



# Indraprastha College for Women

## University of Delhi

Course Name:	BA H Sanskrit
Paper Title:	Introduction to Nyaya-Vaisheshika Philosophy
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	I
Faculty(s):	SHRADDHA UPADHY
Year:	@2024-2025

Work Plan			
Period	Unit No.	Learning Objective	Topics to be Covered
1 <sup>st</sup> Aug -3 <sup>rd</sup> Aug	I	Understanding the Introduction to the topic	Origin and Development of Nyaya-Vaisheshika Philosophy.
5 <sup>th</sup> Aug-10 <sup>th</sup> Aug	I	Understanding the History and Names of the contributors	Introduction to prominent Acharyas (Gautam, Kanada,
12 <sup>th</sup> Aug-17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	I	Understanding the History and Names of the contributors	Introduction to prominent Acharyas (Gautam, Kanada,
19 <sup>th</sup> Aug-24 <sup>th</sup> Aug	I	Understanding the History and Names of the contributors	Introduction to prominent Acharyas (Introduction to prominent Acharyas - Vachaspati Mishra)
26 <sup>th</sup> Aug-31 <sup>st</sup> Aug	I	Understanding Basic the definition of Navya Nyaya with the reference to western Philosophy	Introduction to Navya-Nyaya
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep-7 <sup>th</sup> Sep	II	Understanding Basic the definition of Navya Nyaya with the reference to western Philosophy	Some Basic Tenets of Nyaya-Vaisheshika-Yatharthavada or Vastuvāda (Realism)
9 <sup>th</sup> Sep-14 <sup>th</sup> Sep	II	Understanding Basic the definition of Navya Nyaya with the reference to western Philosophy	Bahutattvavāda (Pluralism); Dharma (Property) Dharmi (Substratum)
16 <sup>th</sup> Sep-21 <sup>st</sup> Sep	II	Understanding Basic the definition of Navya Nyaya with the reference to western Philosophy	Karyakaraṇavāda (Causation) Asatkaryavada and Arambhavada (doctrine of non-pre-existence of effect in the cause)
23 <sup>rd</sup> Sep-28 <sup>th</sup> Sep	III	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Concept of Padartha,
30 <sup>th</sup> Sep-5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	III	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Three Characteristics of Padarthas, , Definitions of All

			Nine Dravyas and their examination
7 <sup>th</sup> Oct-12 <sup>th</sup> Oct	III	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Twenty Four types of Qualities, Five types of Karma.
14 <sup>th</sup> Oct-19 <sup>th</sup> Oct	III	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Sāmānya, Viśesa, Samavāya, Abhāva,
21 <sup>st</sup> Oct-26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	IV	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Nyaya-Epistemology (Tarkasangraha) Buddhi (Jñana)- Nature of Jñana in Nyaya-Vaisheshika;
28 <sup>th</sup> Oct-2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	IV		MID SEMESTER BREAK
4 <sup>th</sup> Nov-9 <sup>th</sup> Nov	IV	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Karana and Kaarana Definitions and types of Pramā Pratyaksha,
11 <sup>th</sup> Nov-16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	IV	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Anumana including Hetvabhāsa
18 <sup>th</sup> Nov-23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov	IV	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Upamana and sabda Pramāṇa, Types of Ayathartha Anubhava
25 <sup>th</sup> Nov-27 <sup>th</sup> Nov	IV	Understanding Prachin Nyaya Theories	Revision
28 <sup>th</sup> Nov	DISPERSAL OF CLASSES		

Unit	TOPICS
I	Origin and Development of Nyaya-Vaisheshika Philosophy. Introduction to prominent Acharyas (Gautam, Kanada, Prashasta-Pada, Vatsyayana, and Vachaspati Mishra) and their texts. Introduction to Navya-Nyaya
II	Some Basic Tenets of Nyaya-Vaisheshika- Yatharthavada or Vastuvāda (Realism), Bahutattvavāda (Pluralism); Dharma (Property) Dharmi (Substratum) Karyakaraṇavāda (Causation) Asatkaryavada and Arambhavada (doctrine of non-pre-existence of effect in the cause)
III	Concept of Padartha, Three Characteristics of Padarthas, Definition of Dravya, Definitions of All Nine Dravyas and their examination Twenty Four types of Qualities, Five types of Karma. Sāmānya, Viśesa, Samavāya, Abhāva,
IV	Nyaya-Epistemology (Tarkasangraha) Buddhi (Jñana)- Nature of Jñana in Nyaya-Vaisheshika; Karana and Kaarana Definitions and types of Pramā Pratyaksha, Anumana including Hetvabhāsa Upamana and sabda Pramāṇa, Types of Ayathartha Anubhava
S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Athalye & Bodas, Tarkasamgraha of Annambhatta (with Dipika & Nyayabodhini), (Ed. & Tr.) Mumbai, 1930. 2. Chatterjee, S. C. & D. M. Datta - Introduction to

	Indian Philosophy, Calcutta University, Calcutta, 1968 (Hindi Translation available). 3. Mishra, Pankaj Kumar, Tarkasamgraha of Annambhatta (with Dipika and its Hindi Translation), (Ed. & Tr), Parimal Publication, Delhi-7, 2013, 4. Narendra Kumar, Tarkasamgraha, Hansa Prakashan, Jaipur.
2.	Bhattacharya, Chandrodaya, The Elements of Indian Logic and Epistemology 2. Chatterjee, S. C., The Nyaya Theory of Knowledge, Calcutta, 1968. 3. Hiriyanna, M., Outline of Indian Philosophy, London, 1956 (also Hindi Translation). 4. Kuppaswami Shastri, A Primer of Indian Logic, Madras, 1951. 5. Maitra, S.K., Fundamental Questions of Indian Metaphysics & Logic, 6. Radhakrishnan, S, Indian Philosophy, Oxford University Press, Delhi, 1990.
3.	Vaisheshika Ontology (Tarkasangraha) Concept of Padartha, Three Characteristics of Padarthas, Definition of Dravya, Definitions of All Nine Dravyas and their examination Twenty Four types of Qualities, Five types of Karma. Sāmānya, Viśesa, Samavāya, Abhāva,
4.	Buddhi (Jñāna)- Nature of Jñāna in Nyaya-Vaisheshika; Karana and Kaarana Definitions and types of Pramā Pratyaksha, Anumana including Hetvabhāsa Upamana and sabda Pramāṇa, Types of Ayathartha Anubhava

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### Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the Course			Eligibility criteria	Prerequisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Introduction to Nyaya-Vaisheshika Philosophy	04	3	1	0	12th Passed	Working Knowledge of Sanskrit

#### Learning Objectives

This course aims at getting the students acquainted with the cardinal principles of the Nyaya-Vaisheshika Philosophy and enabling students to understand Philosophical texts like Tarkasangraha. It also intends to give them an understanding of essential aspects of Indian Philosophy like Pluralism, Theory of Causation, Realism, etc.

#### Learning Outcomes

After completion of this course students will become familiar with the most important and influential schools of Indian Philosophy i.e. Nyaya-Vaisheshika. They will also be introduced to essential problems of Nyaya-Vaisheshika- Causation, Ontology and Epistemology. This will enable them to engage with other texts in Indian philosophy with some ease.

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##### Unit I

10 hrs

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##### UNIT II

10 hrs

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##### Unit III Vaisheshika Ontology (Tarkasangraha)

10 hrs

Concept of Padartha, Three Characteristics of Padarthas,  
Definition of Dravya, Definitions of All Nine Dravyas and their examination  
Twenty Four types of Qualities, Five types of Karma.  
Sāmānya, Viśesa, Samavāya, Abhāva,

**Unit: IV**

**15 hrs**

**Nyaya-Epistemology (Tarkasangraha)**

Buddhi (Jñāna)- Nature of Jñāna in Nyaya-Vaisheshika;  
Karana and Kaarana  
Definitions and types of Pramā  
Pratyaksha, Anumana including Hetvabhāsa  
Upamana and sabda Pramāṇa,  
Types of Ayathartha Anubhava