



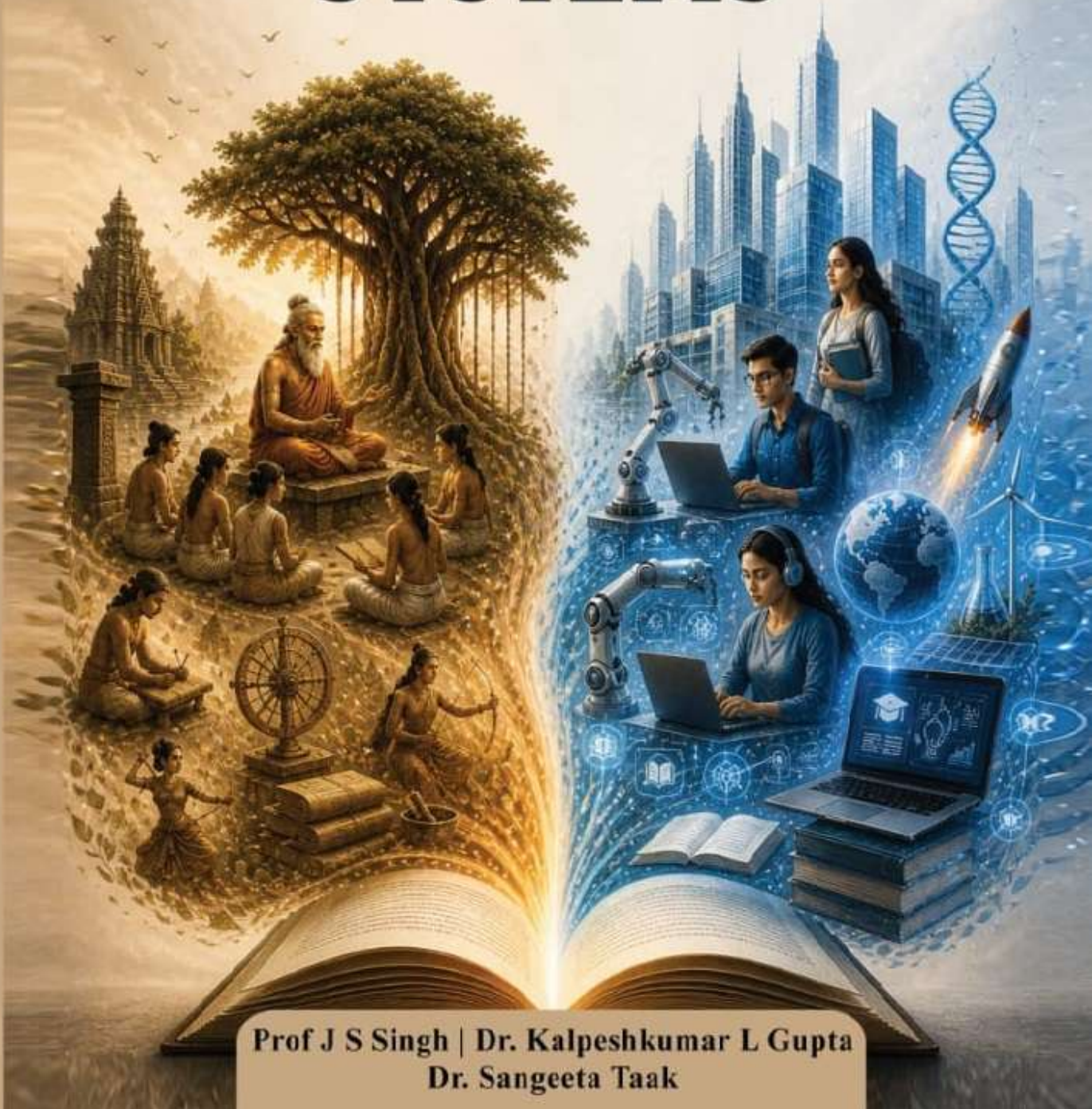
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## Reimagining Human Rights through the Lens of the Indian Knowledge System

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### Abstract

*The chapter examines how the traditional knowledge and moral concepts of India can have a new interpretation of human rights in the modern world. The modern concept of human rights is largely based on Western ideas of individualism and equality. The Indian Knowledge System (IKS), on the other hand, considers rights as linked to responsibilities and views justice as an individual and societal duty. It is constructed on the principles of dharma (good conduct), justice (nyaya), non-violence (ahimsa), and truth (satya). The primary purpose of the chapter is to demonstrate how these eternal concepts can be used to make the world of people kinder and more just. This research involves a qualitative and interpretative approach. It analyses ancient Indian documents like the Vedas, Upanishads, Bhagavad Gita, and Manusmriti, the Constitution of India, and the international documents on human rights. It is also defined as the works of research, legal decisions, and the writings by scholars to learn how moral and legal concepts are united. It is revealed that, according to the Indian philosophy, dignity is not a product of laws and governments, but rather a product of inner value. The same spirit is in the Indian Constitution, which is the mixture of ancient wisdom and modern democracy. The chapter implies that by incorporating IKS values in education, law, and policy it is possible to humanize, balance, and sustain human rights. It demands a world in which justice is nurtured by compassion and where freedom is accompanied by moral responsibility.*

**Keywords:** *Human Rights, Indian Knowledge System, Dharma, Justice, Ahimsa, Constitutional Morality, Harmony.*