

B.A.(Prog.) Sanskrit
Discipline Specific Core Course-(DSC-7) (Minor)

DSC-7 : DHARAMASHASTRA STUDIES

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite of the course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/Practice		
(Discipline A-4) Dharmashastra studies DSC-4	04	3	1	0	XII Passed	Working Knowledge of Sanskrit

Learning Objectives:

In the course of understanding Indian knowledge traditions, to know the ancient Indian society and its vital institutions is essential and admirable. Ancient Indian Society, in terms of whole and its parts, has been depicted in the texts compiled in Sanskrit known as 'Dharmashastra'. 'Dharmashastra Studies' course aims to make students acquainted with rich tradition of Indian Social, Political, Economical, Legal thoughts

Learning Outcomes:

With studying this course Students will know that Indians were not anarchic, they evolved well structured society where normative institutions were established. They will understand the real meaning of the term 'Dharma'. Students will find the great aim for the life of an individual. They will be acquainted with Indian methods of regularizing Society.

Detailed Syllabus

Unit-I:

Concept of Dharma

Society and Norms, Normative Social Institutions, Dharma as normative and ethical element in ancient India.

Survey of Dharmashastra texts: Sutra literature, Smriti literature, commentaries and Nibandha texts, Kautilyarthshastra, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Puranas.

Unit-II:

Content of Dharmashastra:

Three major categories; Achara, Vyavahara, Prayashchitta.

Achara: Structure of the society in the form of Varna system, managing individual life through Ashrama system, bringing balance in the society with the thought of Purushartha chatushtya, Education and Marriage as ways of setting civilized society, Concept of performing yajna and sharing resources (Daana) for sensitive and

collective efforts in the society. Code of Conduct for the members of society

Unit-III

Vyavahara and Polity:

Vyavahara: Ancient Indian Legal system: various types of disputes, Courts, Legal administration, Civil and Criminal Law, Legal Procedure, Evidences, Penal code, Judgement.

Polity: Monarchic Rulers, acquisition and protection of the State, Good Governance, Seven elements of State, essential qualification for the King and ministers, Internal and International affairs: Mandala theory, Shadgunya, four Upayas,

Unit-IV

Prayashchitta: Types of Sins, various Penances in the form of Fasting, sharing (Daana), Yajya, Pilgrimage, Shraddha.

Essential/recommended readings:

1. Apastamba Dharmasutra
31. Boudhayana Dharmasutra
32. Vashshushtha Dharmasutra
33. Manu Smriti
34. Yajyavalkya Smriti
35. Narada Smriti
36. Kautilyarthashastra
37. Mitakshra Commentary on Yajyavalkya Smriti
38. Viramitrodaya
39. Vyvhaaramayukha
40. Smritichandrika
41. Ramayana
42. Mahabharata
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