

SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY

Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat
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Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2024-2025

Add on Certificate Course on Arthaveda

Course Code	UM03IKBBH08	Title of the Course	Arthaveda
Total Credits of the Course	2	Total Hours per week	2

Course Objectives:	 The course will enable the learners to Identify the Arthaveda as a Vedic text and its significance in ancient Indian society. Explain the socio-economic context of ancient India. Describe the different economic systems prevalent in ancient India. Discuss the ethical and moral aspects of economic activities in Arthaveda. Explain the trade routes and networks in ancient India. Analyze how the principles and concepts of Arthaveda can be applied to real-world economic situations. Evaluate the effectiveness of different economic systems in meeting the needs of ancient Indian society. Construct connections between Arthaveda's teachings and
	contemporary economic theories.

	Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage*	
1	 Overview of Arthaveda as a Vedic text and its significance in ancient Indian society Understanding the socio-economic context of ancient India Exploration of the key principles and concepts of Arthaveda Study of the different economic systems prevalent in ancient India, such as agricultural, trading, and guild-based systems Examination of the ethical and moral aspects of economic activities in Arthaveda Discussion of concepts such as wealth (Artha), righteous conduct (Dharma), and social welfare (Sarvodaya) 	50%	



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2	Trade and Commerce in Ancient India	50%
	 Exploration of the trade routes and networks in ancient India 	
	 Study of commercial practices, including barter, coinage, and 	
	banking systems	
	 Analysis of the impact of trade on economic development and cultural exchange 	
	 Examination of the principles and practices of economic governance in ancient India 	
	 Analysis of economic policies, including taxation, regulation, and wealth distribution 	
	 Discussion on the role of kings, councils, and administrative 	
	bodies in economic decision-making	

Teaching-	Lecture-cum-discussion, Group Discussion, Presentations, Seminars,
Learning	tutorials, Research Exercises
Methodology	

Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of the Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written / Practical Examination Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Vivavoce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance	30%
2.	University Examination	70%

Cou	Course Outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to		
1.	Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the Arthaveda as a Vedic text and its significance in ancient Indian society.		
2.	Analyze the socio-economic context of ancient India and its impact on economic thought, highlighting key factors and influences.		
3.	Evaluate the principles and concepts of Arthaveda and their relevance to economic activities, considering ethical and moral aspects.		
4.	Compare and contrast the different economic systems prevalent in ancient India, including agricultural, trading, and guild-based systems, and assess their functioning and effectiveness.		
5.	Examine the trade routes and networks in ancient India, analyzing their impact on		

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	economic development and cultural exchange.
6.	Critically analyze the principles and practices of economic governance in ancient India, including taxation, regulation, and wealth distribution.
7.	Evaluate the roles of kings, councils, and administrative bodies in ancient India and their influence on economic decision-making processes.

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