



GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

Degree Syllabus: MA in Hindu Studies

Subject Code :1440102

Subject Name : Purana Parichaya

W.e.f. Academic Year :	2023-24
Semester :	IV
Category of the Course :	MA in Hindu Studies

Prerequisite : Any Graduate

Rationale : The primary objective of this paper is to understand Traditional Puranic literature. This will enhance the understanding of the theories in the context of Puranans and various concepts prevalent in time.

Course Scheme :

Teaching Scheme			Total Credits	Assessment Pattern and Marks				Total Marks
L	T	PR	C	Theory		Practical		
				ESE (E)	PA(M)	ESE (V)	PA (I)	
4	0	0	4	70	30	30	20	150

Course Content:

Sr. No.	Course Content	No. of Hours	% of Weightage
1	Unit-I - Purana Parichaya – 01 1. Meaning of the word Purana 2. Eighteen Maha Puranas and Upapurana, Purana as a Supporting Literature to Vedas 3. Definition of Purana, Purana and Agmas Relationship 4. Concept of Time in Purana	4	25
2	Unit –II Purana Parichaya – 02 1. Concept of Dharma, Daily Routine, Sanskara, Atithi Devo Bhav 2. Tapa, Yajna, Dana and Kriya (Ishta-aa-purta-datta) 3. Vrata, Tirthasthala and Upasana Paddhati	4	25
3	Unit III Purana Parichaya – 03 1. Description of People, Languages and Geography of Bharata in Puranas- Sanskrit as Unifying Language 2. Akhyana and Upakhyana – Definition	4	25



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	3. Risisa and Risikasa (Brhaddevata 27 Rsikasa) in Purana 4. Important Purusa & Stri charita in Purana, Vedavyasa, Dadhichi, Mandhata, Muchakunda, Nahush, Rantideva, Rama, Bharat, Ambarisa, Puranjana. Parvati, Anasuya, Ahilya, Sita, Mandodari, Kunti, Draupadi		
4	UNIT-IV Purana Parichaya – 04 1. Twelve Aranya 2. Seven Puris 3. Four Dharma 4. Dwadasa Jyotirlinga 5. 52 Saktipitha 6. Seven Dwipa	4	25

Reference Books:

1. R.C.Hazara, Puranic Records on Hindu Rites and Customes, Motilal Banarasidas, New Delhi 1975
2. Pargiter F.E, Ancient Historical Tradition, Nabu Press, 2010.
3. Valdiya K.S,, Geography, People and Geodynamics of India in Purānas and Epics, Aryan Books

Course Outcome:

After Completion of the Course, Student will able to:

No	Course Outcomes
1	Attain essential knowledge about Puranas, bridging the gap for the new generation regarding ancient scriptures.
2	Understand and appreciate the theories propounded by the seers of 18 Puranas .
3	Gain cultural and spiritual insights from the Puranas, fostering a deeper connection with India's rich heritage.
4	Understand the concepts of Yajna (ritual sacrifice) and Dana (charity) as elucidated in Puranas, recognizing their role in societal well-being.
