



MAHATMA GANDHI INSTITUTE

STAND ALONE MODULE (ACADEMIC YEAR 2018/2019)

Applications are invited from prospective candidates for enrolment on the following Stand Alone Module, on offer at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute as from the Academic Year 2018/2019.

INPH 1008 (1) The Philosophy of Mantra Chanting

In the present era of globalization and modernization when cultural diversity is under pressure, the preservation of oral tradition of Vedic chanting, a unique cultural heritage has great significance. In 2003, the Oral tradition of Vedic chanting has been declared as an intangible heritage of humanity by UNESCO. The UNESCO declaration aims at bringing international recognition to the excellence of the Vedic chanting tradition which has survived for centuries encoding the wisdom contained in the Vedas through an extra-ordinary effort of memorization and through elaborately worked out mnemonic methods. Moreover, mantra chanted correctly, carefully with utmost comprehension is sure to bear the desired result for physical and spiritual well-being by striking the natural rhythm of life.

In the local context, chanting of Vedic mantras is an integral part of life. However, a simple observation points out the need of rationalizing this practice to bring in more vigour and understanding through systematization. It is also an attempt to avoiding misinterpretation, dogmatic beliefs and wrong pronunciation. More importantly it provides a platform to redress the proliferating ignorance and to generate sustained interest in the most secular manner among the millennials.

The aim of the course is to generate knowledge and skill of mantra chanting as a means to physical, psychological and spiritual well-being.

1. Duration:

The Module will be on offer on a part time basis for 3 hrs per week for a duration of 15 weeks.

2. Entry Requirements:

- (i) Candidates should have studied up to at least School Certificate **OR** possess an alternative qualification acceptable to the Mahatma Gandhi Institute
- (ii) A working knowledge of English is required.

3. Fees

Registration Fee: Rs.125/- (Non-Refundable)

Module fee : Rs:1500/-

Mode of Application

- Applications should be made on the prescribed forms obtainable during office hours, from the Reception Counters, SMAS Building, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka and the Rabindranath Tagore Institute, Ilot. Applicants may also download a printable Application Form from the Mahatma Gandhi Institute & Rabindranath Tagore Institute website:

<http://www.mgirti.ac.mu>

- Application forms, duly filled in, must be returned **together with photocopies of birth certificate, marriage certificate (where applicable) and educational certificates** so as to reach the Director General's Office, Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka 80808, not later than **Friday 13 July 2018**.

NOTE

- All the lectures will be held at the Mahatma Gandhi Institute, Moka.
- Applications received after the closing date and/or not supported by the **relevant documents** will not be considered.
- The Mahatma Gandhi Institute reserves ***the right not to run the module*** if the number of **registered students** is not sufficient.
- Documents submitted will not be returned to applicants.

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