



Department of Sanskrit
University of Delhi
Undergraduate Course for Sanskrit
Multidisciplinary Courses of Study B. A. (Prog.) with Sanskrit
Under UGCF-2022 based on NEP-2020

DSE 13: Linguistic Thought in Sanskrit

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Prerequisite of the course	Department Offering the Course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
Linguistic Thought in Sanskrit	04	3	1	0	Class XII Pass	Nil	Sanskrit

Learning Objectives

This course intends to acquaint the students with basic knowledge of Sanskrit linguistics. The Primary objective of the course is to familiarise the learners with the concepts and theories of modern Linguistics and encourage them to analyse Sanskrit Linguistically.

Learning outcomes

After the completion of this course, the students will be able to form a fundamental knowledge about the modern development of the subject of Linguistic and examine Sanskrit language in the light of the structures propounded by the modern Linguistics.

Detailed Syllabus

Unit I Language and Linguistics in Sanskrit Tradition

1 Credit

Concept of language, Definitions, characteristics, nature
 Linguistics: Nomenclature, definitions and Significance
 Major and minor branches of Linguistics,
 Origin and history of linguistic thought in Sanskrit tradition

Unit II Sanskrit Linguistics (with reference from Sanskrit tradition)

1 Credit

Phonology
 Morphology
 Syntax
 Semantics

Unit III Language Classification and Sanskrit

1 Credit

Need and Various ways of Classifying languages
 Place and importance of Sanskrit in Akritimulaka Vargikarana
 Place and importance of Sanskrit in Parivarika Vargikarana

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Unit IV Comparative Linguistics and Sanskrit

1 Credit

History and tradition of Comparative Linguistics and place of Sanskrit in the tradition

Essential Readings

1. तिवारी, भोलानाथ, तुलनात्मक भाषाविज्ञान, मोतीलाल बनारसीदास, दिल्ली, 1974.
2. तिवारी, भोलानाथ, भाषाविज्ञान, किताबमहल, इलाहाबाद, 1992.
3. द्विवेदी, कपिलदेव, भाषाविज्ञान एवं भाषाशास्त्र, विश्वविद्यालय प्रकाशन, वाराणसी, 2001.
4. व्यास, भोलाशंकर, संस्कृत का भाषाशास्त्रीय अध्ययन, चौखम्बा विद्याभवन, 1957.
5. शर्मा, देवीदत्त, भाषिकी और संस्कृत भाषा, हरियाणा साहित्य अकादमी, चंडीगढ़
6. शर्मा, देवीदत्त, संस्कृत का ऐतिहासिक एवं संरचनात्मक परिचय (a Historical and Structural Introduction to Sanskrit), हरियाणा साहित्य अकादमी, चण्डीगढ़
7. शर्मा, देवेन्द्रनाथ, भाषाविज्ञान की भूमिका, राधाकृष्ण प्रकाशन, दिल्ली, 2014
8. सिंह, कर्ण, भाषा विज्ञान (Comparative Philology and History of Linguistics), साहित्य भण्डार, सुभाष बाज़ार, मेरठ, 250002

Recommended Readings

1. Burrow, T., Sanskrit Language (also trans. into Hindi by Bholashankar Vyas), Chaukhamba Vidya Bhawan, Varanasi, 1991.
2. Crystal, David, The Cambridge Encyclopedia of Language, Cambridge, 1997.
3. Ghosh, B.K., Linguistic Introduction to Sanskrit, Sanskrit Pustak Bhandar, Calcutta, 1977.
4. Gune, P.D., Introduction to Comparative Philology, Chaukhamba Sanskrit Pratisthan, Delhi, 2005.
5. Jespersen, Otto, Language: Its Nature, Development and Origin, George Allen & Unwin, London, 1954.
6. Murti, M., An Introduction to Sanskrit Linguistics, D.K. Srimannarayana, Publication, Delhi, 1984.
7. Taraporewala, Elements of the Science of Language, Calcutta University Press, Calcutta, 1962.
8. Verma, S.K., Modern Linguistics, Oxford University Press, Delhi,
9. Woolner, A.C., Introduction to Prakrit, Bhartiya Vidya Prakashan, Varanasi.

Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time

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