

Contemporary Indian Philosophy - Web course

COURSE OUTLINE

This course will introduce the student to the philosophical contentions, ethical and political arguments and conceptions of the problems of life underlying the writings of a selected list of thinkers of twentieth century India.

Together, these streams of thought will also show to the student how the Indian culture and philosophy has grappled with perennial questions in the light of contemporary problems and how questions of life and meaning can be addressed in these times in ways unique to this tradition of philosophical enquiry.

The select list of thinkers to be introduced in the course includes: Swami Vivekananda, Mahatma Gandhi, Sri Aurobindo, S. Radhakrishnan, Sri Mohammad Iqbal, and Jiddu Krishnamurti. The emphasis is to develop a critical, 'conceptual, critical philosophical thinking that underlies in education.

COURSE DETAIL

Module	Topics and Content	No. of lectures
1	Chapter One: Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Characteristics of Contemporary Philosophy 	4
2	Chapter Two: Swami Vivekananda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reality and god The Doctrine of Māyā Nature of Man Nature of Liberation Ways of Liberation (Jnanayoga, Bhakti marga, Karma-marga and Rajayoga) 	8
3	Chapter Three: Mahatma Gandhi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nature of Man, Karma and re-birth Non-violence, The technique of <i>Ahimsā</i> Religion and Morality. Social Development Social and Political Ideas 	8
4	Chapter Four: Sri Aurobindo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The two Negations. Reality – <i>Saccidananda</i>. The Process of Evolution 	5



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Additional Reading:

Journal articles and book chapters:

1. Journal of Indian Council of Philosophical research.
2. Lal, B. K. *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1992.
3. Margaret Chatterjee, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1998
4. Mahadevan, T. M. P. & V. Saroja. *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*. New Delhi:, 1985.
5. Sri Aurobindo: *The complete Works of Sri Aurobinda*, Published by Sri Aurobindo Society, Pondicherry, 1977
6. J. Krishnamurti: *The Awakening of the Intelligence*, Penguin Books 1973.
7. J. Krishnamurti: *A Flame of Learning*, Krishnamurti Foundation 2006.
8. J. Krishnamurti: *Beginnings of learning*, Krishnamurti Foundation 2003.
9. Mahatma Gandhi: *The Selected Works of Mahatma Gandhi*, Navajivan Trust, 1968.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Super-mind. • Gnostic Being and Divine Life. • Integral Yoga. 	
5	Chapter Five: S. Radhakrishnan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ultimate Reality • The Doctrine of Rebirth. Human Destiny • Essence of Religion • Nature of the Soul • Religion and its nature • An element of Mysticism 	5
6	Chapter Six: Sri Mohammad Iqbal: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of Intuition • God. • Nature of the Self, nature of the World. • Knowledge, Omnipotence, Eternity, Immanence and Transcendence. • Human Destiny 	6
7	Chapter Seven: Jiddu Krishnamurti: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Knowledge • Fear and Pleasure • Meditation • Life and Freedom • Education 	4
Total		40

References:

1. A. Raghuramaraju, *Debates in Indian Philosophy: Classical, Colonial, and Contemporary*, Oxford University Press, 2006.
2. J. N. Mohanty, *Essays on Indian Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2002.
3. Lal, B. K. *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Motilal Banarsidass, Delhi, 1992.
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