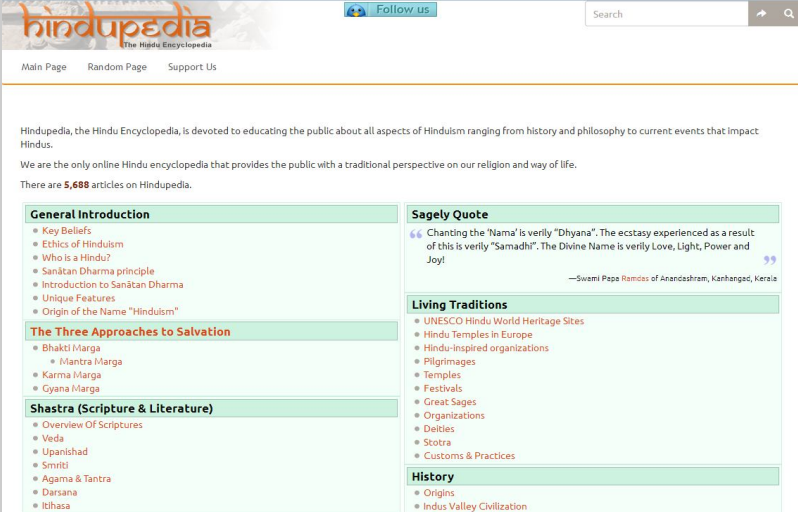


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Brief History

Hindupedia is an online encyclopedia of Sanatana Dharma that is dedicated to spreading authentic knowledge on Sanatana Dharma worldwide. Its mission is to support Hindu scholars and academics regain control of the dialog around Hindu Dharma, and to educate the general public about all aspects of Hinduism ranging from history and philosophy to science and theology.

Scope and Coverage

This encyclopedia covers Hindu philosophical topics and includes **5,688** articles on Hindupedia. The encyclopedia includes categories like General Introduction, The Three approaches of Salvation, Shastra (Scripture & Literature), Core Concepts, Individual and Social Life, Arts, Civilization, Living Traditions, History, Politics,

Sects, Out Growth of Hinduism, Comparative Religion, etc.

The **General introduction on Hinduism** includes Key Beliefs, Ethics of Hinduism, description on Hindu, Sanātan Dharma principle, Unique Features of Hinduism, Origin of the Name "Hinduism". The **Three Approaches To Salvation** includes Bhakti Marga, Karma Marga, GyanaMarga. The category **Scripture and literature** includes overview of scriptures, veda, Upanishad, Smriti, Agama & Tantra, Darsana, Itihasa. **Core concepts** on Hinduism includes basic philosophical concepts, karma, cycle of birth & death, Yoga, schools of Philosophy, principle of transcendence, time & space, worship, Yajna, consciousness studies, divinity. **Individual and social life** category includes Dharma, Karma in Individual Live, Purushartha, Varna Ashrama Dharma, Institutions, Patriotism etc. **Hindu Arts** category includes Philosophy of Indian Art and Texts, Symbols, Dance, Music, Sculpture and Poetry. The category **Civilization** have sub categories like Agriculture, Town Planning, Social Structure, Politics and Governance, Economy, Trade and Shipping, Political Philosophy, Sports and Games. The category Sects includes Śānmatas (Theistic/Devotional Sects), Vaiśnava, Śākta, Śaiva, Ganpatya, Folk and Tribal. Like these categories other categories are also treated as above by including different sub categories.

Kind of Information

For scholars, academics, and teachers of Hinduism, this encyclopedia provide an authentic knowledge base built to meet academic standards, platform that can be used for school curricula and lectures, teaching platform that can be used to both educate and as a secondary and/or tertiary source for academic papers, journal; comprehensive source that covers everything from history and philosophy of Hinduism. For the general public the encyclopedia provides a single location where all questions related to Hindu Dharma can be found (ranging from academic queries, media and policy related queries) and also provide a comprehensive, authoritative, fully searchable repository of Hindu related content. The encyclopedia covers huge number of articles on different categories and sub categories (as mentioned above section) on Hinduism.

As for example the article on 'Dharma' under the category "Individual and Social Life" provides etymological meaning of the word 'Dharma', mythological characters related to historic texts on Dharma. The article also provides different aspects and meaning of Hindu Dharma, like definition of Dharma, Dharma as cosmic order, Dharma as social order, Dharma as ethical behavior, Dharma as duty or responsibility, Dharma as service to the community, Dharma as self-expression, Dharma as a means for Moksha, etc. Under the heading "Types of Dharma" in this article contains Vyakti dharma, Parivarika dharma, Samaja dharma, Rashtra dharma, Manavadharma,

Varna dharma, Yuga dharma, and Ashrama dharma. At the end of the article there is a list of hyperlinked related articles. The reference used in this article is also listed at the very end of the article.

Special Features

- The encyclopedia includes glossary of terms on Hinduism.
- Links provided here for the articles from *Concise Encyclopedia of Hinduism* by Swami Harshananda.
- There is also a link to Translated entries from the *Shabdakalpadrumah*.
- There is a Pronunciation Guide for users on different terms on Hinduism.

Arrangement Pattern

There is no specific arrangement pattern for categories and sub categories.

Remarks

This encyclopedia is a reference source of Hindu Philosophy. It is a good reference source for scholars, researchers. The encyclopedia provides compendium of knowledge on Hinduism.

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