'Freedom' and 'Determinism' these two apparently opposite concepts of philosophy always carry significance in explaining many problems of human life. As a self-conscious being, man generally considers himself as free. He is primarily not aware of determinism.

In traditional Indian philosophy, 'freedom' is considered as a central concept. Except Ājñāta, all systems consider freedom or liberation as the ultimate end of life. Here freedom or liberation implies freedom from the sufferings of this world. The world is taken as bondage for the human being.

The contemporary Indian thinkers consider freedom in a comprehensive manner. For them 'freedom' is freedom to develop one's inner potentialities within man. They take freedom as power or creative spirit in man. Unlike traditional Indian philosophers, contemporary philosophers do not consider freedom only in the sense of 'freedom from'. They take freedom in the sense of 'freedom from', 'freedom of', 'freedom for' and 'freedom to'. They take freedom both as the beginning and the end of life. They believe that there are many external and internal constraints in human freedom. Their main purpose is to make man aware of their inherent potentialities and make their future by achieving their potential.

Considering the significance and importance of these two concepts, 'freedom' and 'determinism' an attempt is made to make a critical study on these two concepts, 'freedom' and 'determinism' in contemporary Indian philosophy.

In this regard four distinguished philosophers have been selected as representatives of contemporary Indian philosophy. They are K.C. Bhattacharyya, M.N. Roy, S. Radhakrishnan and J.Krishnamurti. I feel that all these philosophers have great contributions to contemporary Indian philosophy. They have significant contributions in delineating these two concepts 'freedom' and 'determinism'.

To make an elaborate discussion on the main objective of the study, the whole work is divided into six chapters. The first chapter deals with the introduction of the two concepts. It is basically an attempt to introduce the general concepts of 'freedom' and 'determinism'. These two concepts are briefly explained from the standpoint of four thinkers.

In the second chapter there is an elaborate and evaluative discussion on K.C.Bhattacharyya's views on these two concepts. The third chapter deals with M.N.Roy's concepts of 'freedom' and 'determinism'. In the fourth chapter, we analyse
S. Radhakrishnan's views regarding the concepts of 'freedom' and 'determinism'. The fifth chapter presents J. Krishnamurti's concepts of 'freedom' and 'determinism'. The sixth and final chapter is the conclusion of this study. In this chapter, along with the findings, a summative note is made on the study, as well as a comprehensive observation on the whole study.

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