



Berhampore Girls' College

Add-on Course (Certificate Course)
2018-19

Development of Moral Beliefs and Ideas in Indian Thought

Course Code- BGC-AOC-EH-1

About the course:

Morality, in the classical Indian context, is an institution of life where the distinction between what 'is' and what 'ought to be' is a matter of primary concern for man. This concern sometimes may be seen to be felt more explicitly in the form of a distinction between the animal demands of human life and the demands of its higher faculties. All other living beings are merely conscious, but man's special privilege is that he is also self-conscious. Besides being conscious about the entire world around him, he is conscious about himself also, about his inner being, his feelings, emotions, thoughts etc. He feels in his inner being that there must be a distinction between what he is and what he might become or ought to be. As a man he ought not always follow the demands of his senses, rather he should rise higher and follow the dictates of the higher faculties implicit in him.

Objectives of the course:

- To understand the rich cultural traditions relating to discourses on life and its purpose, instilling of values relating to ethical and moral propriety.
- To make students more engaged with the past traditions of the country.
- To introduce students to Vedic, Upanishadic, Buddhist and other traditions.

Course Outcome

- 1. Understanding the richness of Indian heritage leading to greater sensitivity.
- 2. Inspiration from history to deal with contemporary issues.

Eligibility: This course is for odd-semester students from any discipline

Duration: 2 months (30 classes will be taken)

Mode of class: Offline

Class starts on and from 08.09.2022

Time: Monday to Saturday 9 a.m. -10 a.m. /5 p.m. - 6 p.m.



Syllabus Distribution:

Sl. No.	Chapter Title	Total No. of Classes - 30	Name of the Faculty
1	The Vedic age	3	S.C.
2	The Upanishadas	3	M.G.
3	The Smritis	2	S.C.
4	The Epics : Specially the Mahabharata including	2	S.C.
5	The Bhagavadgita	2	N.L.
6	The Systems : The Nyaya- Vaisesika	2	B.R.
7	The samkhya-Yoga	2	M.G.
8	The Mimamsa	2	J.M.
9	The Samkara Vedanta	2	S.M.
10	The Ramanuja Vedanta	2	N.L..
11	Buddhism	2	M.G.
12	Jainism	2	J.M.
13	The Carvaka	1	A.M.
14	Modern Indian Thought	3	M.G.