

# CENTRE FOR HINDU STUDIES GAUTAM BUDDHA UNIVERSITY

#### INTRODUCTION

Hindu Studies is the study of the perennial traditions of Hindus' wisdom, encapsulating various aspects of their life and activities. The intellectual tradition of Hindus is inter-disciplinary, where the textual and the oral, the verbal and the visual, the scientific and the metaphysical, and the transcendental and the functional are interlocked as parts of a whole. Hindu Civilization is no different from Sanatan Civilization or Vedic Civilization. However, it possesses rich knowledge systems capable of addressing and resolving our modern world's enormous challenges.

Hindu Studies will not be just limited to the studies of Vedas, Upanishads, Puranas, and other epics, but it will throw light on the importance of economics and culture, politics, geography, foreign policies, Law and jurisprudence, Media, and the Psychology of the society that played a vital role in shaping our perception of Hinduism as a religion.

## **VISION**

Hindu Studies programme will work on "Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah" (ॐ सर्वे भवन्तु सुखिनः) principles. The centre tries to promote wisdom and knowledge for the auspicious welfare of the universe.

# **OBJECTIVE (S):**

The objectives of the MA programme of Hindu Studies are as under:

- To articulate the position of Hindu values in the present context;
- To understand the philosophy of truth, justice, freedom, equity, women, and the environment;
- To understand the relationship between Hindu philosophy, practices, economy, history, state, law, arts, religion, literature, culture, and societies:

- To study other religious, spiritual, and secular traditions, ideologies, and systems.
- To explore the chasm between science, religion, and spirituality;
- To develop conflict resolution methods and promote truth, peace, and justice.

## MA PROGRAM IN HINDU STUDIES

## Aim(s)

Bharat is a geo-cultural phenomenon deeply rooted in the conscience of its land. Moreover, Bharat is an emerging power in the world, especially in economic, military, technological, and cultural power, which significantly heightened interest in Hindus and their civilisation. Moreover, with the heightened strategic importance of India as a global power in terms of its diplomacy, strategic geo-political ties and consumer market, the inquisition related to Hindus Studies is pre-emptively analysed to grow significantly, offering lucrative career opportunities.

A MA program in Hindu Studies fills this important gap. The course endeavours to study the origin and history of the Hindus and their literature, mythology, religion, art, culture, philosophy, institutions, and ethics. In addition, it focuses on collecting, translating, and illustrating important texts from the rich manuscript corpus of the Hindus.



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