

RABINDARNATH TAGORE UNIVERSITY, HOJAI, ASSAM

4TH SEMESTER

Course: Knowledge Traditions in Ancient India

Type of Course: Open Elective Course

Total Credit: 4

Evaluation Method: 60 (End Semester Exam) + 40 (Internal Assessment) Total=100

Unit 1: Introduction to Indian Knowledge System: 15 Marks

- 1.1 Definition, Concept and Importance of IKS
- 1.2 Scope, Objective and Functions of IKS
- 1.3 Components of the Indian Knowledge System

Unit 2: Foundational Understanding: 15 Marks

- 2.1 Indian knowledge Traditions: An Introduction
- 2.2 Diversity of Knowledge Traditions in India: their origin and evolution
- 2.3 Knowledge traditions in different periods of history

Unit 3: Indian Scholars and Indian Knowledge System: 15 Marks

- 3.1 Philosophy and literature – Kanad, Panini
- 3.2 Mathematics and Astronomy – Aryabhatta, Brahmagupta
- 3.3 Medicine and Yoga- Charak, Sushrut

Unit 4: Traditional Culture and Indian Knowledge System: 15 Marks

- 4.1 Myths, Rituals, Taboos and Belief System
- 4.2 Folk Stories, Songs and Proverbs
- 4.3 Dance, Play, Act and Traditional Narratives

Suggested Readings:

1. Indian Knowledge system, Deepshikha Saxena, Ashok Kumar Upadhyay, Kripa Drishti Publication, 2025 (This book can be used as text book)
2. Introduction to Indian Knowledge System, Dr. Rohidas Nitonde, Notion Press, 2024
3. Introduction to Indian Knowledge System: Concepts and Applications (Paperback), B Mahadevan, Nagendra Pavana, Vinayak Rajat Bhat, 2022
4. A Guide to Indian Knowledge system (paperback), Partha Pratim Ray, 2024