similar instances.

About Avaranavada, he said the book has 145 chapters but he has tried to understand the deeper meaning of the subject by way of 94 commentaries. The term, avaran, has several meanings and forms as mentioned in shastras like Bhagvad Gita. But Pandit Ojhaji has explained the meaning of avaran through three vedic terms, vayaha, vayuna and vayonadha.

Chairing the meeting, Prof. Santosh Kumar Shukla said Pandit Anant Sharma's translation of Ojhaji's work reflected his dedication and knowledge. He has made it easier to understand the meaning of avaran through simple words like vayaha, vayuna and vayonadha. An individual product's existence is vayuna. For instance, the glass in my hand is vayuna. The weight of this glass is vayaha. The perimeter of the glass, its length and breadth, is vayonadha. Ojhaji has explained these three elements through various vedic definitions, including prana and chhanda. Ojhaji has given different names to avaranavada like chhandovada, vayunavada, pranavada and vayovada.

The programme was conducted by Dr Mani Shankar Dwivedi and Dr Laxmikant Vimal, senior research scholars of Shri Shankar Shikshayatan.

