



VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM KI OAR

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DHRUV TATVAM (ध्रुव तत्त्व)

Timeless Principles

(A CONCEPT NOTE)

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BACKGROUND AND CONCEPT

Since its inception, the Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam Ki Oar (VK) conclave series has been Jyot's flagship platform to explore and articulate India's civilizational wisdom in the context of a rapidly emerging world order. This series has been guided by the vision of His Holiness Spiritual Sovereign Jainacharya Yugbhushansuriji, the 79th successor of Tirthankar Shri Mahavir Swami. Over four editions, with each deepening the discourse, the series has brought together distinguished thinkers, jurists, diplomats, economists, policymakers, and scholars to deliberate on the most pressing questions of our time through the lens of Indic knowledge systems. The most recent edition, Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam ki Oar 4.0, was supported by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.

VK 4.0: Sankraman Kaal (January 2026) recognized that the present era is a period of profound global transition; the old world order has faded, and a new one is yet to crystallize. Drawing on lessons from ancient scriptural wisdom and two millennia of global history, the conclave concluded with a clarion call: to establish a free, fair, and just world order, the Rule of Justice must be reinstated across every domain of human life. This is only possible by decolonizing each domain through the recovery and reaffirmation of timeless principles that have governed human civilization best.

VK 5.0, titled Dhruv Tatvam, which means 'Timeless Principles' or 'Eternal Anchors', is the natural and decisive next step in this journey. It translates the philosophical conclusion of VK 4.0 into structured, research-backed, and actionable intellectual outcomes in the form of domain-specific white papers titled as "Dhruv Patra".

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Theme: Dhruv Tatvam

The North Star (Dhruva), unwavering, eternal, and true, has guided navigators across civilizations. Dhruv Tatvam invokes this metaphor to describe the timeless principles that have governed every domain of human activity across ages and cultures.

The central thesis of VK 5.0 is that beneath the surface of every domain of humanity viz. law, economics, social, foreign policy, and knowledge systems, there exist foundational principles that are not the products of any particular era, ideology, or colonial inheritance. These principles are universal, derived from the deepest wells of human experience and civilizational wisdom. Identifying them, articulating them, and presenting them as actionable Dhruv Patra is the mission of VK 5.0.

Central Premise

To decolonize every sphere of human life, the foundational action plan must begin with reinstating the timeless principles centrally governing and anchoring each domain. These principles are universal in character, grounded in civilizational wisdom, and capable of forming the bedrock of the Rule of Justice.

OBJECTIVES

- Based on ancient wisdom, to identify, research, and articulate the Dhruv Tatvam or timeless principles applicable to major domains of humanity.
- Accordingly, to develop domain-specific Dhruv Patra through a rigorous, consultative process involving contemporary domain experts.
- To present these Dhruv Patras at the VK 5.0 Main Event in January 2027, as a high-impact intellectual document that can guide policymakers, institutions, and future research.
- To amplify the outcomes through partnerships with think tanks, universities, ministries, and media, ensuring the Dhruv Patras reach and influence the broadest possible target audience.

The Pillars

VK 5.0 is structured around multiple thematic pillars, each representing a critical domain as mentioned above. The thread running through the pillars is the identification and articulation of timeless principles that predate contemporary paradigms, transcend ideological divisions, and offer a principled basis for decolonization and the establishment of the Rule of Justice.

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Format: A Structured Conclave

Drawing on the learnings of the previous four editions, VK 5.0 is designed to maximize the quality and actionability of its intellectual outputs. The format prioritizes depth over breadth, structured deliberation over open-ended discussion, and documented outcomes over impressionistic dialogue.

Precursor Sessions

The VK 5.0 Main Event will be preceded by a series of curated precursor sessions, one per pillar, to develop, debate, and finalize the Dhruv Patras. These sessions are not public events but focused working sessions of the advisory committee and panellists under the aegis of His Holiness.

Each precursor session will follow the Dhruv Tatvam framework:

- Jyot's research team will present a comprehensive note containing the questions for deliberation.
- Panellists will engage in structured discussion by critiquing, endorsing, or refining the principles.
- The session will work towards an agreed formulation of the timeless principles for that domain.
- The finalized Dhruv Patras will be produced after subsequent rounds of review and document the opinions and objections of the advisory committee and panellists.

VK 5.0 Main Event — January 2027

The Main Event is the culmination of the entire preparatory process. It will bring together the position papers from all pillars before an audience of union ministers, MPs, bureaucrats, policymakers, diplomats, researchers, jurists, economists, journalists, think tank professionals, and thinkers, thereby hosting a wide cross-section of India's intellectual and public policy landscape.

Structure of the Main Event

- Every session will be held under the aegis of and presided by His Holiness. He will open the sessions with an overarching vision and end with special concluding remarks.
- Dedicated sessions—one per pillar—will present the position paper through a structured presentation by the Advisory Committee members or a panellist of that pillar, with all the documented support and objections.
- Each session will allow for questions and engagement from the broader audience, including partner organizations, ministers, and distinguished guests.
- A concluding session will draw the threads from across all pillars and articulate the unified vision of Dhruv Tatvam as the foundation for the Rule of Justice and civilizational renewal.

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Partnerships AND Amplification

- VK 5.0 will build upon the strong partnership ecosystem established across the four previous editions of the conclave. Jyot will actively seek to continue and deepen collaborations with
- Renowned think tanks, both domestic and international
- Union ministries relevant to the key pillars
- Leading universities and law schools
- Educational and research foundations
- Media partners for the wide amplification of position papers

Partner organizations will be requested to contribute their finest domain experts as panellists and facilitate the reach of the position papers to the broadest possible audience, including within government, academia, and civil society.

Ministers and senior government partners will be specifically requested to attend the VK 5.0 Main Event and support the amplification of the position papers through their networks and platforms, ensuring that Dhruv Tatvam achieves the widest possible policy impact.

Vision And Expected Outcomes

VK 5.0 aspires to produce rigorously researched, widely endorsed, and publicly presented Dhruv Patras —one for each domain—that together constitute a foundational intellectual charter for the decolonization of global governance, policy, and knowledge frameworks.

Beyond the immediate event, VK 5.0 inaugurates a long-term programme: subsequent editions of the Dhruv Tatvam conclave will continue to explore additional timeless principles within each domain. Over time, when all the principles of a domain have been fully documented, a larger consolidated event will bring together all the panellists and Advisory Committee members to synthesize the complete picture and present it directly to ministers and senior officials for policy adoption.

The Enduring Goal

Through Dhruv Tatvam, Jyot seeks to build an enduring intellectual architecture, a living body of research and consensus that places timeless civilizational principles at the heart of the world's governance, law, economics, social, foreign policy, and systems of knowledge. This is Jyot's contribution for the establishment of a free, fair, secure, stable, and just world order rooted in the Rule of Justice.

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