



INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL STUDIES

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INTRODUCTION

The International Centre for Spiritual Studies was established as a research centre in 2011 with an aim to help students to broaden their horizons of thinking and inculcate special traits like patience, empathy, compassion, tolerance, acceptance, brotherhood and respect for all. In view of this, “Moral and Spiritual Studies” was introduced by the Centre in the University curriculum as a compulsory non-credit course to inculcate moral and spiritual values among the students. In 2017, credits have been assigned to the “Moral and Spiritual Studies I and II” courses and there has been an overwhelming response of students to opt for these Open Elective courses.

The Centre conducted the Board of Studies meeting on 26th of September 2023 wherein the syllabus of the **fifteen (15) Open Elective** courses including **seven (7) Multi-Disciplinary Courses (MDC)**, **four (4) Value Added Courses (VAC)** and **five (4) Skill Enhancement Courses (SEC)** was approved after a threadbare discussion. The proposed scheme of courses is in tune with the provisions of **NEP 2020**. Now, the Center is offering nine Open Elective courses in the Autumn Session and eight courses in the Spring Session. The course details are as follows:

For Autumn Session:

1. Moral & Spiritual Studies I (CCS01E)
2. Introduction to Spirituality (SS-MD-01)
3. Tasawwuf (Sūfi Tradition): Origin and Development (SS-MD-02)
4. Spiritual Heritage of Kashmir-I (SS-MD-03)
5. Science and Spirituality (SS-MD-05)
6. Applied Ethics (SS-VD-01)
7. Business Ethics in Islam (SS-VD-02)
8. Calligraphy (SS-SE-01)
9. Spoken Sanskrit (SS-SE-03)

For Spring Session:

1. Moral & Spiritual Studies II (CCS02E)
2. Spiritual Heritage of Kashmir-II (SS-MD-04)
3. Early Sūfi Works: An Introduction (SS-MD-06)
4. Sūfi Silsilāhs: Organization and Development (SS-MD-07)
5. Basic Human Values (SS-VA-03)
6. Bioethics (SS-VA-04)
7. Spoken Persian (SS-SE-02)
8. Spoken Hindi (SS-SE-04)

The Centre also issued notification for the admission to Doctorate of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the Centre, with the focus on diverse themes related to spirituality. The thrust areas for research in the Centre will be multidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and trans disciplinary in nature and application. Candidates having strong research acumen penchant & aptitude, with a Masters degree in humanities, social science, arts, medicine and other related subjects including science will be entertained to appear in the Doctoral Entrance Test and for final selection the shortlisted candidates shall have to justify and defend their research proposals before the Committee.