

## **Refresher Course on “*Bhartiya Darshan, Adhyatma evam Paryavaran*”**

### **Advancing Faculty Capacity through Integrative Knowledge Systems**

The Department of Environmental Studies, University of Delhi, contributed significantly to a Refresher Course organized by the Centre for Professional Development in Higher Education (CPDHE), UGC-MMTTC, held from 21 February to 7 March 2025.

This programme functioned as a national-level faculty development initiative, bringing together faculty members from colleges, universities, and institutions across India, including participants from diverse academic disciplines within and beyond environmental studies. The course created a platform for engaging with integrated perspectives on environment, philosophy, and sustainability.

A key academic contribution from the Department focused on 4 March 2025, where the session emphasized *restoring ecological consciousness for peace and prosperity*. This engagement highlighted the importance of reconnecting sustainability discourse with ethical, cultural, and civilizational dimensions.

The initiative enabled faculty participants to strengthen their teaching approaches by incorporating:

- interdisciplinary perspectives linking science and philosophy
- value-based environmental understanding
- culturally grounded frameworks for sustainability education

Through this effort, the Department contributed to enhancing teaching capacities across institutions, supporting the wider integration of sustainability into higher education pedagogy.