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Perth Author and Devotional Poet Dr. Yatendra Sharma Inducted into Dharmapedia

Perth, WA — 2 October 2026 — Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Inc. is proud to announce that its co-founder and president, Dr Yatendra Sharma, has been formally inducted into Dharmapedia. A Wikimedia encyclopaedia featuring articles on religious personalities from Eastern philosophies, religions and history, Dharmapedia includes entries on philosophical teachers, deities, historical rulers and devotional poets of Sanatan Dharma, Buddhism, Jainism, Sikhism and other Eastern religions.

This honour recognises Dr Sharma's exceptional contributions as an Australian-based Hindi devotional poet, author and community leader. For over a decade, he has focused his literary work on retelling ancient scriptural traditions, composing Hindi devotional poetry, and promoting regional initiatives to raise cultural awareness.

Born in India in 1953 into a traditional Sanatan family, Dr Sharma developed a profound connection to sacred texts from a young age. Although he spent over three decades working in Western Australia's mining and chemical technology sectors after completing his doctorate at the Technical University of Graz in Austria, his secondary career has been entirely dedicated to spiritual and community enrichment.

In 2016, he co-founded the Shri Ram Katha Sansthan organisation with his wife and Dr Jugal Agarwala. Through this non-profit organisation, he has authored and legally deposited numerous books raising awareness of the lives of Sanatan Dharma saints, notable figures and traditional mothers. These books have been distributed extensively in order to preserve cultural heritage for the local diaspora.

Dr. Sharma's induction into Dharmapedia marks a significant milestone for the Australian Hindu community. It highlights how traditional wisdom can thrive globally, bridging a lifetime of scientific achievement with an unwavering dedication to scriptural poetry.

For more details on his published literature or the Sansthan's activities, visit the official website of Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Perth.

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Yatendra Sharma

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Yatendra Sharma (born 19 August 1953) is an Australian-based Hindi devotional poet, author and community organiser based in Perth, Western Australia. His writings primarily concern **Sanatana Dharma**, Hindi devotional poetry, Hindu scriptural traditions, saints and religious narratives.^[1] He is a co-founder and president of Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Perth, a religious and cultural organisation established in 2016.^[1]

Before concentrating on literary and community activities, Sharma had a professional career spanning more than three decades in chemistry, chemical technology, metallurgy, mineral processing and battery-material technologies. He studied at Aligarh Muslim University in India and later completed doctoral studies at the Technical University of Graz in Austria.^[1]

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Early life and education

Yatendra Sharma was born on 19 August 1953 in Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh, India.^[1] He grew up in a Sanatana Dharma family associated with the Shri Ramanandi Sampraday tradition. His early education included exposure to Sanskrit and religious literature.^[1]

Sharma studied chemistry at Aligarh Muslim University, completing a BSc (Honours) in Chemistry in 1972 and an MSc in Chemistry in 1974. He later pursued doctoral research at the Technical University of Graz, Austria, where he completed a Doctor of Technical Sciences degree with distinction in 1989.^[1]

His doctoral research concerned chemical and electrochemical technologies associated with battery materials, including electrolytic manganese dioxide and lithium compounds.^[1]

Scientific and industrial career

Before his retirement, Sharma worked in industrial chemistry, metallurgy, mineral processing and battery-related technologies. His professional career included technical, managerial and advisory positions in Australia and internationally.^[1]

His professional record includes positions associated with Mesa Minerals and Galaxy Resources, followed by advisory work involving lithium, manganese and battery-material projects. His work took place across several countries, including India, Austria, Ghana, Malaysia and Australia.^[1]

His technical work included scientific publications relating to rechargeable alkaline manganese batteries and other electrochemical subjects, as well as patent activity involving lithium processing, manganese dioxide and related technologies.^[1]

Following retirement from active professional work, Sharma increasingly concentrated on writing, publishing and religious and community activities.^[1]

Literary and devotional work

Sharma's literary work primarily concerns Sanatana Dharma, devotional literature, Hindu scriptures, saints and religious narratives. His writings include Hindi devotional poetry, poetic renderings of scriptural material, explanatory religious works and narrative accounts of Hindu saints and traditions.^[2]

His work has been published in print and electronic formats. Several of his books have been published by Giri Publications, while other works have been issued through Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Perth.^[2]

His book *Hindu Festivals: Reasons for Celebrating Hindu Festivals* was published by Giri Publications and carries ISBN 978-81-7950-959-3.^[3]

Selected works

- Hindu Festivals: Reasons for Celebrating Hindu Festivals*. Giri Publications, 2024. ISBN 978-81-7950-959-3.^[3]
- Shrimadbhagwadgita Hindi Bhakti Kavya*. Giri Publications, 2025. ISBN 978-81-7950-992-0.^[2]
- Adbhut Sitacharitmanas*. Giri Publications, 2025. ISBN 978-81-7950-993-7.^[2]
- Vivek Chudamani*. Giri Publications, 2026. ISBN 978-81-999894-8-1.^[2]
- Stories of Five Great Sanatan Saints*. Giri Publications, 2026. ISBN 978-81-999894-6-7.^[2]
- Adbhut Yogi Gorakhnath Katha Kavya*. Shri Ram Katha Sansthan, 2026. ISBN 978-1-7648041-0-3.^[2]
- Shri Jagannath Rath Yatra Katha Evam Jagannath Mahatmaya*. Shri Ram Katha Sansthan, 2026. ISBN 978-1-7648041-1-0.^[2]

Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Perth

Sharma is a co-founder and president of Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Perth, a Perth-based religious organisation established in 2016.^[1]

The organisation is involved in devotional, literary and cultural activities and publishes material concerning Sanatana Dharma and related religious traditions.^[4]

Literary reception and public activities

An interview with Sharma was published in *Bharat Bharati*, the annual Hindi magazine of Hindi Samaj of Western Australia, in 2021.^[5]

On 14 January 2022, the Consulate General of India in Perth, in association with Shri Ram Katha Sansthan, held an event for the launch of two books authored by Sharma. The books listed for the event were a Hindi work concerning Sanatana narratives and the English-language *Stories of Five Great Sanatan Saints*.^[6]

Sharma also participated in a Hindi Kavya Sandhya programme associated with the Consulate General of India in Perth in November 2023.^[7]

His literary work has received written assessments associated with academics including Professor Vijay Mishra of Murdoch University and Professor Pushpa Rani of Kurukshetra University. Pushpa Rani also contributed a foreword associated with his published work.^[5]

In August 2026, *Manoranjan*, associated with *Amar Ujala*, published a review of *Adbhut Yogi Gorakhnath Katha Kavya* titled *Gorakhnath Ki Sadhana Ka Chitran*.^[8]

Use of published works as references

Sharma's *Hindu Festivals* has been cited as a reference in online encyclopedic material concerning Hindu festivals and traditions, including articles relating to **Rama Navami** and Chandraghanta.^{[9][10]}

Community activities and recognition

In addition to his writing, Sharma has participated in religious and cultural activities within the Indian community in Western Australia through Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Perth.^[1]

Biographical documentation records recognition from community organisations, including a Federation of Indian Associations of Western Australia citation in January 2025 and a Vishwa Hindu Parishad Australia felicitation in March 2026. The Indian Society of Western Australia has also provided a support letter concerning his literary and community activities.^[9]

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A more extensive bibliography of Sharma's Hindi and English publications includes devotional poetry, scriptural interpretations, religious narratives and works concerning Hindu festivals and saints.^[2]

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- Shri Ram Katha Sansthan Perth^[archive]
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