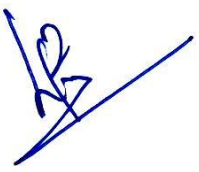
Comments from the Chief Advisor

As the *Journal of Sanātana Dharma* presents its third issue, the function of academic guidance evolves from establishing a platform to steering a sustained civilizational vision. An advisory council does not merely oversee policy; it serves as an intellectual compass, ensuring that the journal's trajectory remains firmly anchored in authentic *dhārmika* foundations while offering meaningful direction to contemporary global discourse. The classical traditions of Bhārata have never treated knowledge as an abstract exercise isolated from human flourishing. The *Vaiśeṣika Sūtra* articulates the comprehensive scope of *dharma* with enduring clarity:

यतोऽभ्युदयनिःश्रेयससिद्धिः स धर्मः ॥
(*Vaiśeṣika Sūtra* 1.1.2)
[Dharma is that from which flows both material/worldly flourishing (*abhyudaya*) and ultimate liberation (*niḥśreyasa*).]

This definition offers a vital imperative for contemporary Indic scholarship. Authentic tradition must address both the immediate complexities of human existence and the higher horizons of ultimate truth. In a modern world confronting ethical ambiguity, ecological disequilibrium, and fragmented worldviews, *Bhāratīya-jñāna-paramparā* provides holistic frameworks that reconcile reason with reverence, and empirical progress with spiritual depth. Our responsibility is to facilitate scholarship that articulates these principles with conceptual rigor, moving beyond reactive defensiveness into proactive, constructive intellectual leadership. This third issue marks an important step toward that goal. By encouraging interdisciplinary research that connects traditional *śāstric* hermeneutics with modern academic disciplines, the journal cultivates a space where ancient insights actively inform contemporary debates. Such work demands sustained vision, epistemic courage, and unyielding fidelity to *satya*. I extend my deep appreciation to the editorial board, peer reviewers, and contributing scholars for their collective dedication. May the *Journal of Sanātana Dharma* continue to illuminate paths of authentic inquiry, fostering wisdom that serves the higher good of humanity.



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