

GENERAL ELECTIVE

VII SEMESTER

INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

The aim of the paper is to make students acquainted with core concept of western philosophy and their relation to life, thought and society and its relevance.

1. Concept of Philosophy and its relation to life, thought and culture, social relevance of Philosophy, objection against Western Philosophy and its reply.
2. Classification of Western Philosophy and its development.

Thales, Anaximander and Pythagoras, - Substance and Cosmology, Heraclitus, the Logos, Flux and opposite, Substance.

- (1) Plato and Aristotle: Ideas, Substance, Form and Matter, Causation, Actuality and Potentiality.
- (2) Descartes, Cartesian Method of doubt, Cognito ergo sum, Criterion of truth, types of ideas, proof for the existence of God, Mind body relation, Interactionism.
- (3) Spinoza Doctrine of Substance, attributes and modes, Existence of God, Pantheism, Parallelism.
- (4) Leibniz, Monads, truth of reason, Truth of Facts, Doctrine of Pre-established Harmony.
- (5) Locke: Refutation of innate ideas, the origin and formation of ideas, simple and complex ideas, substance, modes and relation, nature of Knowledge, primary and secondary qualities.
- (6) Berkeley: Refutation of abstract ideas, criticism of Lock's distinction between primary and secondary qualities, Immaterialism, esse est percipi, role of God.
- (7) Hume: Impression and ideas, Criticism of Lock's distinction between primary and secondary judgement concerning matter facts, Causal Theory, doctrine of self and personal identity, Scepticism.
- (8) Kant: Conception of Critical Philosophy distinction between a priori and posteriori judgement, distinction between analytic synthetic judgement, possibilities of synthetic a priori judgement, Copernican revolution.

Books

1. C.D.Sharma – Pashchatya Darshan (Western Philosophy)
2. Badrinath Singh – Pashchatya Darshan (Western Philosophy)
3. Y.Masih – A Critical History of Western Philosophy
4. B.Russel - A History of Philosophy
5. J.S.Srivastava – Aadhunik Darshan ka Vaigyanic Itihaas
6. F.Thilly – A History of Philosophy
7. Daya Krishna – Pashchatya Darshan (Part I and PartII)
8. Sangam Lala Pandey - Kant Ka Darshan
9. Samajit Mishra – Kant ka darshan