

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN SANSKRIT

Paper 13 - Introduction to Indian Philosophy

[A] Prescribed Course

Section 'A' : Fundamentals of Philosophy	12 hrs.
Section 'B' : Schools of Indian Philosophy	24 hrs.
Section 'C' : Problems in Indian Philosophy	12 hrs.
Projects/Presentations	12 hrs.

[B] Course Objectives

This course aims to get the students acquainted with the basic approach to study philosophy. It also intends to give an elementary understanding of Indian Philosophy and to enable students to handle philosophical texts in Sanskrit easily.

[C] Unit-wise Division

Section 'A'

(Fundamentals of Philosophy)

Unit 1 Basic understanding of philosophy and its distinction from *darśana*, Evolution of philosophy as the panacea to human sufferings, General frame of philosophical study : ontology (*tattvamīmāṃsā* or *sattāmīmāṃsā*) including cosmology, epistemology (*jñānamīmāṃsā*) & axiology (*mūlyamīmāṃsā*) specially ethics (*nītiśāstra*), difference between metaphysics (*padārthaśāstra*) & ontology (*tattvamīmāṃsā* or *sattāmīmāṃsā*), Inter-relationship of ontology (*tattvamīmāṃsā* or *sattāmīmāṃsā*), epistemology (*jñānamīmāṃsā*) & axiology (*mūlyamīmāṃsā*); Indian frame of philosophical study : valid cognition (*pramā*), means of valid cognition (*pramāṇa*), object of valid cognition (*prameya*) & cognizer of valid cognition (*pramātā*).

2 weeks/8hrs.

Unit 2 Ontological classification : Monism (*ekatattvavāda*), Dualism (*dvitattvavāda*) & Pluralism (*bahutattvavāda*); Epistemological classification : Realism (*yathārthavāda* or *vastuvāda*) and Idealism (*pratyayavāda*), Axiological classification : Egoism (*svārthavāda*) & altruism (*parārthavāda*), Path of association (*pravṛtti-mārga*) & Path of disassociation (*nivṛtti-mārga*).

1 week/4hrs.

Section 'B'

(Schools of Indian Philosophy)

Unit 1 Salient features of Indian Philosophy, Vedic and Non-vedic Schools of Indian Philosophy and their basic doctrines as given below :

- Sāṃkhya - *prakṛti, guṇatraya & puruṣa*
- Yoga - Concept of *yoga* and its eight limbs, *samādhi, Īśvara & kaivalya*

3 weeks/12hrs.

Unit 2

- Mīmāṃsā – *Dharma & adharma, bhāvanā, apūrva, vidhi* and *niṣedha*
- Vedānta – *Brahma, Īśvara, māyā, jīva* and *jagat*
- Nyāya-Vaiśeṣika – seven *padārthas*, four *pramāṇas* and *paramāṇukāraṇvāda*
- Bauddha – Four-fold *āryasatya, anātmavāda* and *kṣaṇikatvavāda*
- Jaina – *Anekāntavāda, syādvāda*
- Cārvāka – materialism and basic ethics

3 weeks/12hrs.

- Note :**
1. These topics should be taught on the basis of *Outline of Indian Philosophy* by Hiriyanna and *A Primer of Indian Logic* by Kuppaswami Shastri (only introduction).
 2. It is expected to understand various schools of Indian Philosophy in the light of general frame and Indian frame of Philosophical Study.

Section 'C'

(Problems in Indian Philosophy)

Unit 1 Basic understanding of the following : Concept of located (*dharma*) & locus (*dharmī*) and their relation specially with reference to substance (*dravya*) & attribute (*guṇa*), Causality (*kāryakāraṇavāda*) specially, naturalism (*svabhāvavāda*), doctrine of pre-existence of effect in cause (*satkāryavāda*), doctrine of real transformation (*pariṇāmavāda*), doctrine of illusory transformation (*vivartavāda*), doctrine of pre-nonexistence of effect in cause (*asatkāryavāda*)

1 weeks/4hrs.

Unit 2 Basic Arguments for accepting God and its counter-arguments, Concept of soul (*ātma*), Concept of suffering (*duḥkha*) and salvation (*mokṣa*), Theory of action (*karma*) and rebirth (*punarjanma*) along with the arguments for them.

2 weeks/8hrs.

[D] Suggested Projects

1. Group discussion on various philosophical problems.

2. Dialogue writing and presentation on various philosophical problems.
3. Power Point presentation on the course content.
4. Any project which is connected with the practical aspect of this course.

[E] Recommended Books

Primary Readings :

1. Bhartiya, Mahesh - *Bhāratīya Darśana Kī Pramukha Samasyāem*, Ghaziabad, 1999.
2. Chatterjee, S. C. & D. M. Datta - *Introduction to Indian Philosophy*, Calcutta University, Calcutta, 1968 (Hindi Translation also).
3. Chatterjee, S. C. – *The Nyāya Theory of Knowledge*, Calcutta, 1968.
4. Hiriyanna, M. - *Outline of Indian Philosophy*, London, 1956 (also Hindi Translation).
5. Shastri, Kuppaswami, *A Primer of Indian Logic*, 1951 (only introduction).

Secondary Readings :

1. Bhartiya, Mahesh - *Causation in Indian Philosophy*, Ghaziabad, 1975.
2. O'Flaherty, Wendy Doniger – *Karma and Rebirth in Classical Indian Tradition*, MLBD, Delhi, 1983.
3. Pandey, Ram Chandra - *Panorama of Indian Philosophy* (also Hindi version), M.L.B.D., Delhi, 1966.
4. Radhakrishnan, S. - *Indian Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1990.
5. Raja, Kuhnana - *Some Fundamental Problems in Indian Philosophy*, MLBD, Delhi, 1974.