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Mode and language of course

Online in English

## How to apply

Follow the following steps:

- 1. Pay the registration fee by online transfer (as per the aforementioned account details).
- 2. Do online registration: https://forms.gle/g2hgM8kdkqpQhYWo9
- 3. Send the transaction receipt (details of payment) to fds80@iitg.ac.in
- 4. Download registration form: <u>https://www.iitg.ac.in/ciks/</u>. Send the duly filled form forwarded by competent authority at following address:

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An online lecture series on the

# NATURE OF REALITY in light of ancient Indian Philosophy



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#### **Important Information**

From May 17, 2024 to July 20, 2024 On Friday & Saturday from 8 PM to 9 PM Open for Faculty members, Students and Working Professionals Limited seats available for sponsors

#### ABOUT THE COURSE

Reality constitutes Life, Matter and their intricate interactions. Among various puzzling issues associated to Life and Matter, the ontological quest towards the origin and evolution of life and universe for a convergent emphasis towards the meaning and purpose of life remains the foremost. Such a mature conception can foster a harmonious learning based engagement system for the overall betterment and prosperity of the humankind.

The Nature of Reality being explored through the lens of rational frameworks posits upon the Foundations of Big Bang and String theory based Cosmology, Abiogenesis and other theories on Life's Origin, Neo-Darwinian theory of evolution, and scientific postulates of Consciousness studies. Such a knowledge system grounded in scientific temper but not philosophical wisdom is bound to provide limited dividends to the younger generation. Thus, a complimentary approach based mature understanding of the nature of the reality can evolve the thoughts and conception of the humankind for the betterment of contentment in diverse applied fields that ascertain human excellence and distinction.

Advocating upon a complimentary approach of science, philosophy and Vedanta being expounded in the axioms of Bhagavad Gita, this E-Course broadly disseminates into four detailed modules namely (a) Origin of the Universe, (b) Origin and Evolution of Life (c) Consciousness Studies and the (d) application of the taught content in few important realization based knowledge domains such as Health Management, Artificial Intelligence, Creativity and Self-Management. The E-course will be helpful to strengthen the foundations of Sankhya Yoga paradigm of the Indian Knowledge Systems. This paradigm is well known to provide newer opportunities for education and interdisciplinary research in the nature of the reality. The present course on the Nature of the Reality has been a popular Certificate Course of the Bhaktivedanta Institute in the recent past. In other words, rationality based educational frameworks along with the theosophical learning system of the Vedanta will be advocated in the course pedagogy.

The number of participants will be limited to 100 on first-sum-first basis. <u>Applications must</u> <u>be forwarded by the competent authority of the institute</u>. All the participants shall get a participation certificate in the soft copy form, provided their attendance does not fall below 50%.

#### About the Course Instructors

Prof. Ramagopal V. S. Uppaluri is the Honorary Director of Distance Education at Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata, a non-profit organization that strives towards the harmonization of the younger generation through a complimentary approach of Vedanta and Science. He is a senior Professor of Chemical Engineering Department of IIT Guwahati and a founding faculty member of the CIKS, IIT Guwahati. Till date, Prof. Uppaluri published 153 International Journal Publications, enabled 25 Research Scholars to obtain their Doctoral Degrees in diverse fields of Engineering and Science. Prof. Uppaluri will be teaching the first three modules of the E-Course (Origin of the Universe, Origin and Evolution of Life and Consciousness Studies).

Mr. Segar Millindar is a Faculty of Distance Education at Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata. Presently, he is working as Aviation & IT Expert in Fly 91, Goa. He was the former Asst General Manager at Air India, Mumbai and Director of the Nviera Technologies Pvt Ltd., Bangalore. In the E-course, Mr. Millindar will elucidate upon the application of the complimentary approach for the betterment of Health Management and Self-Management.

Mr. Ajaya Kumar Sahoo is a Faculty of Distance Education at Bhaktivedanta Institute, Kolkata. Presently, he is working as a Technical Manager (Java Cloud Architect) at Quest Global, Bangalore. In the E-course, Mr. Sahoo will elucidate upon the application of the complimentary approach for a greater understanding of the Artificial Intelligence and Real Intelligence and Creativity.

### IMPORTANT DATES

Registration link opens: April 3, 2024 Registration link closes: as soon as the number of participants becomes 100 Last date of receiving hard copy: May 8, 2024 Display of list of selected candidates: May 10, 2024 Inauguration: May 17, 2024 Regular classes start: May 17, 2024

## REGISTRATION

Registration fee: Rs. 2000/- +18% GST (Total Rs. 2360/-) Name of the Account Holder: IIT Guwahati II&SI Bank: Canara Bank, Branch: IIT Guwahati, Account number: 8652101030327 IFSC: CNRB0008652 (Fee will be refunded for non-selected candidates.)