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PATRON'S MESSAGE

India's greatest gift to the world is her philosophy, culture, and conceptualization of religion. Philosophy occupies the foremost place in the ancient Indian fourfold classification of knowledge, viz., philosophy (*anviksiki*), scripture (*trayi*), commerce (*varta*), and politics (*dandaniti*). The primal importance of philosophy is emphasized by Kautilya's view that philosophy is essential for the growth and progress of all the other branches of knowledge because it involves identifying the problematic, analyzing its implications, formulating a remedy, and acquiring skill in action for attaining the desired goal in any sphere of activity. The West did not lag behind; it too glorified philosophy as the First Science, and as the Queen of the Sciences. The frontiers of philosophy are as extensive as knowledge itself. While all other subjects have their own subject matter; philosophy is unique in that all the other subjects themselves become the subject matter for philosophizing. Hence, the reason why we have the emerging fields of knowledge, e.g. philosophy of language, philosophy of history, philosophy of science, etc. There are as many philosophies, as numerous as the number of human beings; since as is in Buddha's opinion, every human being is basically a philosopher in disguise.

The Department of Philosophy (formerly known as Sri Aurobindo School of Eastern and Western Thought in honour of the universally acclaimed revolutionary philosopher-poet-patriot Sri Aurobindo) was originally established in 1989, by an Act of Parliament. The Department has all the required infrastructural facilities for training students in Eastern and Western philosophical thought for the M.A., M.Phil. & Ph.D Degrees and foreign students under the Study in India Programme (SIP), launched by Pondicherry University.

The Indian Journal of Philosophy, Religion and Culture - published initially as an Annual by the Department of Philosophy, Pondicherry University, Puducherry, is devoted to articles in Classical Eastern & Western Philosophy, Contemporary Eastern & Western Philosophy, Religion and Culture; and is the actualization of one of the main objectives of the Society for Research in Philosophy, Religion and Culture for encouraging scholars and students to work and contribute their findings for sharing these with the readers of this research Journal.

I congratulate the Department of Philosophy for securing the UGC-SAP assistance; and wish them all success for the growth of the Journal, and progress in all the academic activities of the Society for Research in Philosophy, Religion and Culture.



(Prof. J.A.K.Tareen)
Vice-Chancellor

EDITOR'S NOTE

The vision of the far-sighted Professor J. A. K. Tareen, Vice-Chancellor, Pondicherry University, matched opulently by the incessant endeavour of Professor A. Balasubramanian, former Director, Culture & Cultural Relations, Pondicherry University, for actualizing the envisaged projects have fructified in the Department of Philosophy, Pondicherry University securing the UGC SAP DRS I status, for the first time, in the first attempt itself, since its beginning in 1989.

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Like a ripple which originates as a small speck but goes on widening to embrace the entire water-surface in its ambit, the Indian Journal of Philosophy, Religion and Culture makes a humble beginning; and hopes to grow in time through contributed scholarly academic articles, spectrum of subjects analyzed, increasing readership and subscriptions.

B. R. Shantha Kumari
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