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On the second day of the 91st Session of Indian philosophy Congress in Sanchi University of Buddhist-Indic Studies in Affirmative Symposium many creative ideas have surfaced which are helpful in development of socially undeveloped people. Swami Adhyamanand Ji of Sivananda Ashram, Ahmadabad said that healing the wounds of undeveloped people and their help is necessary for the integration. He pointed out the need of such Philosophers who fill the gap to increase integration in the society. He stated that compulsory free education is the solution. Prof. Nitin Vyas said that justice would establish positive social change. Prof. B.P. Sharma said teaching of Upanishads literally become education because caste system becomes birth based system.

Prof. Daya Idirisinge from Sri Lanka said that in his country education is free and is provided by the government. Sinhalese and Tamil languages is to be promoted equally which brings social harmony in Sri Lanka. He stated that in his country there is not necessary to mention caste in any job application which has helped to increase harmony. On this occasion, Prof. Shyam Manohar Goswami said we have assorted race and gender. The race is the original religion of wisdom. He stated that Hindu is not mentioned anywhere in scriptures. He remarked that Great saint Vallabhacharya said that Brahmin was not any caste. He appealed society to break the bonds of caste.

In Endowment Lecture series Prof. Kalpesh Bhatt from Canada spoke about the difference between Swaminarayan sect and Sankaracharya Advaita Vedanta sect. Manjhulika Ghosh talks about symbol, god, expression, freedom of the nature and diversity in religious pluralism. She said Bodhisattva ideal covers all these. Prof. Amarnath Jha said that the nature of society, is decided on the basis that religion is based on the nature of love and devotion or hatred and violence. Quoting Mahatma Gandhi he said, Bapu accepts all-religions as a lifestyle in which all values exists which are helpful in harmony. In Vallabhacharya Vedanta lecture in the context of self-realization Prof. Shyam

Manohar Goswami said, that in our texts it mentioned that we get nectar through wisdom. He said that in Mandukyopanisad there is description of consciousness and self-realization.

There is common consensus on Re-writing History of Indian philosophy in Modern perspective in Indian Philosophical Congress. Discussing this matter there is agreement to rewriting should be problem based and it should also based on original texts. Some scholars suggest the idea of rewriting should be based on Indian point of view.

In the technical sessions, 34 research papers were presented on themes of Philosophy of History of Philosophy, Logic and Scientific Method Metaphysics and Epistemology, Ethics and Social Philosophy and Religion. The final session of the day was on Euthanasia in which various scholars expressed their views.

On February 14 in Indian Philosophical Congress Endowment Lecture series Prof. Ganesh Prasad Das will deliver his lecture on cultural and religious understanding. In this series Daya Krishna Memorial Lecture and S. Murti Memorial Lecture will also to be held. In technical sessions 32 research papers on Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics and Social Philosophy and Religion will be read. The closing session will be held the same day at 2.30 pm.