

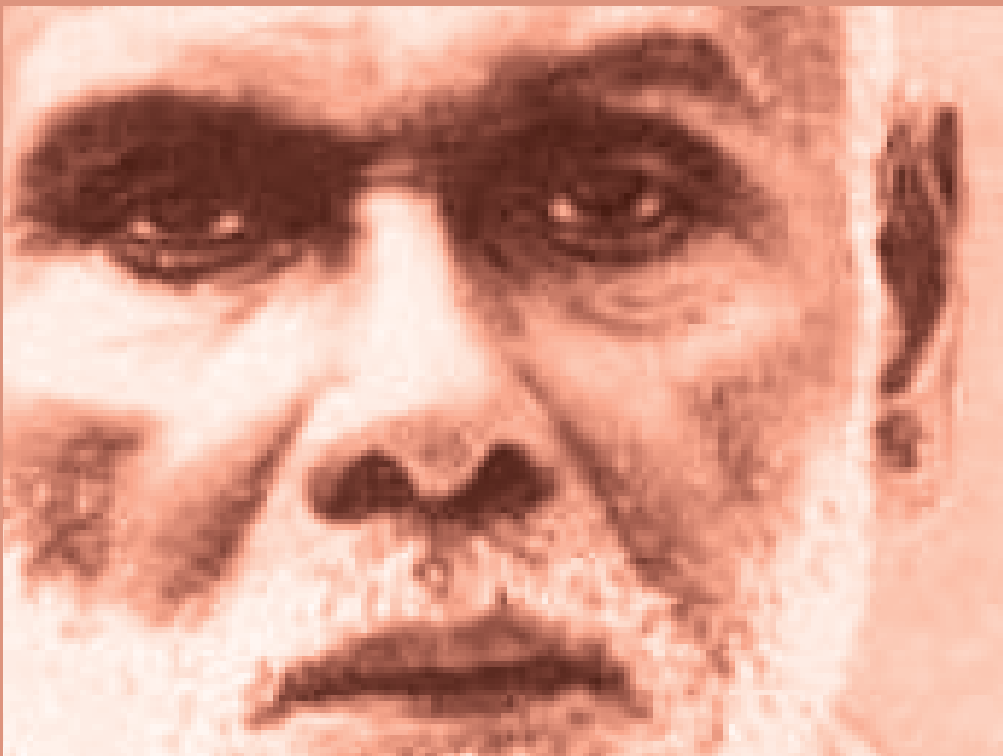


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CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SREE NARAYANA GURU'S PHILOSOPHY



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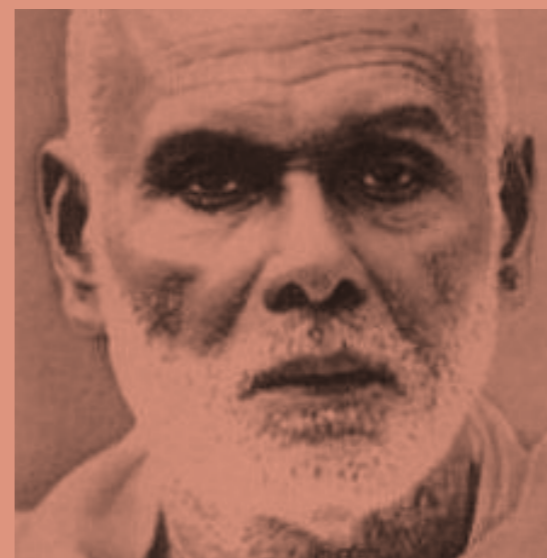


Grace, Love, Mercy
- all the three-
stand for one same reality- Life's Star

~
Sree Narayana Guru
(1856-1928)



SREE NARAYAN GURU'S PHILOSOPHY



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ELIGIBILITY : H.S.C. OR EQUIVALENT / OLD S.S.C. / ANY EQUIVALENT
RECOGNIZED BY UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

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. Even the G20 under the UN has recognised and realised this. As a token of this recognition, Srimad Rhithambharananda Swami, The General Secretary of Sree Naryana Dharma Sanghom Trust (Sivagiri Mutt) was invited as a special guest to talk about the Guru at the Pre-Summit Conference of G20, held on 25-27th July 2015 at Thiruvananthapuram. His talk was appreciated and the G20 decided to study Guru's philosophy to promote inter-religious understanding.

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 this spirit, in the Academic year 2022-2023 Mumbai University proposes to start a Certificate Course to study Sree Narayan Guru's unique philosophy of integration, and his formulae for spiritual and social advancement of the people..

DURATION: ACADEMIC YEAR.

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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. The Certificate Course forms a sort of preparatory background for Advanced Studies on the philosophy and writings of Sree Narayana Guru in the Diploma Course.

ORDINANCES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE ONE YEAR PART-TIME COURSE FOR THE CERTIFICATE COURSE IN "SREE NARAYAN GURU'S PHILOSOPHY" EFFECT FROM THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022-23

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- 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 spiritual brethren.
 - As the Course provides a general understanding about Guru, and his achievements, it enables the learner to participate in discussions about Guru from an all- India perspective.
 - The course inspires participants to take up activities leading to social and religious harmony among the people.
 - This course motivates the participant to attempt deeper studies on the compositions of Guru and interpret his philosophy to suit the modern temperament.
- The Medium of Instruction shall be English, but students can give examination and can write project in any language (such as Marathi, Malayalam, Hindi)

O TITLE OF THE COURSE:
CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SREE NARAYANA GURU'S PHILOSOPHY

O ELIGIBILITY:
A candidate for being eligible for admission to the Certificate Course , must have passed the Higher Secondary Certificate Examination (XII th Std)of the Maharashtra State Board of Secondary Education , Pune or Old SSC examination or any examination recognised by the University as equivalent thereto.

R DURATION:
The Certificate Course is a Part-time Course and its duration shall be one academic year, from July to April, consisting of two terms. 45 hours of teaching each term (inclusive of examination). There will be 1&1/2 hours of lectures on each paper every week with a total of 3 hours of lectures.

R INTAKE CAPACITY:
120 (offline) 250 (online)

R SCHEME OF EXAMINATION:

(a)Eligibility for exams: A Candidate for being eligible for admission to the Examination, should have satisfied the following conditions: (i)attended at least 75% of the total number of hours of instruction(ii) submitted the project work (iii) paid the Exam Fee of Rs. 700/ (b)Examination Pattern: There will be a written examination in 2 papers, each paper carrying 100 marks and one Project work of 50 marks. The total number of marks for both papers and project work is 250.

R STANDARD OF PASSING:

Minimum pass marks is 40% in each paper (40 marks out of 100) and separately in project work (16 marks out of 50).

R FEE STRUCTURE:

Registration	100/
Tuition Fee	1540/
ID Card	50/
Prospectus	50/-
Examination	700/

- After passing the Examination a "Certificate in Sree Narayan Guru's Philosophy" will be issued to the candidate.

PAPER I EVOLUTION OF A PHILOSOPHER-POET AND HIS WORKS

UNIT I

Life Context: Birth, Childhood and Education Socio- cultural background - adolescent life - higher education - brief career as teacher- a pious rebel- marriageleaving home in search of Truth- wanderings - learning Tamil and Yoga- Penance at Maruthvamala

UNIT II

Situating Sree Narayana Guru Philosophically:
(i)Classical Philosophical Influences: Advaita, Saiva Siddhanta, Buddhism
(ii)Guru and His Contemporaries : Ramana Maharishi, Rabindranath Tagore, Mahatma Gandhi, B.R. Ambedkar

UNIT III

Reading Guru's Texts I : Philosophical/Psychological Introspection with Guru's: *Atmopadesa - Satakam (One Hundred Verses of Self ±instruction) Arivu (Consciousness Examined, Darsana Mala (Garlands of Visions of the Absolute)*

UNIT IV

Reading Guru's Texts II : Reflections on Guru's poems:
Advaita Dipika (Lamp of NonDuality), Daiva Dasakam (Ten Verses Addressing God), Jati Nirnaryam (A Critique of Jati)

PAPER II
THE PHILOSOPHER IN ACTION: SREE NARAYANA GURU AS AN
ACTIVIST PHILOSOPHER

UNIT I

Philosophical Foundations: Oru Jati, 'Oru Matham, Oru Daivam Manushyanu' (Philosophy of One Caste, One Religion and One God for Humanity; Oneness); welfare grounded in egalitarianism, justice & fraternity; from Jnanayoga to Karmayoga (Unity of Thought and Practice)

UNIT II

Transformative Philosophy of Negotiating Dichotomies: The worldly and the spiritual, the philosophical and the social, the individual body and the community; the self and the other; faith and reason; commitment to abolishing both ignorance and poverty for transforming self and society.

UNIT III

Egalitarianism in Religion:

- (i) Critique of caste hierarchy and ritualism
- (ii) Temple Entry, Religious Pluralism and Communal Harmony
- (iii) The significance of piety, Distinction between community (samudayam) and religion (matham), the right to worship, religion as free internal search.

UNIT IV

Sree Narayan Guru's Contribution to Social Change:

- (i) Education, Cleanliness, Organization, Agriculture, Commerce & Trade, Handicraft, Science & Technology.
- (ii) Sree Narayan Guru's Contemporary Relevance.

PROJECT WORK:

A study based on any one of the Units, / a report of any activity for communal harmony, either personally or through Organisations 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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