

## WHY PATANJALI

**The** four fundamental principles which form the framework of life are from time to time referred to as the “Four Stages of Wisdom”. In our present scientific times, these four stages of wisdom has been nomenclatured as *Bhaashaa* (language), *Kaamsutra* (Action), *Ayurveda* (Science of Life) and *Yoga* (Means of attaining Moksha). In order to understand and help others understand, one needs language to elucidate, be it science, feeling, thought, incident, or the cosmos. The creator has succinctly elaborated, “**I, the Universe and the Creator are the basis of this manifestation.**” This expression would not be rendered possible without language and thus, it is elementary to identify and select a language. All research findings are based on languages prevalent at that geographical and temporal juncture, the knowledge of which is quintessential. Knowledge of language is imperative for one who intends to know/learn or to state “**I Am**” and “**I Seek Happiness**”. It is the pursuit of happiness that the second thought has been aptly nomenclatured as *Kaama* (Action) and has been texted in the form of *Kaamasutra*. In order to appreciate and enjoy the fruits of action forever one needs to know the Science of Life. In the quest of Science of Life the third thought was propounded and achieved through *Ayurveda*. Texts on life have enumerated that if there is birth, death is certain. However, in order to control the sequence of life and death and attempt to win over and how it was succeeded, the fourth aspect was formed and the process of attainment (Moksha) through its means was named *Yoga*.

**The** only person to have thrown light or attended to all the four stages of life in this manner, has been an Acharya (Preceptor) named **Patanjali**, who was born 250 years before Christ in a village (today) named as Gondarmau, which is 8 km west of Bhopal. The world of today reveres the teachings and philosophy of Patanjali and exhibits the desire to follow the path he has enshrined. He propounded his first principle on the basis of Panini’s treatise on grammar (*Ashta Adhyayi Vyakaran*), which would help us develop a thorough and complete understanding of his renditions. After this, he scripted the treatise on action (*Ashta Adhyayi Kaamasutra*). Later, he penned the *Ashtang Ayurveda* as the treatise on the Science of Life and finally in order to culminate the circle of life and death he wrote his treatise *Ashtang Yoga Darshan* (Philosophy of Yoga).

**Should** we not contemplate to erect an institution of research to work on the Four Fundamental Stages of Wisdom at the birth place of such a great philosopher and scientist? It is my life’s objective to apprise all those involved in working on **Patanjali’s** treatises and philosophy with a comparative and scientific perspective towards World Peace. With reference to the present temporal, geographical and circumstantial situation we would require to establish the scientificity and superiority of Indian knowledge forms by including education on

Four Stages of Wisdom towards Universal Peace. I would like to raise an institution on the basis of Four Fundamental Stages of Wisdom, for which your cooperation and support is sought.

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**I'm** obliged to all those countries that have supported in establishing World Yoga Day. **I humbly request all to celebrate World Yoga Day two days prior to Deepavali (which is Patanjali's Date of Birth as per Indian calendar). My second desire is to establish a University to ensure scholastic endeavours on the Four Fundamental Stages of Wisdom through mutual aid and cooperation.** We solicit your views and suggestions in this regard and expect your assurance for minimal support.