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CIRCULAR:-

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

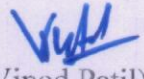
Ref :- RB/MU-2022/CR-207/Edn-5/899, dated 18th August, 2022.

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 11th February, 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 23rd February, 2022 vide item No. 5.13 (N) have been accepted by the Academic Council at its meeting held on 17th May, 2022, vide item No. 5.13 (N) and subsequently approved by the Management Council at its meeting held on 25th May, 2022 vide item No. 4 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 6777 & 6778 Regulations 9533 to 9535 and the syllabus of **Certificate Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy** has been introduced and the same have been brought into force with effect from the academic year 2022-23, accordingly. (The same is available on the University's website www.mu.ac.in).

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20th August, 2022

To,


(Dr. Vinod Patil)
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.

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20th August, 2022

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(Dr. Vinod Patil)
I/c REGISTRAR

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- 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.

- 1. P.A to Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor,**
- 2. P.A Pro-Vice-Chancellor,**
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for information.

UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI



Syllabus for Certificate Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy

(Introduced with effect from the academic year 2022-23)

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Syllabus for Approval

Sr. No.	Heading	Particulars
1	Title of the Course 0-6777	Certificate Course in Sree Narayana Guru's Philosophy
2	Eligibility for Admission 0-6778	H.S.C. Old S.S.C./Any equivalent recognized by University of Mumbai
3	Passing Marks	40 marks out of 100 (Paper I) 40 marks out of 100 (Paper II) 16 marks out of 50 (for project work)
4	Ordinances / Regulations (if any)	
5	No. of Years / Semesters	1 year
6	Level	P.G. / U.G. / Diploma / Certificate (Strike out which is not applicable)
7	Pattern	Yearly / Semester (Strike out which is not applicable)
8	Status	New / Revised (Strike out which is not applicable)
9	To be implemented from Academic Year	From Academic Year 2022-23

Name & Signature of BOS Chairperson

Name & Signature of Dean

Kamran Khan
Kamran Khan
Roshan Khan

Syllabus

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. 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 global 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 Narayana Guru's unique philosophy of integration, and his formulae for spiritual and social advancement of the people.

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.

Learning Outcomes:

- 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 spiritual brethren.
- b) 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.
- c) The course inspires participants to take up activities leading to social and religious harmony among the people,
- d) 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)

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

O.6777 Title of the course : CERTIFICATE COURSE IN SREE NARAYANAGURU'S
PHILOSOPHY

O.6778 Eligibility : HSC/Old SSC / Any equivalent recognised by the University as Mumbai .

R.9533 Duration of the course: The Certificate Course is a 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.9534 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.9535 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 Rs. 100/

Tuition Fee Rs. 1540/

ID cardRs. 50/

Prospectus -----Rs.50/-

Examination... Rs. 700/

After passing the Exam a -CERTIFICATE IN SREE NARAYANA
GURU'S PHILOSOPHY will be issued to the candidate.

PAPER-I

EVOLUTION OF A PHILOSOPHER-POET AND HIS WORKS

Unit 1 – Life Context: Birth, Childhood and Education Socio- cultural background – adolescent life – higher education – brief career as teacher- a pious rebel- marriage-leaving home in search of Truth- wanderings –learning Tamil and Yoga- Penance at Maruthvamala

Unit 2 – 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 3- 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 4- Guru's Texts II: Reflections on Guru's poems- *Advaita Dipika (Lamp of Non-Duality), 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 1 – 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 2 – 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 3 –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 4 – Sree Narayana Guru’s Contributions to Social Change:

(i) Education, Cleanliness, Organization, Agriculture, Commerce & Trade, Handicraft, Science & Technology

(ii) Sree Narayana 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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(Appendix 'B')

**New ordinances 6777 & 6778 relating to the
Certificate 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 Sree Narayana Guru Organizations for introducing his work through Certificate, Diploma and Degree courses on January 21, 2021. (ii) Sree Narayana Guru of Kerala (1855-1928) is a unique historic personality , who has made abiding contributions for in the domain of philosophy and has also worked for upliftment of the marginalized. He is a contemporary Indian philosopher like Mahatma Gandhi, Ramana Maharishi, Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar. Hence we will be enriching our existing studies in contemporary Indian philosophy by including Sree Narayana Guru.(iii)He has drawn upon Advaita Vedanta, Saiva Siddhanta, Yoga, Buddhism and other sources to articulate a philosophy of an integrated and interconnected humanity that balances theory and practice (iv) The G20 under the UN has recognised and realised this.SrimadRhithambharananda Swami, The General Secretary of SreeNaryana DharmaSanghom Trust (Sivagiri Mutt) was invited as a special guest to talk about the Guru at the Pre-Summit Conference ofG20, held on 25—27th July 2015 at Thiruvananthapuram . His talk was appreciated and the G20 decided to study Guru's philosophy to promote global interreligious understanding.

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 2022-23.

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 Sree Narayana 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 2022-23, 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 Sree Narayana Guru.



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