

Course Type	Course Code	Name of Course	L	T	P	Credit
DE	NHSD515	CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY	3	0	0	3

Course Objective

India witnessed a renewed philosophical activity through the reinterpretation of philosophical and religious scriptures and the reformation of Indian social life during the 19th and 20th century. A good number of philosophers, affirming the orthodox foundations of classical Indian Philosophy, initiated a different mode of understanding human life from individual as well as philosophical perspectives. The objective of the course is to acquaint students to issues, questions and concepts in Contemporary Indian Philosophy.

Learning Outcomes

This course aims at giving an opportunity to the students to imbibe this new spirit of philosophizing, and to let them have a feel of the new religious and philosophical outlook that had emerged in the course of time.

Unit No.	Topics to be Covered	Lecture Hours	Learning Outcome
1	Introduction General Characteristics of Contemporary Indian Philosophy	3	To introduce the General Characteristics of Contemporary Indian Philosophy
2	Radhakrishnan Ultimate Reality The Doctrine of Rebirth. Human Destiny Essence of Religion Nature of the Soul Religion and its nature An element of Mysticism	5	To understand Radhakrishna's Philosophical Ideas
3	Vivekananda Reality and god The Doctrine of <i>Māyā</i> Nature of Man Nature of Liberation Ways of Liberation (<i>Jnana-Yoga, Bhakti - Yoga, Karma-Yoga and Raja-Yoga</i>)	5	To know the Philosophy of Vivekananda.
4	Aurobindo and Integral Vision The two Negations. Reality – <i>Saccidananda</i> . The Pure Existent, The Consciousness-force. The Process of Evolution The Super-mind. Gnostic Being and Divine Life. Integral Yoga.	5	To make students aware of Aurobindo's Integral Vision
5	Gandhi and Truth Ahimsa and Truth Man and the World <i>Satyagraha</i> <i>Sarvodaya</i>	5	This unit will introduce students the Gandhian Philosophy and some main concepts like Truth, God and Non-Violence, etc.

6	Tagore and Search for the Absolute Search for the Absolute: The Human and the Nature Ethics as Inner Harmony	4	This part will help students understand Tagore's philosophical thoughts
7	Jiddu Krishnamurti Knowledge Fear and Pleasure Meditation Life and Freedom Education	5	This will make students aware of the lofty philosophical ideas of Jiddu Krishnamurti.
8	Mohammad Iqbal Nature of Intuition God. Nature of the Self, nature of the World. Knowledge, Omnipotence, Eternity, Immanence and Transcendence. Human Destiny	5	Help in understanding the philosophy of Mohammad Iqbal.
9	Krishnachandra Bhattacharya Concept of Philosophy Theoretic Consciousness Notion of Subjectivity Concept of Absolute	5	This part will help students understand the Philosophical writings of K. C. Bhattacharya.
TOTAL LECTURE HOURS		42	

Text Books:

1. Mahadevan, T.M.P., ed., *Contemporary Indian Philosophers of History*, Calcutta: The World Press, 1977.
2. Radhakrishnan, S., *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1952.
3. Basant Kumar Lal, *Contemporary Indian Philosophy*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass, 2013

Reference Books:

1. Aurobindo, Sri, *Synthesis of Yoga*, Collected Works, Vol. 2, 1970.
2. Gandhi, M. K., *My Story of Experiments with Truth*, Boston: Beacon Press, 1957.
3. Radhakrishnan, S., *Hindu View of Life*, London: George Allen and Unwin, 1949.
4. Tagore, Rabindranath, *Creative Unity*, Calcutta: Macmillan, 1959.
5. Vivekananda, Swami, *Science and Philosophy of Religion*, Calcutta: Advaita Ashrama, 2002.