

# AMRITA VALUES PROGRAM

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## **The Impact of Mahabharata on Present Day Indian Culture:**

The Mahabharata is a goldmine of knowledge and no amount of writing can give out its lessons to satisfactory level. The Mahabharata had a greater impact on the Indian mindscape as billions of people have been affected and many have lived their lives based on whatever is intrinsically noble in this great epic. Mahabharata also mentions some of the themes like,

- ❖ Numerous Dance styles
- ❖ Theatrical traditions
- ❖ The Art and sculpture
- ❖ Ways of computation
- ❖ Arithmetic and Mathematics
- ❖ The Political satire
- ❖ The war tactics
- ❖ The weapon strategy
- ❖ The 64 Arts

They owe their origin to yagna altars mentioned in this Vedic text and the epic. The Hindu culture of praising lord and giving most priority to the Ladies is unique, even today when compared to 100's of other countries.

- Krishna: The real Dharma and the methods to attain it.
- Arjuna: Dedication, Hard work, devotion and loyalty.
- Draupadi: Loyalty, seeking justice and kindness.
- Abhimanyu: Fearlessness and Bravery.
- Bhishma: How to be a man of your words.
- Duryodhana: Importance of being satisfied without jealousy, because it leads to worst outcomes.
- Karna: Loyalty, sacrifice and the need of good friendship.

The Mahabharata insists us to always follow Dharma despite of all sacrifice, grief and hurdles and also teaches us that,

**"If we follow the truth the Dharma, we will get satisfied at the end and If you will follow Adharma, a great destruction will make you understand the Dharma."**

Reference: <https://www.quora.com/In-what-way-did-the-Mahabharata-influence-the-civilization-of-India>

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