



KADISARVAVISHWAVIDYALAYA



B.Sc. As Per NEP
Indian Knowledge System
Courses
for Semester 1
W.E.F. June 2023



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Indian Knowledge System-1

IKS202-1C Indian Astronomy-I

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Understanding the universe explained in the Upanishads by ancient scholars like Aryabhata and Brahmagupta.
- Be acquainted with the Indian knowledge system that weaves together threads of ancient wisdom and scientific discovery.
- Inspirational drive to know and understand through the treasure trove of Indian knowledge systems, where science and spirituality converge to illuminate the path to enlightenment with potential applications in our daily lives.

TEACHING AND EVALUATION SCHEME:

Subject Code	Subject Title	Teaching Scheme	Credits	Examination Scheme			Total Marks
		Theory Per Week		Hrs.	Max Marks		
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IKS202-1C	Indian Astronomy-I	2	2	2	25	25	50

Unit 1: Historical Introduction & Celestial Sphere

Teaching Hours: 15

Introduction, Ancient Indian Astronomy, The Vedic Period and Vedāᅅgajyotiᅅa, Siddhanta, Aryabhaᅅa I (476 AD), Astronomers after Aryabhata, Contents of the Siddhantas, Continuity in Astronomical Tradition, Diurnal Motion of Celestial Bodies, Motion of Celestial Bodies Relative to Stars, Celestial Horizon, Meridian, Pole Star and Directions, Zodiac and Constellations, Equator and Poles (Viᅅuvad vᅅᅅta and Dhruva), Latitude of a Place and Altitude of Pole Star, Ecliptic and the Equinoxes

Unit 2: Co-ordinate Systems & Rāsi and Nakᅅatra Systems

Teaching Hours: 15

Introduction, Celestial Longitude and Latitude (Ecliptic System), Right Ascension and Declination (Equatorial System), Azimuth and Altitude (Horizontal System), Hour Angle and Declination (Meridian System), Phenomenon of Precession of Equinoxes, Ancient Indian References to the Precession, Effects of Precession on Celestial Longitude, Tropical (Sayana) and Sidereal (Nirayana) Longitudes, Zodiac and Rāsi, Nakᅅatra System

- *Continuous Evaluation: It consists of Assignments/Seminars/Presentations/Quizzes/Surprise Tests

Reference books:

- 1) Indian astronomy: An introduction by S. Balachandra Rao, Universities Press (India) Ltd, Hyderabad



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- 2) THE ARYABHATI of ARYABHATA: An Ancient Indian Work on Mathematics and Astronomy, Walter Eugene Clark, The Univeristy of Chicago Press, Illinois
- 3) Indian Astronomy- A source book (Based primarily on Sanskrit Texts), Compiled by B V Subbarayappa & K V Sharma, Nehru Center, Bombay.