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HONOUR: Senior WA Indian of the Year 2025

Dr Yatendra Sharma

Dr Yatendra Sharma was born in a Sanatan Hindu family having Sanskaar of Shri Ramanandi Sampraday, founded in 14th Century by Bhagwan Shri Ramaanadacharya Ji, Guru of Saint Kabir, Saint Raidas, Saint Sen and several other great Saints and Mothers. Goswami Tulsi Das Ji, a great Saint and Composer of Shri Ram Charit Manas and several other Hindu religious poetry scriptures was also from Shri Ramanandi Sampraday. Shri Ram Mandir in Ayodhya is managed by Nirmohi Akhara which is managed by Shri Ramanandi Sampraday.



Dr Yatendra Sharma is a disciple of prominent Shri Ramanandi Sampraday follower, Gandhian and freedom fighter Shri Acharya Bhagwan Das Ji, who went to Jail few times during Indian Independence struggle, and co-worker of Shri Krishna Dutt Paliwal and Shri Acharya Ram Shrama, founder of All World Gayatri Parivar, running a Hindi newspaper 'Sainik' during pre-independence time to instigate general mass to contribute for Indian independence.

Dr Sharma developed an interest in reading, listening, and narrating religious scriptures since his childhood. He memorised several Hindu Sanskrit scriptures such as Kaumudi at an age of 6. Though now retired from his professional career as a metallurgist having a PhD in Chemical Technology from the Technical University of Graz, Austria, he served the mining and mineral industry of Western Australia for more than three decades. In 2016, he founded a Vaishnav religious organisation 'Shri Ram Katha Sansthan' based on the teachings of Shri Raamanandi Sampraday. Shri Ram Katha Sansthan is a non-discriminatory to any religion, caste, sex and social status of the devotees. Its main principle is, 'Hari Ko Bhaje, So Hari Ko Hoi', the one who worships the Lord, is dear to the Lord. Shri Sansthan believes that the worship of the Lord with pure heart and unselfish attitude is very dear to the Lord. All the devotees of the Lord are brothers and sisters.

Dr Sharma and this Sansthan have been active in promoting Hindu Sanatan culture. He has authored and published more than 30 books/ booklets on Sanatan Dharma. Recently he composed a Mahakavya 'Shrimadbhagwadgita Hindi Bhakti Kaavy' translating in Hindi poetry all 700 Shloks of Shrimadbhagwadgita. This book is blessed by HH Shrengari Shankaracharya Ji, RSS Pramukh Shri Mohan Bhagwat Ji and several other Mathadheesh and political figures in India. He has composed several Mahaakaavys few names to mention, 'Adbhut Sita Charit Manas', 'Vivek Chunamani' 'Jagannath Mahatmaya' etc.

FIAWA honours him with 'Senior WA Citizen of the Year2025'.

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President

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