

Online Faculty Development Program  
on  
"Environmental Ethics and Sustainability in  
Indian Traditions"

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Association of Indian Universities - Shri  
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## About AIU

Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is an apex inter university representative body of universities and other higher education institutions in the country. Established in 1925 as the Inter University Board (IUB) of India, it acquired its legal status as a registered society in 1967 under the Societies Registration Act 1860 and was rechristened as Association of Indian Universities (AIU) in 1973. AIU is the second oldest university association in the world next to the Association of Commonwealth Universities which was established in 1913. It has the distinct feature of having the largest network of universities and other HEIs under its ambit with 1002 members in India including 16 foreign universities who are the Associated members. The membership of AIU includes all types of universities e.g., Conventional Universities, Open Universities, Deemed to be Universities, State Universities, Central Universities, Private Universities and Institutes of National Importance. In addition to Indian Universities, Universities/Institutes from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Republic of Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mauritius, Nepal, Thailand, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom are its Associate Members. Since its inception AIU has played a very significant role in the development of Higher Education in the Country. Some of the eminent scholars and visionary leaders like Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Dr. Zakir Hussain, Sir A. L. Mudaliar have given leadership to AIU. During such a long journey, AIU has carved a niche for itself by serving the Ministry of Education, Govt of India as a research-based policy advisory body. Being an apex institution, it constitutes an integral part of all major decision-making committees and commissions in the country. As an academic 'think tank' organisation, AIU supports the Government as research-based policy advisory body with the wider mandate of taking up research projects on higher education policy, capacity building.

It also acts as a bureau of information on higher education; liaise with international bodies and universities for internationalization of Indian higher education among many others. The Vision of AIU is to emerge as a dynamic service and apex advisory organization in India by undertaking such initiatives and programmes which could strengthen and popularize Indian higher education as leading-edge system in the world and promote greater national and international collaboration in Higher Education, Research, Extension, Sports, Youth and Cultural Activities. It is bestowed with the mission of promoting and representing the Indian Universities and other higher education institutions through strong liaison with the government and National/International organizations, sister associations world over and establish liaison between/among universities through active support, cooperation and coordination among the member universities and all its stakeholders for quality education, research and other academics and extension activities.

## About Vaishnav Trust

1884 is the landmark year as the foundation stone was laid 139 years ago for Shri Vaishnav Group of Institutions by compassionate philanthropists of Indore, MP (India) which was later reconstituted as Shri Vaishnav Sahayak Kapada Market Committee in the year 1934. Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Trust believes in taking the Nation forward by improving the quality of life of its citizens by continuously working in the sphere of education, health and environment. It has been established to promote education and research in various disciplines through academic Institutions for the benefit of all sections of the society, but not with the motive of profit.

## About SVVV

Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya is a state private university established under Madhya Pradesh Niji Vishwavidyalaya (Sthapana Avam Sanchalan) Adhinyam in 2015 at Indore MP (India). The University has been established with a vision to be leader in shaping better future for mankind through quality education, training and research. The University Commenced its first academic session from July 2016 with Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Integrated, Dual degree and Doctoral programs in various disciplines through the following constituent institutions:

- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Technology and Science
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Information Technology
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Textile Technology
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Architecture
- Shri Vaishnav School of Management
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Journalism and Mass Communication
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Fine Arts
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Science
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Computer Applications
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Commerce
- Shri Vaishnav School of Law
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Agriculture
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Home Sciences & Research
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Paramedical Sciences
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Pharmacy
- Shri Vaishnav Institute of Education

## About AADC

AIU has established AIU Academic and Administrative Development Centre in 10 different Universities. The aim of establishing these Centres is to organize short-term professional development programmes for the faculty members and training programmes for the administrative functionaries of the member universities especially on the use of technology and adopting blended learning methods of teaching.

AIU-AADC will offer short-term programs of varying duration aimed at continuous capacity building of the key stakeholders through online and in physical modes.

### Objectives of AADC

- Provide Continuous knowledge and skill acquisition and enhancement for faculty in order to contribute effectively to the changing landscape of higher education.
- Train administrative staff in higher education institutions with appropriate skills to adapt to emerging information technologies.
- Prepare library professionals and other technical staff in HEIs to contribute to knowledge cum learning and research resources as per the global demands and the local needs.
- Introduce research scholars to the principles of academic integrity and professionals ethics

## About Centre of Excellence Indian Knowledge System: Management

The objective of establishing a Center of Excellence (CoE) in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) in Management is to integrate India's ancient wisdom, philosophies, and practices with modern management principles.

This approach aims to provide a unique, culturally relevant perspective on leadership, decision-making, ethics, and sustainability. Specifically, the objectives would include:

- Preserving and Promoting Indigenous Knowledge:
- Documenting and disseminating traditional Indian knowledge related to management, leadership, economics, and governance from ancient texts like the Arthashastra, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, etc.
- Research and Development: Conducting interdisciplinary research to explore how ancient Indian management principles can be applied in modern business contexts. This includes innovation, organizational behavior, leadership styles, and ethical decision-making
- Curriculum Development: Incorporating Indian Knowledge Systems into management education by developing courses, workshops, and training programs that blend ancient wisdom with contemporary management practices.
- Sustainability and Ethics: Promoting sustainable business practices based on the ecological and ethical insights from Indian philosophy, such as Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (the world as one family) and Ahimsa (non-violence).
- Holistic Leadership and Well-being: Developing leadership models that focus on the holistic well-being of individuals, organizations, and societies. Drawing from Indian traditions like Yoga and Meditation for enhancing mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being in leaders.
- Global Competitiveness with Indian Ethos: Equipping Indian businesses and managers with globally competitive skills while rooted in Indian values and philosophies, thus offering a unique competitive edge in the global market.

- **Collaboration and Knowledge Exchange:** Partnering with national and international institutions to foster knowledge exchange and bring a global perspective to Indian management philosophies.

This CoE could serve as a hub for innovation, research, and dissemination of management practices that are deeply connected with India's cultural and philosophical heritage, offering new solutions to modern management challenges.

## About FDP

Environmental ethics instil a precious code within individuals and societies, and every person should work to deepen this within themselves. Environmental ethics needs to focus on sharpening the opinions of the individual so as to not endanger the well-being and security of other living creatures.

India has an ancient tradition of protecting the environment. "माता भूमि पुत्रुहान पृथ्व्या" The Sanskrit shloka indicates the relationship of humans with the earth comparing it to a mother and child. Kautilya wrote comprehensive guidelines for managing forests, with a focus on their preservation for future generations. The Vedas, ancient Hindu texts, teach us to respect nature. Trees, water, land, and animals have an important mention in our ancient texts. Ancient Indians civilization had recognized the importance of a healthy lifestyle and believed that health and wellness were interconnected with nature. These practices, which were based on a profound respect for the natural world and an awareness of ecological interdependence, guaranteed the survival and well-being of human societies as well as the environment.

India can address sustainable development challenges by drawing inspiration from its rich cultural roots and traditional lifestyle practices, paving the way for progress while preserving ecological balance.

By embracing ancient Indian practices, we can manage natural resources more effectively and promote environmental conservation. Recognizing that air, water, soil, plants, and animals are vital to sustaining human life and civilization, it becomes imperative to harmonize development with ecological preservation.

Faculty Development Program (FDP) on Environmental Ethics and Sustainability in Indian Traditions is vital for equipping educators to integrate traditional Indian wisdom into modern sustainability practices. The FDP will be helpful to foster interdisciplinary learning, promotes sustainable development goals (SDGs), and encourages the development of eco-conscious students and communities, aligning ancient values with contemporary global needs.

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- <https://forms.gle/aM459pU7ADZQ5zTP6>
- Registration fee: Rs. 500/-

