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**Syllabus for one year full time Post-graduate Diploma in Indian
Philosophy and Religion(One year course w.e.f. 2005-06)**

Paper I: Indian Philosophy (A)

1. Upaniñads: Ātman, Brahman and Mokñā.
2. Lokāyata: Materialism
3. Jaina Philosophy: Anekāntavāda (Syādvāda)
4. Buddha Philosophy: Four Noble Truths, Anātmavāda, Momentariness, Four schools of Buddhism.
5. Sāmkhya: Suffering and Liberation, Puruñā-Prakāti dualism, Theory of Evolution.
6. Yoga: Meaning of Yoga, Eight-fold Yoga.

Paper II: Indian Philosophy (B)

1. Nyāya-Vaiśeñika: Categories, Pramāna and God.
2. Mīmāṃsā: Conception of Dharma and Apūrva.
3. Advaita Vedanta: Brahma, Māyā and Mokñā.
4. Shri Aurobindo: Absolute, Supermind and Evolution.
5. S. Radhakrishnan: Absolute, Spirit and Religious Experiences.
6. Tagore: The Concept of Infinite, Religion of Man.
7. Gandhi: Truth, Non-violence and Satyāgraha.

Paper III: Indian Religions (A)

1. Vedic Religion: The Concept of Deity, Sacrifice and Life after Death, Āta.
2. Bhagavadgītā: Īśvara and Yoga (Jñānā, Bhakti and Karma).
3. Jaina Religion: Origin and Development of Jaina Tradition, Jīva, Theory of Karma, Bondage and Liberation.
4. Buddha Religion: Origin and Development of Buddhism, Ārya Satyas, Aññāngika Mārga, Nirvāna.

Paper IV: Indian Religions (B)

1. Vaiñēava Dharma: Origin and Development, Alvārs, Rāmānuja, Madhva, Nimbārka, Vallabha and Caitanya: Their Views of God, Soul, World, Devotion and Liberation.
2. Śaiva Dharma: Origin and Development of Śaiva Tradition, Trika and Śaiva Siddhānta School, Their View of God, Soul and Liberation.
3. Śākta Dharma: Origin and Development of Śākta Tradition, Nature of Śakti and Pañca-tattva-ārādhana.
4. Sikhism: Conception of God, Social Reform.
5. Modern Indian Religious Movements:
 - a) The main teaching of Brahma-Samāja and Ārya-Samaja.
 - b) Spiritual Sādhanā of Shri Ramakrishna, Vivekananda's conception of religion.
 - c) Theosophical Movements in India.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

1. Sharma, C.D.: A critical survey of Indian Philosophy.
2. Hiriyanna, M.: Outlines of Indian Philosophy (also Hindi Translation).
3. Devaraja, N.K. (Ed.): Bharatiya Darshan.
4. Singh, Badrinath: Bharatiya Darshan.
5. Saxena, Lakshmi (Ed.): Samakalina Bharatiya Darshan.
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12. Mehta, M.L.: Jaina Philosophy
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14. Sangharaksita: A Survey of Buddhism.
15. Upadhyaya, Baldeva: Bauddha-darshan Mimamsa (Hindi).
16. Bhandarkar, R.G.: Vaisnavism, Saivism and Minor Religious Systems (Also Hindi Translation).
17. Bhattacharya, H.d. (Ed.): Cultural Heritage of India, Vols. III & IV.
18. Sharma, L.N.: Kashmir Saivism.
19. Mishra, K.P.: Kashmir Saiva Darshan: Mula Siddhanta (Hindi).
20. Mishra, K.P.: Saiva Siddhanta Darshan (Hindi).
21. Nandinath, S.C.: Handbook of Vira Saivism.
22. Mac Leid: Guru Nanaka and the Sikh Religion.
23. Mishra, K.: Significance of the Tantrika Tradition.
24. Punjabi University Patiala (Publishers): Sikhism.
25. Singh, Jodh: Sikh Dharma Darshan Ki Ruparekha (Hindi).
26. Dutt, N.: Mahayana Buddhism.
27. Dutt, N.: Early Monastic Buddhism.