

For The Year 2026

# Knowledge Traditions- Practices In India-316

## Syllabus for NCET

**Note:**

There will be one Question Paper which will have 28 questions out of which 25 questions need to be attempted.

## **Knowledge Traditions and Practices of India**

### **1 Agriculture: A Survey**

Agriculture in Prehistory and Protohistory/ Textual Sources/ Types of Lands/ Rain-Fed and Irrigated Crops/ Implements/ Seed and Sowing/ Manures/ Pests and Their Management/ Cattle Management/ Horticulture and Arboriculture/ Fishing/ Agriculture and Society

#### **Agricultural Heritage: Excerpts from Primary Texts**

Rigveda, *Kṛṣṇaparāśara* (c. 400 BCE) *Kautilya* (3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE) *Kaśyapiyakṛṣisukti* (800 CE) *Vṛkṣāyurveda* (c. 1000 CE) *Kṛṣigītā* (c. 1500 AD)

### **2 Architecture: A Survey**

#### **(1.) Early and Classical Architecture**

Temple Architecture/ Rock-Cut Structures/ Monolithic Temples/ Constructed Temples/ Public and Private Architecture

#### **Architecture: Excerpts from Primary Texts**

*Viṣṇudharmottarapurāṇa* *Kautilya's Arthaśāstra* *Mayamata* *Mānasāra*

#### **Architecture: A Survey**

#### **(2.) Medieval & Colonial Architecture**

Fort and Palace Architecture/ Mosques/ Mausoleums/ Colonial Architecture

### **3 Dance: A Survey**

#### **(1.) Classical Dance Forms**

Classical Period/ Middle Period/ Modern Period/ Classical Dance Forms/ Bharatanatyam/ Kathakali/ Kathak/ Kuchipudi/ Manipuri/ Odissi/ Sattriya

#### **Primary Texts on Dance in India : A Selection**

*Nātyaśāstra* (tr. Manomohan Ghosh)

#### **Dance : A Survey**

#### **(2.) Folk Dance Forms**

Chau/ Bihu/ Rauf/ Padayani/ DolluKunitha/ Dandiya/ Ghumar/ Kalbelia/ Chaufla/ Bhangra/Giddha/ Garba/ Lavani/ Bamboo Dance

#### **4 Education Systems and Practices: A Survey**

Goals of Indian Education/ Teaching and Learning/The Teacher and the Student/ Centres of Education/ Temples as First Schools/ Gurukulas/ Viharas and Universities/Community-Supported Education/ The Continuing System

#### **Primary Texts on Education in India: A Selection**

Two Types of Knowledge and the Right Pupil/ Mere Intellectual Knowledge Is Not Enough/The Link between Teacher and Pupil/ Teachers Invite Students to come to Them/Controlling the Mind and the Senses: the Goal of Indian Education/ Teacher's Directives to Students on their Completion of Study/ What is a Useful Life?/Hsüan-tsang's (Xuanzang) Impressions of Indian Education/ Hsüan-tsang's (XuanZang) Description of Nalanda University

#### **Narratives of Indian Education in the 17th, 18th and 19th Centuries**

An Italian Explorer's Record of Indian Education in the 17th Century/ A Description of Indian Education in the 18th Century/ The Teacher's Subsistence/ Respect for the Teacher/Physical Education and Sports/ Description of the University at Navadveep (Nuddeah) in Bengal in 1791/ Love of Learning and Support for Education among Indians/ A Widespread Colonial Network of Indigenous Schools

#### **5 Indian Ethics: Individual and Social**

The Cosmic Order/ Buddhist Ethics/ Jain Ethics/ Sikh Ethics/The Bhakti Movement

#### **Primary Texts on Ethics: Individual and Social: A Selection**

From Jain Granthas/ From Buddhist Granthas/ From Asoka's Edicts/ From the Kural (tr. P.S. Sundaram)

#### **6 Martial Arts Traditions: A Survey**

- Texts/ Practice of Martial Arts/ Stick Combat/ Kalarippayattu
- **Martial Arts Traditions: A Selection from Primary Texts**

Wrestling in the Mahabharata/ Mallapurana/ Marmasastram

#### **7 Language and Grammar**

Languages of India/ Study of Language in India/ Disciplines of Language Studies in India/ Classification of Speech-Sounds/ Theory of Grammar/ Chanda (Prosody)

#### **Primary Texts on Language: A Selection**

Reflections on Language from Vedic Sources, Phonetics Paniniya siksha (tr. & ed., Manomohan Ghosh), Nirukta (Etymology), The Nighantu and the Nirukta of SriYaskacharya (tr. Ed., Lakshman Sarup) Patañjali's Mahabhasya (adapted from S.N. Dasgupta's translation) Grammar, Language and Knowledge Bhartrhari's Vakyapadiya, Brahmakanda, (tr. K. A. Subramania Iyer)

#### **8 Other Technologies: A Survey**

Harappan Technologies/ Later Pottery/ Glass/ Water Management/ Textile Technology/

Writing Technology/ Pyrotechnics/ Cosmetics and Perfumes

**Other Technologies: A Selection from Primary Texts**

Gemmology/ Water Management/ Textiles and Garments/ Cosmetics and Perfumes