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Online Guest Lecture

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**The concept of Sakshin
in the light of Advaita Vedanta**



An online talk by
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Wednesday, November 30
3:00–5:00 PM IST

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The School of Sanskrit, Philosophy and Indic Studies, Goa University organized an online guest lecture titled "**The concept of Sakshin in the light of Advaita Vedanta**" by **Swami Narasimhananda** on **30 November 2022 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM**. Swami Narasimhananda is a monk of the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission founded by Swami Vivekananda in 1897 and is presently the Secretary of Ramakrishna Mission Sevashrama, Kozhikode, Kerala and runs a higher secondary school, a kindergarten, and a polyclinic. He is a former editor of 'Prabuddha Bharata', an English monthly journal of the humanities and social sciences started by Swami Vivekananda in 1896. He has edited a volume of Swami Vivekananda's teachings titled 'Vivekananda Reader'. He specialises in Indian Studies, Indian Philosophy, Sociology of Religion, Philosophy of Religion, and Religious Studies. He is a member of the International, Interdisciplinary and Interreligious Research Group on 'Consciousness Studies' under the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights, Pontifical Athenaeum Regina Apostolorum, Rome, Italy.

In this talk, the speaker explained the Advaita Vedanta concept of Sakshin as envisaged by Acharya Shankara, particularly in his commentary on the Bhagavad Gita. According to this view, the conscious Sakshin is the only entity or principle that exists and all that is perceived by the senses and the mind are superimpositions on this principle. These superimpositions arise due to ignorance of this principle, the Sakshin. The Sakshin is the true subject with no real object. All objects are unreal and perishable. The entire universe is a result of this objectification that is caused due to ignorance superimposed on Sakshin. The goal of spiritual life is to transcend this ignorance and realize one's identity with Sakshin. The guest lecture aims to expand the knowledge of philosophical perspectives and research among philosophy students, faculty, and the general public interested in philosophy.

The talk witnessed the participation of around 28-30 attendees including students, faculty members, research scholars, and participants from Goa University, affiliated colleges and outside Goa.

You tube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nwGgnWwVnic&t=17s>

Screenshots of the webinar:

