Department of Philosophy Sarat Centenary College

Teachers' Assignment

Session: 2023-2024

Major Course (PHIL1011): Outlines of Philosophy: Indian and Western-1

Prof. Sanjib Pal

- **a.** Detailed Introduction: General Features of Indian Philosophy, Basic concepts of the Vedic and the Upanişadic world-views
- a. Cārvāka:pramāṇatattva, jaḍavāda and dehātmavāda
- **b.** Jainism: anekāntavāda, syādvāda and nayavāda, Theory of self and liberation, Nature of substance: Relation between Substance, Attributes & Modes

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c. Buddhism: Four Noble Truths, pratītyasamutpādavāda, kṣaṇabhaṅgavāda, nairātmyavāda, Four Major Schools of Buddhism

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- **a.** The Pre-Socratic Period: Ionian School, Parmenides, Heraclitus, Zeno
- **b.** Plato: Theory of Knowledge, Theory of Ideas
- **c.** Aristotle: Refutation of Plato's Theory of Ideas, Theory of Substance, Form and Matter, Theory of Causation

SEC (PHIL1051): Philosophy of Human Rights

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- **a.** Definition and nature of Human Rights Origin and historical development of Human Rights during ancient, medieval, modern and contemporary period
- **b.** Natural Rights tradition: Thomas Hobbes, John Locke and Thomas Paine,

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- c. Some Reactions to Natural Rights tradition: Jeremy Bentham, Edmund Burke
- **d.** Contemporary perspective: Joel Feinberg, Thomas Hill Green, Rex Martin and Margaret MacDonald

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- a. Indian Constitution: Preamble, Fundamental Rights and Duties
- **b.** Fundamental Rightsvis-à-vis Human Rights

Major Course (PHIL2011): Outlines of Philosophy: Indian and Western-II

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- **a.** Nyāya–Vaiśeṣika: Nyāya Epistemology: pratyakṣa, anumāna, upamāna and śabda; Vaiśeṣika Metaphysics: saptapadārtha, paramāṇuvāda
- **b.** Sāmkhya and Yoga: satkāryavāda, pañcavimśatitattva, tattvapariṇāma, prakṛti and its guṇas, notion of purusa, bahupurusavāda, citta, cittabhūmi, cittavrtti, cittavrttinirodha and īśvara

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- a. Descartes: Method of Doubt, Cogito Ergo Sum, Criterion of Truth, Classification of Ideas, Interactionism, Substance
- b. Spinoza: The Doctrine of Substance, Attributes and Modes, Parallelism, Degrees of Knowledge, Determinism and Freedom
- c. Leibniz: Monadology and Pre-established Harmony, Truths of Reason and Truths of Fact, Theory of Knowlege

SEC (PHIL2051): Environmental Ethics

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- a. Nature & Scope of Environmental Ethics, Intrinsic and Instrumental Values
- **b.** Anthropocentricism,
- c. Non-Anthropocentricism
- **d.** Tagore's Understanding of Nature