

Darśanam – 1 – Introduction of Pramanas

BA Sanskrit Program

Course Category: Core

Schedule of Offering: 2nd/4th Semester

Course Credit Structure: 4 Credits

- **Lecture: 3 Hours per week**
- **Tutorial: 1 hour per week**
- **Practical: None**

Contact Hours per week: 4 Hours per week

Course code: PS121

Course Instructor : K.E. Gopala Desikan

1. Introduction

Pramanasastra is one of the two branches of Bharatiya Darsana. The other branch is called Prameyasastra . Pramanam means the theory of knowledge. Without Pramana one cannot acquire valid knowledge. Pramanasastra deals with four main factors, viz. the nature of pramana, the nature of prama, the nature of pramata and the nature of prameya. Thus, Indian epistemology comes to involve these four basic factors with the help of which different schools of Indian philosophy try to determine the methods of arriving at the conclusions. In Indian epistemology, two terms are used in the sense of knowledge. They are jnana and prama. Jnana means all kinds of knowledge true or false. But when reality reveals true knowledge it is called prama or valid knowledge. The word prama is used only in the sense of true knowledge (yathartha jnana) which is distinct from false knowledge(ayatharthajnana) . Yathartha or valid knowledge is a true and definite knowledge of some new facts and is the apprehension which agrees with the real character of the object apprehended. If any knowledge lacks in definiteness or certitude or does not convey any new information or does not represent things as they really are, it is invalid.

In this course students are introduced to various types of Pramāṇas and their properties that are incorporated in Bharatiya Darśanas.

2. Course Objectives

- To give an overview of the various Pramāṇas accepted in various Darśanas.
- To introduce some laksanas and pariskaras from basic texts.

- To make the students understand how to form simple pariskaras from laksanas.

3. Pre-requisites

This course is an introductory course on Indian Darśanas. There are no prerequisites to this course. As this course is based on a Sanskrit text, an intermediary level of Sanskrit proficiency is appreciated.

4. Readings

- *Tarkasamgraha* with *Nyāyabodhini* and *Tarkasamgrahadipika*, by Annam Bhatta, commentary by Govardhana, Sri Satkarisarma Vangiya, Chaukhamba Sanskrit Sansthan, Varanasi, 2003
- *Bhāṣa Pariccheda* with Siddhānta Muktāvalī, translated by Swami Mādhavānanda, Advaita Ashrama, Kolkata, 2004
- *Vidyādhara*, by Dr. Devadatta Govinda Patil, Samarth Media Center, Pune, 2014
- *Pratyakṣacintāmaṇi Vimarśa*, by Prof. N.S. Ramanuja Tatacarya, Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeetha, Tirupati, 1992.
- *Knowledge Representation: Navya Nyaya and Conceptual Graphs*, by Prof. Srinivasa Varakhedi, Chinmaya International Foundation, Ernakulam, 2013

5. Module-wise topics

Module 1 : *Introduction* - (4 sessions)

- Darśanaparicaya
- Āstika-nāstikavibhāgaḥ
- Common features in Darśanas
- Anubandhacatuṣṭaya

Module 2 : *Relations* (8 sessions)

- Ādhārādheyabhāvaḥ
- Nirūpyanirūpakabhāvaḥ
- Avacchedya-avacchedakabhāvaḥ
- Pratiyogi-anuyogibhāvaḥ
- Kārya-kāraṇabhāvaḥ

Module 3 : *Lakṣaṇapariṣkāraḥ* (10 sessions)

- Definition of Lakṣaṇam

- Avyapti , Ativyapti, Asambhava and their pariškāra
- Lakṣaṇaprayojanam
- Pramāṇalakṣaṇam
- Pramālakṣaṇam
- Apramālakṣaṇam
- Divisions of Pramā and Pramāṇam

Module 4 : Pratyakṣam and Anumānam (10 sessions)

- Pratyakṣalakṣaṇam
- Types of Pratyakṣam
- Types of Sannikarṣa
- Anumānalakṣaṇam
- Types of Anumānam
- Types of Vyāpti
- Hetvābhāsa

Module 5 : *Other Pramāṇams* (8 sessions)

- Śabdapramāṇam
- Components of Śābdabodha
- Upamanam
- Arthāpatti
- Anupalabdhi

Module 6 : *Khyāti* (5 sessions)

- Types of Apramā
- Khyātivāda
- Prāmāṇyavāda

6. Pedagogy

This course will mostly consist of lectures based on the reading material. Some multimedia components are also included. The student is expected to participate actively in class.

7. Evaluation Pattern

Given below is the evaluation pattern.

- End-Sem exam: 40%
- Mid-Sem exam: 25%
- Module Assignment: 20%

- Class Participation: 15%

Module assignments will be given in class by the teacher at the end of each module.

Changes Made:

1. Credit has been changed from 3 to 4
2. Added tutorial for 1 hour per week
3. Included three new texts in the readings namely :
 - a. *Vidyādhārī*.
 - b. *Pratyakṣacintāmaṇi Vimarśa*.
 - c. *Knowledge Representation: Navya Nyaya and Conceptual Graphs*.