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HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMAN VALUES IN INDIAN PHILOSOPHY

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ABSTRACT

The highest ideal of human life which has evolved in India is incorporated in a short but meaningful manner in the most popular prayer: “**SARVE BHAVANTU SUKHINAH**” which means “let all people be happy”. This is the basis of the famous slogan: “**VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM**” “The world is one family”. These indicate the large heartedness and width of our vision.

Indian values regarding human rights perhaps have the oldest pedigree. **RIGVEDA** which is regarded as the oldest document, declares that all human beings are equal and they are brothers. The “**ATHARVANA VEDA**” declared that all human beings have equal right over water and food (Natural resources). The Vedas including **UPANISHADS (SRUTI)** were the primordial source of “**DHARMA**” which is a compendious term for all the human rights and duties. The observance of **DHARMA** was regarded as essential for securing peace and happiness to individuals and the society as well.
