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More popularly known among his close followers and disciples as Gurudev, Dr. R. D. Ranade was born in 1886 in Jamkhandi in Karnatak. He took his Master of Arts degree with distinction from the Bombay University. Even from his student days, he was of a spiritual bent of mind.

As a professor of Philosophy in Fergusson College, Poona, and then as head of the Department of Philosophy in the Allahabad University, and later as its Vice-Chancellor, his record has been very distinguished one.

His founding the Adhyatma Vidyaapeeth at Nimbur and his authorship of very profound books on Philosophy and Mysticism were the outcome of his constant endeavour to know and live in Truth. His first significant book was "The Creative Period of Indian Philosophy" which he wrote in collaboration with Dr. Belvalkar. Then followed the remarkable volume, "The Constructive Survey of Upanisadic Philosophy". His studies in mysticism in Marathi, Kannada and Hindi literature are masterpieces of deep scholarship and popular presentation.

This, the last work completed by the late Dr. R. D. Ranade during his life-time, is his crowning contribution to religio-philosophical literature.

He passed away, in 1957 leaving behind a great reputation as scholar, philosopher, mystic and author.