



INTRODUCTION TO PANINIAN GRAMMAR

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INTENDED AUDIENCE : Linguists, Indologists

COURSE OUTLINE :

This course introduces a reader of basics of Pāṇinian grammar. It provides information related to the grammar written by Pāṇini as well as the tradition which continued to study this grammar and continued to add to it in the course of time and which continues to do so even today. It will introduce the grammar of Pāṇini to linguists, Indologist as well as Computer Scientist in particular.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Malhar Kulkarni is a student of Pāṇini's grammar and teaches it at IIT Bombay. Malhar Kulkarni studies Pāṇini's grammar in the traditional way as well as historical, university way and has been teaching it in both ways for more than 20 years now. He continues to contribute to this tradition by writing in English as well as in Sanskrit. Notable amongst his Sanskrit contributions is Śabdasūtra, an unpublished original sūtra text on Grammar and Language.

COURSE PLAN :

Week 1: Introduction to Pāṇini, general information of his grammar, Current Pāṇinian tradition, non-Pāṇinian grammatical traditions of Sanskrit, current traditional teaching and learning of Pāṇinian grammar

Week 2: Meta-language of Pāṇinian grammar, the technique of *Pratyāhāra*

Week 3: Introduction to the system of markers in the Meta-language of Pāṇinian grammar

Week 4: Markers and their functions

Week 5: Process of Speech Production Cognitive stage

Week 6: Process of Speech Production- Cognitive stage + Physical stag

Week 7: Process of Speech Production- Physical stage + properties of sounds as features for grammatical operations

Week 8: The levels in Pāṇinian grammar *Artha*, *Śabda* and *Svara*

Week 9: Types of Sūtras in Pāṇinian grammar-Technical Terms- *Dhātu*, *Prātipadika*

Week 10: Other technical terms- *kāraka*, *vibhakti*, *apādāna*, *sampradāna*, *adhikaraṇa*, *karaṇa*, *karma*, *kartā*

Week 11: Other technical terms- *Aṅga*, *pada*, *bha*, *ghi* ; Meta rules of Pāṇinian grammar-place of substitution, Vidhi rules in Pāṇinian grammar

Week 12: *Niyama*, *Atideśa* and *Adhikāra* rules in Pāṇinian grammar, *Svara*