

## **Compulsory Research Methodology Course for Ph D in Philosophy**

### **The Objective**

The main objective of the course is to help scholars acquire adequate grasp of major philosophical methods by making them equipped with sufficient cognitive resources to be able to grasp and interpret philosophical texts. This course accordingly aims at making Ph D scholars successfully identify main philosophical problems in their chosen area of research and train them to develop skills of argumentation, writing summaries, abstracts and research papers and finally their thesis. It helps researchers in developing skills in how to use the available research material for writing and making references while making them aware of academic ethics.

### **Module 1 Philosophical Methods:**

The researchers shall be introduced to different Indian and Western Philosophical Methods in this module, like, Advaita Vedanta, Buddhist, Nyaya, Critical analysis, Phenomenological, Hermeneutic, Critical theory, Postmodern, Feminist and Analytic.

Section A: Issues in the Methodology of Indian Philosophy

Section B: Methods in Western Philosophy

### **Module 2: Aspects of Thesis Writing**

1. Identification of research Problem.
2. Using resource material: How to cite and acknowledge sources and prepare bibliography.
3. Critical writing-summarizing, developing arguments, reviewing, writing research paper, references, etc.
4. Academic Ethics- Plagiarism
5. Computer Applications- How to use Web based research resources, Power point presentation, multimedia, editing, etc.

### **Suggested Readings:**

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