

MIT opens its doors for religious studies

The university will start a college which will offer courses in Vedic scriptures

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The Maharashtra Institute of Technology (MIT) is set to make a grand foray into religious studies.

The institute will start the Maharshi Ved Vyas MIT School of Vedic Sciences and Ethical Management, which will offer management courses based on the ethical values derived from various religious scriptures.

While the details of the course structure and duration are yet to be finalised, the college is said to start functioning from this academic year itself.

The college will be affiliated to MIT located in Loni Kalbhor.

The courses will consist a study of the Vedas, Bhagavad Gita, Koran, Bible, Jain Agamas, Buddhist's Dhammapadas and Guru Granth Sahib.

It will also consist study of the scriptures written by saints such as Dnyaneshwara, Tukaram and Ramdas, who led the Bhakti movement in Maharashtra.

Dr Vishwanath Karad, founder of the MIT Group of Institutes, said, "The idea behind starting the college dedicated solely to the study of the Vedas and other religious scriptures was to mould the overall thinking of the present generation to live life most meaningfully."

Karad added, "*Dasbodh* written by Samarth Ramdas is still so relevant that today's management gurus take inspiration from his writings. It will also be a part of the curriculum of the courses. These scriptures formulate the very basis of our existence."

Meanwhile, Dr Vijay Bhatkar, chairman of the board of governors of IIT-Delhi and father of the first Indian supercomputer Param, will be playing a crucial part in designing the courses.

Bhatkar shared, "Although the courses are full time, we have kept it very flexible. Any student, who has passed Class 12, can pursue these courses. The student can pursue the courses and simultaneously complete graduation as well. By completing



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these courses, we are sure that a student can very well get a decent amount of income to earn his livelihood. The courses are designed in a manner that it will make the student excel in everything. Moreover, the employment opportunities have increased in this sector. Many companies are in the need of people, who are experts in ethical management as well as in religious studies."

Pt. Vasant Gadgil, professor at the India International Multiversity, said, "We are planning to have a meeting to finalise the courses. Details are being worked out. These courses have a demand in foreign countries, that are very keen to learn the languages, religion and culture that shaped India. Many universities, think tanks and educational institutes are in the need of people, who possess the knowledge of Vedas and religious studies. We will be associating with them to get our students placed."