

Essence of Traditional Indian Knowledge (CT- 465)

Course Objectives : This course will attempt to impart a holistic understanding about Indian Culture and Thoughts from a Historical perspective and thereby encourage critical appreciation of the Indian thoughts and cultural manifestations. The aim will be to introduce the students to important concepts from the diverse intellectual traditions of India and make them aware of Indian cultural heritage and various epistemological inquiries.

Course Content

UNIT I	Introduction to Indian thought and Culture : An Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plurality of Indian culture. Cultural Diversity and Cultural Unity.• Different manifestations of Indian Culture : Indus valley culture , Vedic culture and Dravidian culture.• The Medieval Bhakti Culture.
UNIT II	The Traditional knowledge Systems of India : An Overview. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction to the Traditional Indian Education system of Gurukul Parampara.• Understanding Indian Philosophy: Vedic thought and the nine schools of philosophy.• Introduction to Indian Art and Aesthetics : Different creative genres and the regional variations.• The Cultural Heritage of India : An overview.• Indigenous Knowledge and Women in India• Communication and Folk Practices of India.

Text books:

Chatterjee, Satishchandra and Dhirendramohan Datta. (2007) *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*. Rupa Publications, New Delhi.

Husain,S. Abid. (2003). *The National Culture of India*. National Book Trust, New Delhi.

Reference Books:

Dasgupta, Surendranath. (1922).A History of Indian Philosophy (5 vols.). Motilal Banrasi Dass, New Delhi.

Kuiper, Kathleen. (2011). The Culture of India. Encyclopedia Britannica, New York.

Mitter,Partha. (2001) Indian Art. Oxford University Press. New York & London.

Mishra, Vidya Niwas, (2008) Foundations of Indian Aesthetics. Surbhi Publications. Delhi.

Wheeler, Mortimer (1953)The Cambridge History of India : The Indus Civilization. Cambridge University Press, London.

Amaryta, Sen (2005) The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity ,Farrar, Straus and Giroux, New York.

Altekar, A.S (1965). Education in Ancient India.Nanda Kishor Bros, Varanasi.