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COURSE INTRODUCTION

This course introduces us to the subject of Indian philosophy. Indian philosophy shows us different paths to realize the highest truth in life under different schools. Therefore, Indian philosophy is essentially spiritual. It is divided into two schools, namely, orthodox (āstika) and heterdox (nāstika). The Cārvāka, Jaina and the Buddha are the heterdox schools. They belong to heterdox schools not because they are atheists, but because they deny the authority of the Vedas. On the other hand, the Nyāya, the Vais/es.ika, the Sān.khya, the yoga, the Mi-ma-m. sa- and the Vedanta schools are heterdox, because they acknowledge the authority of the Vedas.

BLOCK INTRODUCTION

This course consists of two blocks.

The first block consists of eight units. The first unit starts with "The Nature and Scope of Indian Philosophy". After going through this unit, you will be able to know nature and scope of Indian Philosophy.

The second unit is 'The Basic Philosophical Ideas in The Vedas'. The concepts included in this unit are rta, Theism and its various types, Polytheism, Henotheism, Monotheism, Deism, and Monism.

The third unit is 'Gita's Idea of Karmayoga'. It deals with the issues. They are: the concept of Gita, Gita's view on Karmayoga, Interpretation of the concept of Niskrma Karma, Niskāma karma : Metaphysical and Epistemological concept, Pravṛtti and Nivṛtti, Svadharma, Mokṣa : The Supreme Goal of Human Life, and Gita's karmayoga and Kant's Deontological Ethics

The fourth unit, "Āstika and Nāstika Division of Schools of Indian Philosophy" basically discusses the Astika and Nāstika schools of Indian Philosophy.

The fifth unit, "Cārvāka Epistemology" discusses the concepts like accidentalism, naturalism, the denial of inference, and the denial of the validity of the Vedas.

The Sixth unit 'Cā-rvā-ka Metaphysics' gives us the knowledge of Cā-rvā-ka metaphysics, Cā-rvā-ka concept of soul and consciousness, Cā-rvā-ka arguments in favour of Dehā-tmā-avā-da, Cā-rvā-ka denial of God's existence, Cā-rvā-ka svabha-bavada, Cā-rvā-ka denial of law of Karma, the theory of rebirth, and reaction of Cā-rvā-ka against liberation.

The seventh unit, 'The four noble truths of Buddhism' deals with the issues such as A Brief Sketch of Buddhism, Concept of Four Noble Truths, There is Suffering, There is a Cause of Suffering, Dependent Origination, The Cessation of Suffering, Concept of Nirvāna. and the Path of Cessation of Suffering

While going through this course you will come across some boxes which are put on the left side or right side of the text. These boxes will give us the meanings of some words and concepts within the text. Apart from this, there will be some broad and short questions included under Activity and Check Your Progress in every unit. Activities will increase our thinking capacity because questions put in Activity are not directly derived from the text. But answers to the short questions are put in the section Answers to Check Your Progress. Besides, there are some text-related questions which are put in Model Questions. These questions will help you in selecting and mastering probable topics for the examination so that you can prepare for the examination with confidence.

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