

SRI VENKATESWARA UNIVERSITY:TIRUPATI
B.A PROGRAM: PHILOSOPHY
(Minor)
(w. e. f. Academic Year 2024–25)
SEMESTER – IV

3. CONTEMPORARY INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

Unit - 1

Vivekananda – His Life and Ideals – Practical Vedanta – Humanism
Rabindranath Tagore – Nature of God, Reality and Beauty – Humanism

Unit – 2

Mahatma Gandhi: Satyagraha – Ahimsa – Religion and Morality – Swaraj
Sri Aurabindo: The Super Mind – The Divine and Human Unity – The Superman

Unit - 3

M. N. Roy – Indian Society - Radical Humanism BR Ambedkar – Society – Rights of Dalits – Constitutional Guarantees

Unit- 4

Jyotirao Phule – Social Equality – Lower Castes – Women’s Education
Narayana Guru – Fight against Social Discrimination – God and Devotion

Unit-5

SN Dasgupta – Three Dogmas of Indian Philosophy Dayakrishna – Counter Perspectives Debiprasad Chattopadhyaya – What is Living and What is Dead in Indian Philosophy

READINGS:

Basant Kumar Lal – Contemporary Indian Philosophy
SC Chatterjee & DM Dutta – Introduction to Indian Philosophy
Will Kymlicka – Contemporary Political Philosophy – An Introduction
Emanuel Nahar - BR Ambedkar’s Philosophy in Contemporary India
N. Sharma – 20th Century Indian Philosophy

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4. CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

Unit-1:

Characteristics of Contemporary Western Philosophy Nietzsche – Criticism of Western Philosophy – Will to Power

Unit-2:

WITTGENSTEIN : Language and Reality – Picture Theory – Language Games
Betrand Russel: Logical Atomism – Philosophy of Sense Data

Unit-3:

G.E. Moore: Ordinary Language – Defense of Common Sense Gilbert Ryle:
Concept of Mind – Systematically misleading expressions

Unit-4:

Existentialism: The Problem of Existence and Essence – Freedom and Responsibility – Dread and Anguish - Karl Jaspers, Keirkegaard, Martin Heidegger, Sartre

Unit-5:

Phenomenology: Hegel – Nature of Subjective Spirit, Brentano – Intentionality – Empirical Psychology, Husserl – Transcendental Phenomenology

READINGS:

Western Philosophy-Published by Telugu Academy
Viswa Darasanam by N. Rama Mohan Rao
Stace W.T.-A Critical Survey of Greek Philosophy
Frank Thilly: History of Philosophy
Will Durant – The Story of Philosophy