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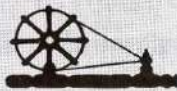
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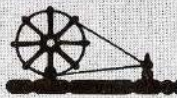
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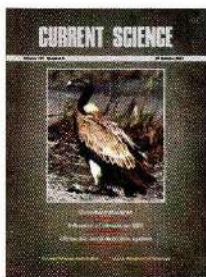
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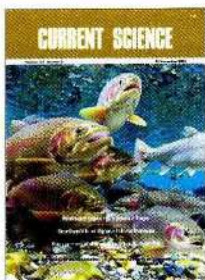
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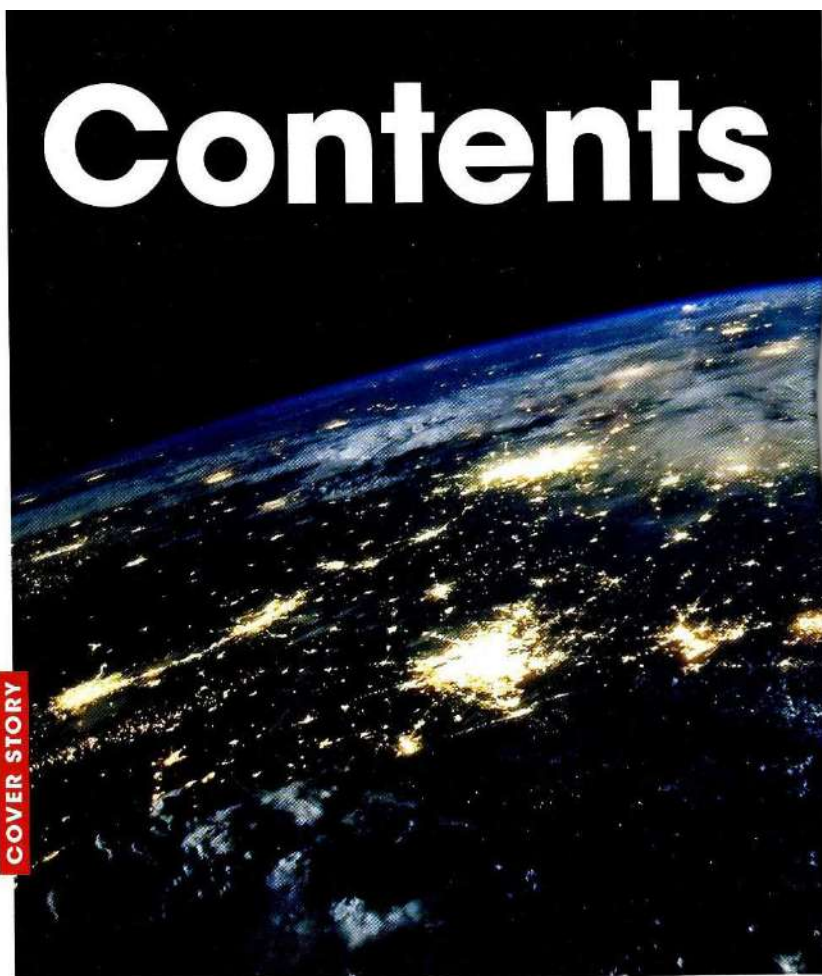
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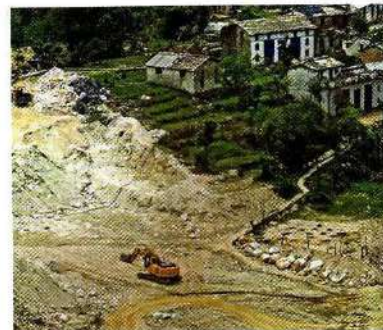
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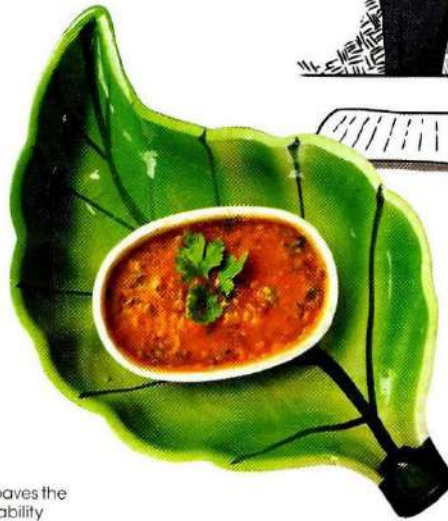
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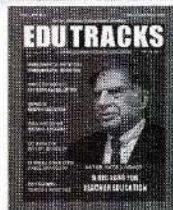
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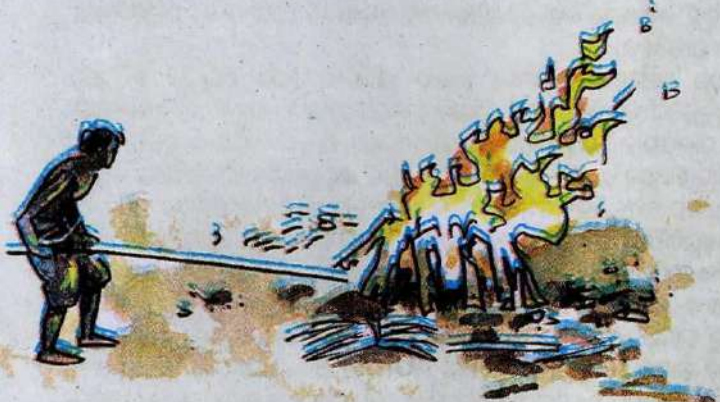
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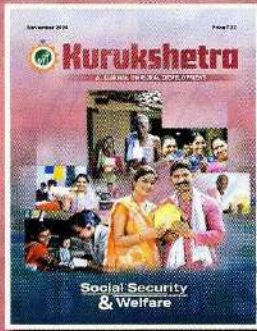
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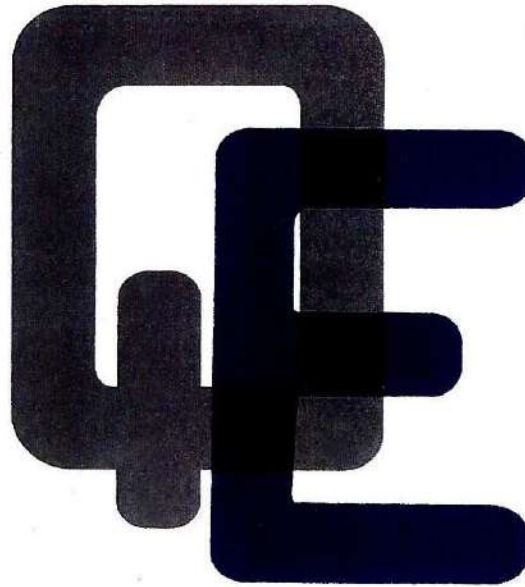
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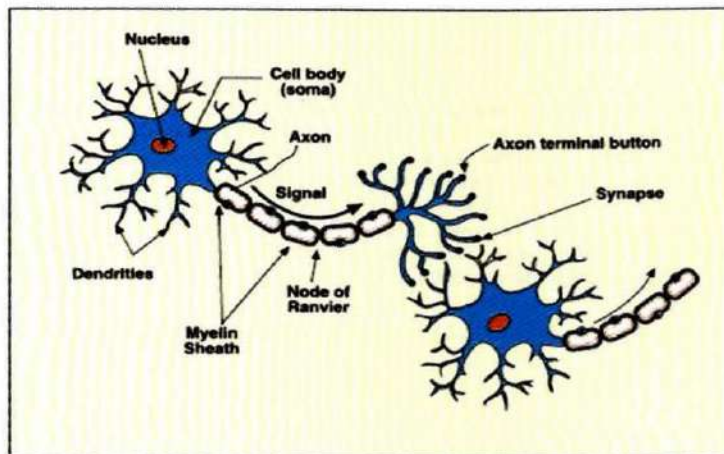
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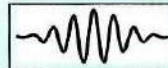
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## Relevance of Indian Knowledge System and Values in the Perspective of National Education Policy–2020

Gouranga Charan Nanda\*

India is a classic land of culture with a strong system of knowledge and ethics. The *Vedas* and *Upanishads* provide the basis for the indigenous knowledge system. As a matter of fact, philosophy as a branch of study emerged in Indian Soil much prior to the emergence of philosophy in Greece. The Indian philosophies are very much *Dharma*-oriented and prescribe a robust moral code of conduct. The concept of *Dharma* is different from the Western concept of religion. In India *Dharma* refers to a way of life arising out of the problems of life. Although philosophies like *Buddhism*, *Jainism*, and *Charvak* are *Nastik Darshanas*, their genesis can be found in *Astika Darshanas* like *Vedanta- Mimansa*, *Sankhya- Yoga*, and *Nyaya- Vaisheshika*. The Orthodox (*Astika*) philosophy believes in the authenticity of the *Vedas*, but the Heterodox (*Nastika*) philosophy doesn't accept the authority of the *Vedas*.

### Concept of Dharma

Whatever sustains the society is *Dharma* and whatever creates perversion in society is not *Dharma*. According to *Vaisheshika* Darshan of Kanad, whichever increases the soul power towards progress and prosperity in all directions and whichever doesn't decrease our soul power is *Dharma* which is considered as social law. Therefore, whatever is against social law is to be given up.

### Characteristics of Dharma (*Manu Smriti*)

**Dhrti (patience)**-Life is to be approached with patience and perseverance. One should not be in a hurry to get instant outcomes.

**Kshama (forgiveness)**- It is believed in the Indian context that only a strong person can forgive. He who has the power to punish can also pardon.

**Damah (self-control)**- This attribute indicates that mean can suppress his ill feelings.

**Asteya (non-stealing)**- One can't claim something which doesn't belong to him.

**Saucha (cleanliness)**- It can be of two types i.e., internal and external. It is the obligation of man to keep the external environment clean and his internal organs clean too.

**Indriyanigraha (control of organs)**- The senses bring sorrow and suffering to man. The senses divert the attention towards attachment or aversion. Therefore, the senses need to be restrained to lead a blissful life.

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## Indian Higher Education Institutions @2047: Importance of the Vision Plan

S A Kori\*

Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are encountering unique challenges and opportunities. Rapid technological advancements, evolving job markets, globalization, and changing societal expectations all require a rethinking of the roles of colleges and universities. To navigate this dynamic landscape effectively, HEIs must develop a comprehensive vision plan – a roadmap that addresses present challenges and explores future possibilities. As individual organizations and as part of a system, they must transform and redefine their role and vision. Urbi Ghosh of Colorado State University observes: As we stand on the threshold of a new era in higher education, universities can redefine their purpose, embrace innovation, and adapt to society’s changing needs. By embracing these changes, universities can not only remain at the forefront of knowledge creation but also equip students for lifelong success and contribute meaningfully to a rapidly evolving society [Ghosh, 2024].

Under the dynamic leadership of Hon’ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, Indian universities have seen a more than four-fold improvement in the QS World University Rankings over the last decade, the highest among the G20 nations (Figure-1).

HEIs have a great role in further enhancing the quality of higher education in India by foraying into socially and economically relevant academic programmes of high quality. The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) 2030 Future of Education and Skills Project states: “We need to replace old education standards with an educational framework that combines knowledge with the 21<sup>st</sup>-century skills of creativity, critical thinking, communication and collaboration.” In this context, “...a new vision is needed to articulate the role that higher education should play to ensure balanced economic, human and social development” [Moja, 2008, p.165]. Skill to be developed for success of 21<sup>st</sup> Century graduate are depicted in Figure-2.

It is noted, “HEIs ... could revisit existing models and adopt sustainable, new age practices to deliver a student-centric experience, as well as support faculty and staff with the transition to Education 4.0, successfully” and “Revisions, redesigns and restructuring across the higher education ecosystem could help the institutes offer a quality student-centric and holistic experience” [*Higher Education in India*, February 2021, pp. 81,82].

In the context of the twenty-first-century imperatives calling for a “redesign” of higher education to meet the challenges of the

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