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**Human Values in Various Philosophies (Darshans) and Schools of Thought**

It is a set of several courses to help students draw out the human values (role, purpose and participation of human being) from popular philosophies and schools of thought.

(It is offered as a part of the elective courses at AKTU, Lucknow. In AICTE affiliated institutions, it is offered as one of the courses leading to a minor degree in Universal Human Values\*1)

These courses are expected to draw out a minimum set of key points from each philosophy, including:

1. World vision (at the level of realisation)

What is human being?

What does this existence consist of (e.g., material + consciousness + space)

How is human being related to other human beings, rest of nature etc.

What is the human purpose - individual and collective

What is happiness?

What is prosperity?

2. Process to see, to understand

3. What are the human values on the basis of this world-vision (above)

How are these values implemented, expressed in living?

4. Program for fulfilment of human purpose at individual level

(if this program is successful, what will be the qualities of the human being...)

5. Program for fulfilment of human being at the collective (societal) level

(If this collective program is successful, what kind of society will it be? will it ensure wellbeing of all? - conditional or unconditional? Relationship with people (irrespective of their class, caste, creed, gender, faith...)? Relationship with rest-of-nature...

6. What are the causes of the present-day problems? How will these get resolved?

7. Next step from where we are

Some of the courses on popular philosophies are:

* Human Values in Vedic Darshans (Sankhya, Yoga, Vedanta ...)
* Human Values in Bauddh and Jain Darshan
* Human Values in Madhyasth Darshan
* Human Values in Christianity and Islam
* Human Values in Sikkhism
* Human Values in popular contemporary philosophies and schools of thought

We have a deep sense of gratitude for

1. the existential harmony, of which all that we see in nature including ourselves as human beings, are expressions;
2. the tradition of all those great people who worked for understanding this existential reality, to live up to it and to make it available to people in general.

We have tried to understand and practice what is available from this long tradition of knowledge, and therefore, the credit for all that we are presenting here, goes to this long tradition of knowledge.

\*1 More details about the AICTE Minor Degree in UHV can be downloaded from the AICTE website:

<https://www.aicte-india.org/sites/default/files/Model_Curriculum/Minor%20Degree%20in%20UHV.pdf>

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**UHV-V Course on Human Values in Madhyasth Darshan**

(offered as a part of UHV-V set of courses)

Madhyasth Darshan is a new emerging philosophy that describes the existential realities along with its implication in behaviour and work at the level of individual as well as society. This philosophy has been propounded by Shri A. Nagraj in the nineteen seventies.

It is to be kept in mind that Darshan means realisation which calls for developing the capacity to see the reality in oneself directly. So, any study of Darshan shall help develop this capacity in the students through proper steps of practices and shall not just provide the information.

Objectives:

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| 1. To help students understand the basic principles of Madhyasth Darshan 2. To help students understand the existential realities including the human existence through Madhyasth Darshan 3. To help them to see the participation of human beings in the nature/ existential realities (i.e., human values) and therefore the human conduct through this understanding 4. To help students apply this understanding to make their living better at different levels- individual, family, society and nature 5. To facilitate the students in applying this understanding in their profession and lead an ethical life | |
| Course Outcomes: |

On completion of this course, the students will be able to

1. Understand the basic concepts of Madhyasth Darshan
2. Understand the human being, the needs and activities of human being through Madhyasth Darshan
3. Understand the whole existence
4. Understand the role of human being in the entire existence, thus getting clarity about values at all levels of living and human conduct
5. Understand the foundation of human society and human tradition

For more details, please see

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