



PURUSARTHAS

B.A. 3rd Semester Philosophy Honours (CBCS)

Course Title: Indian Ethics

Course Code: CC3 Date: 06/01/2021

Khukumani Talukdar

Assistant Professor

Department of Philosophy

Bejoy Narayan Mahavidyalaya

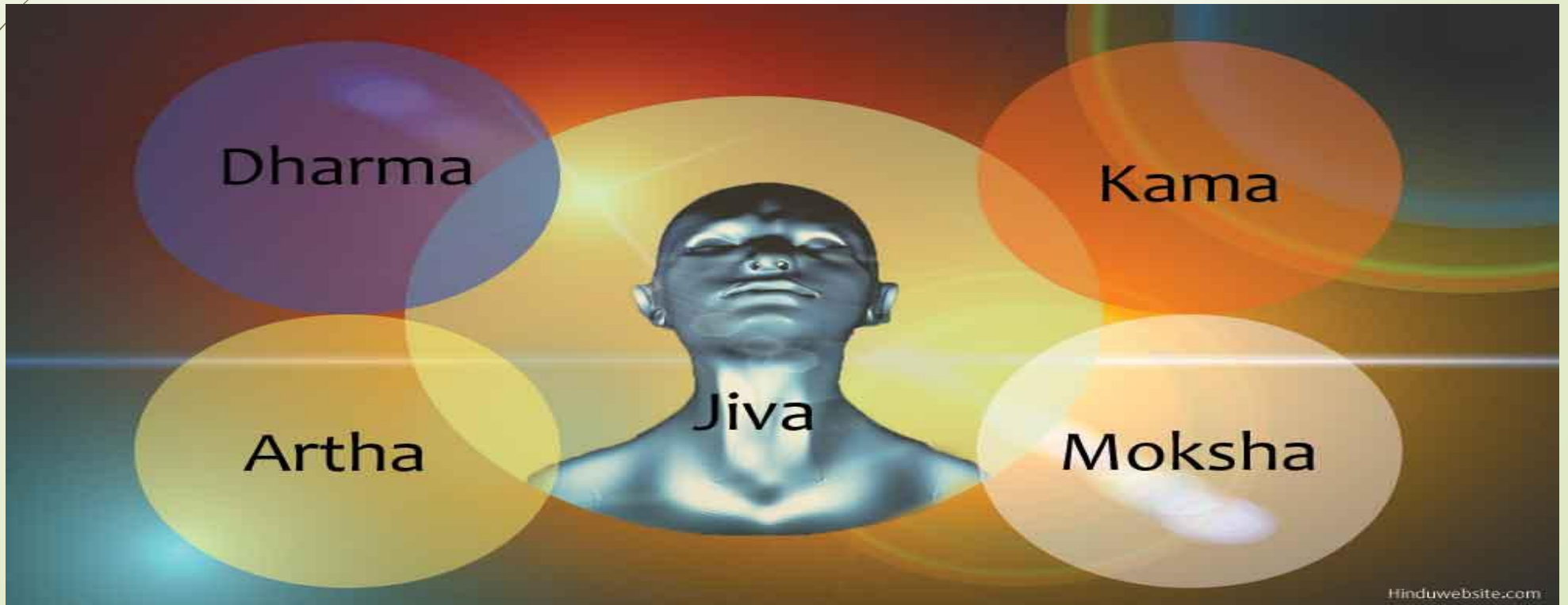


Purushartha

➤ Introduction

- Hello everyone! Today, I am going to explore the concept of Purushartha, which is central to Indian philosophy. Purushartha refers to the four goals of human life that guide individuals toward a meaningful and fulfilling existence.

- **Purushartha** is a Sanskrit term that refers to the four fundamental goals or aims of human life in philosophy. It is derived from "Purusha," meaning person or soul, and "Artha," meaning objective or purpose. Together, Purushartha signifies the purpose of life or the driving forces that guide human actions.





The four **Purusharthas** are:

- **1. Dharma (Righteousness)**

- **Definition:** Dharma refers to duty, morality, and ethical living. It encompasses the laws and principles that govern individual conduct.

- **Importance:** Fulfilling one's dharma promotes harmony in society and ensures that actions are aligned with universal values.

- **2. Artha (Prosperity)**

- **Definition:** Artha is the pursuit of wealth and material success. It represents the means of living, including career and financial stability.

- **Importance:** While wealth is not the ultimate goal, it is necessary for supporting oneself and fulfilling other purposes in life, such as dharma and kama.



➤ 3. Kama (Pleasure)

➤ **Definition:** Kama signifies the pursuit of pleasure, including love, relationships, and aesthetic enjoyment.

➤ **Importance:** This goal emphasizes the importance of joy and emotional fulfillment in life, promoting a balanced approach to happiness.

➤ 4. Moksha (Liberation)

➤ **Definition:** Moksha is the ultimate goal, representing spiritual liberation and the release from the cycle of birth and rebirth (samsara).

➤ **Importance:** It emphasizes self-realization and the pursuit of spiritual knowledge, leading to inner peace and ultimate freedom.



Conclusion:

- In summary, the Purushartha framework encourages a holistic approach to life, integrating ethical living, material success, enjoyment, and spiritual liberation. Each goal is interconnected; fulfilling dharma supports artha, while both dharma and artha provide a foundation for experiencing kama, ultimately leading toward moksha.

Thank you for your attention.