

University of Mumbai



AAMS_UGS /ICC/2023-24/75

CIRCULAR:-

Sub :- Diploma Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy.

Ref :- RB/MU-2022/CR-255/Edn-5/1290, dated 1st November, 2022.

All the Principals of the Affiliated Colleges, the Head of the University Department and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Faculty of Humanities are hereby informed that the recommendations made by the **Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy** at its online meeting held on **24th June, 2022** vide item No. 1 and subsequently passed in the faculty of Humanities and then by the Board of Deans at its online meeting held on **5th July, 2022** vide item No. 5.13(N) have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on **11th July, 2022**, vide item No. 5.13 (N) and subsequently approved by the Management Council at its meeting held on **28th July, 2022** vide item No. 8 and that in accordance therewith, in exercise of the powers conferred upon the Management Council under Section 74(4) of the Maharashtra Public Universities Act, 2016 (Mah. Act No. VI of 2017) the Ordinance 6825 & 6826 Regulations 9609 to 9612 and the syllabus of **Diploma Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy** has been introduced and the same have been brought into force with effect from the academic year **2023-24**, accordingly. (The same is available on the University's website www.mu.ac.in).

Earlier Circular No AAMS_UGS/ICC/2022-23/152, dated 7th November, 2022 is withdrawn.

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28th November, 2023

To,


(Prof. Sunil Bhirud)
I/c. REGISTRAR

The Principals of the Affiliated Colleges, the Head of the University Department and Directors of the recognized Institutions in Faculty of Humanities.

A.C/5.13(N)/11/7/2022
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- 2) The Dean, Faculty of Humanities,
- 3) The Chairman, Ad-hoc Board of Studies in Logic and Philosophy,
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- 6) The Director, Department of Information & Communication Technology,
- 7) The Co-ordinator, MKCL.

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- 8. The Deputy Registrar, Fort/ Vidyanagari Administration Department (FAD) (VAD), Record Section,**
- 9. The Director, Institute of Distance and Open Learning (IDOL Admin), Vidyanagari,**

They are requested to treat this as action taken report on the concerned resolution adopted by the Academic Council referred to in the above circular and that on separate Action Taken Report will be sent in this connection.

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- 2. P.A Pro-Vice-Chancellor,**
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for information.

AC – 11/07/2022
Item No. – 5.13 (N)

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Syllabus for Diploma Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy

(Introduced from the academic year 2023-24)

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O: <u>6825</u>	Title of Course	Diploma Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy
O: <u>6826</u>	Eligibility	A candidate for being eligible for admission to the Diploma Course Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy, must have passed the CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SREE NARAYANA GURU'S PHILOSOPHY
R: <u>9609</u>	Duration of Course	One Year Part Time Course
R: <u>9610</u>	Intake Capacity	120 offline 250 online
R: <u>9611</u>	Scheme of Examination	There will be a written examination in 2 papers, each paper carrying 100 marks and Project work of 50 marks, making a total of 250 marks.
R: <u>9612</u>	Standards of Passing	Minimum pass marks is 40% in each paper, as well as, for the project work.
No. of years/Semesters:		One year course
Level:		P.G. / U.G. / Diploma / Certificate
Pattern:		Yearly / Semester
Status:		New / Revised
To be implemented from Academic Year :		2023-24

Signature:

Kanchana Mahadevan

Chairperson of Board of Studies

Signature:

P. J. Lalani

Faculty of Dean

Syllabus- Diploma Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy

Title of the course: DIPLOMA COURSE IN SREE NARAYANA GURU'S PHILOSOPHY

Duration of the course: The Diploma Course is a Part-time Course and its duration shall be one academic year, - June to April –consisting of two terms

Introduction :

Sree Narayana Guru of Kerala (1855-1928) is a unique historic personality , whose abiding contributions for the intellectual awakening and upward social mobility of the people of Kerala in the 19th century , deserve special analytical studies , as the dynamics of irreversible transformation is involved in these. A study on Sree Narayana Guru will be extremely relevant in the modern socio- political ambience, as his non-confrontational approach to the assertion and denial of privileges and rights, his positive and rational attitude to life , will indicate pathways for finding peaceful solutions to life's problems, in the individual, social and global level

In the Academic year 2023-24, Mumbai University proposes to start a Diploma Course on Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy to give students who have done their Certificate Course an opportunity to study his unique philosophy of integration, and his formulae for spiritual and social advancement of the people.

The Medium of Instruction shall be English, but students can give examination and can write project in any of the following languages: English, Marathi, Hindi, Malayalam.

Aims and Objectives : *The main objective behind the Course is to understand how philosophical notions and spiritual ideals paved the way for social reformations. This is done by making the participants conversant with the role of Sree Narayana in the spiritual and social emancipation of the people at large and how he emerged as the unique spiritual preceptor of the marginalised sections of the people.*

Learning Outcome:

- a) This course enables the participant to develop a rational but positive outlook on religion and spirituality and accept the fellow human being, irrespective of religion and caste, as a spiritual brethren.
- b) As the Course provides a general understanding about the Guru, and his achievements, it enables the learner to participate in discussions about the Guru from an all- India perspective.
- c) The course inspires participants to take up activities leading to social and religious harmony.
- d) This course motivates the participant to attempt deeper study on the compositions of the Guru and interpret his philosophy to suit the modern temperament. .

ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE ONE YEAR PART-TIME COURSE FOR THE DIPLOMA COURSE IN SREE NARAYAN GURU'S PHILOSOPHY" EFFECT FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

O. Title of the course "Diploma Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy"

O.A candidate for being eligible for admission to the Diploma Course , must have passed the CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SREE NARAYANA GURU'S PHILOSOPHY

R. The course for the Diploma in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy shall be a part—time course, and its duration shall be one year, consisting of two academic terms.

R. A Candidate for being eligible for admission to the Examination , shall satisfy the following condition

- She/He should have completed the Certificate Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy.
- She/He shall have attended the course of instructions for at least three-fourths of the total number of hours of instruction during each term.

Application FormRs. 100/-

Prospectus ----- Rs.100/-

R. Prescribed Fees

Fees prescribed for Registration Rs. 100/-

Tuition FeeRs. 2200/-

ID cardRs. 50/-

Fees prescribed for Examination.....Rs. 700/-

R Examination There will be a written examination in 2 papers, each paper carrying 100 marks and Project work of 50 marks, making a total of 250 marks. Minimum pass marks is 40% in each paper, as well as, for the project work.

A candidate for being eligible for admission to the Examination shall have attended at least 75% of the total number of hours of Instruction ,submitted the Project work and shall have paid The Exam Fee of Rs. 700/

CLASSES - There will be three hours of lectures on each paper every week.

After completing all the requirements and passing the exam a certificate entitled "DIPLOMA COURSE IN SREE NARAYANA GURU'S PHILOSOPHY" will be issued to the student.

The Syllabus comprises two papers and a project Work

PAPER-I SREE NARAYANA GURU AS GURU/GUIDE

UNIT-I The Concept of Guru

(A)The Concept of Guru in Diverse Traditions & Significance of Spiritual Teachers Guides or Gurus, Prophets, Sufi Saints, Bhakti Saints and Zen Masters; difference between diksha guru (guru as a spiritual/social activist) vs jnana guru (academic teacher)

(B)Guru in the Indian Tradition: Shankaracharya, Ramana Maharishi, Swami Vivekanda, Sree Narayana Guru

Unit II Sree Naryana Guru as Guru/Guide

(A)Sree Narayana Guru's Evolution from Teacher to Swami to Guru

(B) Cultural Memory of Sree Narayana Guru

UNIT-III The Impact of the Guru/Teacher

(A)Sree Narayana Guru's influence and representative disciples: Kumaran Asan,

T.K.Madhavan, K.Ayyappan, Nataraja Guru & Dr. Palpu

(B)The Guru as a Social Worker: Aruvippuram Temple and Institutions related to Sree Narayana Guru.

UNIT-IV Guru's Instructions on Self and Self-education

(A)Textual study *Atmopadesa Satakam* One Hundred Verses of Self-Instruction

(B)Text study with reference to contemporary context

Paper – II SREE NARAYANA GURU'S THOUGHTS

UNIT –I Overview

- A survey of the literature of Sree Narayana Guru (Philosophical works, Hymns, Works of moral value, Translations and Prose works)
- Philosophy as a guide to life, spiritual and social transformation.

UNIT – II Advaita

- Non-dualism conceived by Sree Narayana Guru
- Textual study of select verses of *Advaita Deepika*

UNIT – III Critique of Caste

- Reflections on one *Jati* based on *Jatinirnayam* and *Jatilakshanam*
- Salient Features of Sree Narayana Guru's social philosophy & work with reference to "one caste, one religion and one god for human kind"

UNIT – IV Religious Reform

- Guru's reflections on 'One Religion' and 'One God'; religious tolerance
- Five *dharma*s and five purities (*panchadharmas* and *pancha suddhis*) taught in *Narayana Smriti*
- Religious transformation through temple entry, reform, consecration and building.

PROJECT WORK:

A study based on any one of the Units,/ a report of any activity for communal harmony, either personally or through Organizations or educational institutions / projects of Adult Education or Health Care / a personal experience involving the Guru's ideals / Reviews of any latest published book on the Guru.

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Signature:

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(Appendix 'B')

**New ordinances 6825 & 6826 relating to the
Diploma Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy.**

i)What is the necessity for starting this course? (i)The University of Mumbai has signed a MOU with the Universal Confederation of SreeNarayana Guru Organizations for introducing his work through Certificate, Diploma & Degree courses on January 21, 2021. We are hoping to introduce the Certificate course this academic year and this diploma course will be for 2023-24. (ii) SreeNarayana Guru of Kerala (1855-1928) has made abiding contributions for in the domain of philosophy and practice. Like Mahatma Gandhi, Ramana Maharishi, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore, Swami Vivekanand&Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Hence we will be enriching our existing studies in contemporary Indian philosophy by including SreeNarayana Guru.(iii)He has drawn upon Advaita Vedanta, SaivaSiddhanta, Yoga, Buddhism and other sources to articulate a philosophy of an integrated and interconnected humanity that balances theory and practice (iv)Students will get a chance to study Narayana Guru's philosophy in depth.

ii)Whether UGC has recommended that this course be started? This course is in keeping with the spirit of learning from one's own culture that UGC is committed to. Moreover, there is a topic on SreeNaryana Guru in the NET exam for philosophy that is governed by UGC prescription.

iii)Whether all the courses have commenced from the year 2019-20? This course is proposed with effect from the academic year 2023-24.

iv)The courses of the University that are self-financed, are there adequate permanent faculty available? We have an adequate faculty of experts -both permanent and visiting- for teaching this course. It is both self-financed and supported by funding received through the MOU with the Universal Confederation of SreeNarayana Guru Organizations.

v)What is the duration of this course? Can it be compressed? It is a one year course and cannot be compressed.

vi)What is the intake capacity of this course? How many students have enrolled during this academic year? The intake capacity is 120 for offline and 250 for online course. Since it is proposed for the academic year 2023-24, we do not yet have students enrolled for this course.

vii)What are the opportunities for employment after undertaking this course? Students can engage with deeper study of contemporary Indian philosophy at the research level. They can teach at this course after qualifying in further studies. Besides they will be able to perform better in the NET exam if equipped with knowledge of SreeNarayana Guru.



Date: 24.6.2022

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