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Dr. Sampadananda Mishra hails from Orissa in eastern India. After finishing his post-graduation in Sanskrit from Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, he did his M.Phil in Sanskrit under the guidance of Prof. V. Kutumba Sastri in Pondicherry Central University and received the Gold Medal for his excellent performance. He did his Ph.D. from Utkal University on Sanskrit and the Evolution of Human Speech. At present he is working as the Director of Sri Aurobindo Foundation for Indian Culture (SAFIC), a unit of Sri Aurobindo Society, Puducherry.

Dr. Mishra also conducts workshops, teacher's training programmes, orientation courses, gives talks, presents papers in National and International seminars and conferences. He also writes popular articles related to India and Sanskrit in English, Oriya and Sanskrit and composes verses and songs. He conducts special workshops on learning Sanskrit, on Mantra Yoga, on multiple concentration technique, and on Bhagavadgita.

### Books

- Sampadananda Mishra. 2006. *Sanskrit and the Evolution of Human Speech*. Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences. ISBN: 8170602361. 171 pp.
- Sampadananda Mishra, Vijay Poddar. 2006. *The Wonder that is Sanskrit*. Mapin Publishing Gp Pty Ltd. ISBN: 1890206504. 210 pp.
- Sampadananda Mishra. 2005. *Stotravali - A Book of hymns and prayers in Sanskrit*. Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences. ISBN: 8170602033. 316 pp.
- Sampadananda Mishra. 2001. *Sri Aurobindo and Sanskrit*. Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences. ISBN:8170601592. 118 pp.
- Sampadananda Mishra. 1999. *Chandovallari – A Handbook of Sanskrit Prosody*. Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences. ISBN: 8170601231. 147 pp.
- Sampadananda Mishra. *The Century of Life of Sri Aurobindo with original verses of Bhartrihari*. Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences. ISBN: 8170601207. 128 pp.
- Sampadananda Mishra. *Hasymanjari - A book of humorous stories in Sanskrit*. Sri Aurobindo Institute of Research in Social Sciences. ISBN: 8170601622. 42 pp.

### Multimedia, Audio CDs

- *Srimadbhagavadgita in the Light of Sri Aurobindo* – A Multimedia CD-Rom Contains two thousand five hundred pages of research matter on the Gita
- A set of two multimedia CDs, entitled *Devabhasha – The Language of Gods ; Ashtavadhanam or Eightfold Concentration*
- *Shyama Smaranam* – An audio CD containing hymns to Krishna
- *Sri Aurobindopanishad* – An audio CD containing the recitation of Sri Aurobindopanishad

## Projects in Progress

- Transparent System of Root-sounds of Sanskrit
- Vedic Art of Multiple Concentration
- Sanskrit and Speech-pathology
- Vedas in the light of Sri Aurobindo
- Upanishads in the light of Sri Aurobindo
- Tantras in the light of Sri Aurobindo

## Papers

- *Vasishtha Ganapati Muni and his contribution to Indic tradition*, WAVES Conference, August 2010, University of West Indies, Trinidad.
- *Principles of Prenatal Education*, in the Vedic Culture, 19<sup>th</sup> Vedanta Congress, from July 2010, Indic Studies Department University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, USA.
- *The Vedic Art of Multiple Concentration*, 18<sup>th</sup> Vedanta Congress, from July 2009, Indic Studies Department University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, USA.
- *Principles of Plant Taxonomy: A Fresh Insight into the Ancient Indian Methodology and Philosophy of Naming and Classifying the Medicinal Plants*, International Seminar on "The Culture and Philosophy of Science in India", April 2009, Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi and Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata.
- *Sri Aurobindo and the Vedic Riks*, First National Seminar on Rigveda, Dec 2008, University of Spiritual Research, California, USA and Satyachetana Educational Trust, Tiruvannamalai.
- *Bhartrihari's Century of Morals: A Guide to the Art of Living*, National Seminar on Moral Language, March 2008, North Bengal University, Siliguri.
- *Sanskrit and Speech Language Pathology*, National Seminar on Sanskrit in the Modern Context, Feb 2008, School of Humanities and the Department of Sanskrit, Hyderabad Central University.
- *Creation by Word: A deeper Insight into the Understanding of Shabdabrahman*, National Seminar on Philosophy of Language and Logic, Feb 2008, Department of Philosophy, University of Burdwan, West Bengal.
- *Valmiki's Ramayana in the Light of Sri Aurobindo*, National Seminar on Ramayana, June 2007, Yogi Ramsuratkumar Ashram and SCS University, Kanchipuram.
- *On the first twelve verses of the Geetagovinda* (in Sanskrit and English), Jayadeva Utsava, May 2006, Organised by Odisi Academy, New Delhi.
- *Gunnery in Ancient India* (in Sanskrit), All India Oriental Conference, 42<sup>nd</sup> Session, Nov 2004, Sampurnananda Sanskrit University, Varanasi.
- *The Root-meaning of Vowel and Consonant Sounds in Sanskrit*, All India Oriental Conference, 41<sup>st</sup> Session, Dec 2002, Sri Jagannath Sanskrit University, Puri, Orissa.

- *Plant Consciousness as described in Sanskrit Literature* (in Sanskrit), National Conference by Delhi Sanskrit Academy, Oct 2002, Gurukul Kangri Vishvavidyalay, Haridwar.
- *Sanskrit Writings on Sri Aurobindo's Life*, Literature and Philosophy, A National Conference on Modern Sanskrit Literature, July 2000, Dr. H. S. Gour University, Sagar.
- *The Origins of Aryan Speech: Some Philological Insights from Sri Aurobindo*, All India Oriental Conference, 40<sup>th</sup> Session, May 2000, University of Madras, Madras.
- *The Creative Word: Insights from Sri Aurobindo*, National Seminar on Comparative Philosophy, March 2000, Department of Vedanta, Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, Kalady.
- *Sri Aurobindo on Translating Sanskrit Texts*, All India Kalidasa Samaroha, Oct 1999, Vikram University, Ujjain.
- *Sanskrit the National Language of India*, Regional Sanskrit Seminar, Aug 1999, Department of Sanskrit, S. C. S. Vishwa Mahavidyalaya, Kanchipuram.

### **Organising Seminars and Workshops**

- Organised a three-day National Seminar (as Convener) on *The Role of Sanskrit in the Resurgence of India with Special Emphasis on the Vision of Sri Aurobindo*, at the Beach Office of Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry, 18-19 March 2000.
- Organised and conducted a three-day Orientation *Programme on Propagation of Sanskrit in the Light of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother*, at the Beach Office of Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry, from 7<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007.
- Organised a one day workshop on *Principles of Pre-natal Education in Vedic Culture*, at the Beach Office of Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry, 4<sup>th</sup> November 2007.
- Organized a three-day National Conference (as Convener) on *Rigveda* at Satyachetana Ashram, Tiruvannamalai, 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> December 2008.
- Organised and Conducted the seven day Intensive Sanskrit course, *Spandana – Felling the Pulsation of a Divine Language*, at the Beach Office of Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry, from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> of January, 2011.

