

INDIAN PHILOSOPHICAL SYSTEMS (DARSHANAS)

THE SIX PRAMANAS (MEANS OF VALID KNOWLEDGE)

PRATYAKSHA (Perception)



Direct experience through senses.

ANUMANA (Inference)



Knowledge derived from observation & reasoning.

UPAMANA (Comparison)



Knowledge through similarity & analogy.

SHABDA (Verbal Testimony)



Reliable authority & expert words.

ARTHAPATTI (Postulation)



Necessary assumption to explain contradiction

ANUPALABDHI (Non-Apprehension)



The jar is not on the table.
Direct knowledge of non-existence.

HETVRBHLMIES

VYAPTI (UNIVERSAL RELATION) Logical nerve of inference



Samavyapti
(Equi-proximate)



Visamavyapti
(Non-equi-proximate)

HETVABHASHA (FALLACIES OF INFERENCE)



SAVYABHICHARA
(Irregular Middle)



VIRUDDHA
(Contradictory Middle)



SATPRATIPAKSHA
(Inferentially Contradicted)



ASIDDHA
(Unproved Middle)



BADHITA
(Non-inferentially Contradicted)

FURTHER EXPLORATIONS IN PRAMANAS

Detailed Study of Perception and Inference

1. PRATYAKSHA (Perception) - THE DIRECT MEAN

Considered the "Superior Pramana" as all other pramanas depend on it.

CLASSIFICATION OF PRATYAKSHA

Anubhava (Experiential):
Direct contact.

External (Bahya):
Through the 5 senses
(Sight, Sound, Smell, Taste, Touch)



Internal (Manas):
Through the mind



STAGES OF PERCEPTION



Nirvikalpa (Indeterminate):
Just sensing an object
without recognizing its
name or class.
(e.g., "Something is there")



Savikalpa (Determinate):
Recognizing the object
with its attributes.
(e.g., "That is a red apple")



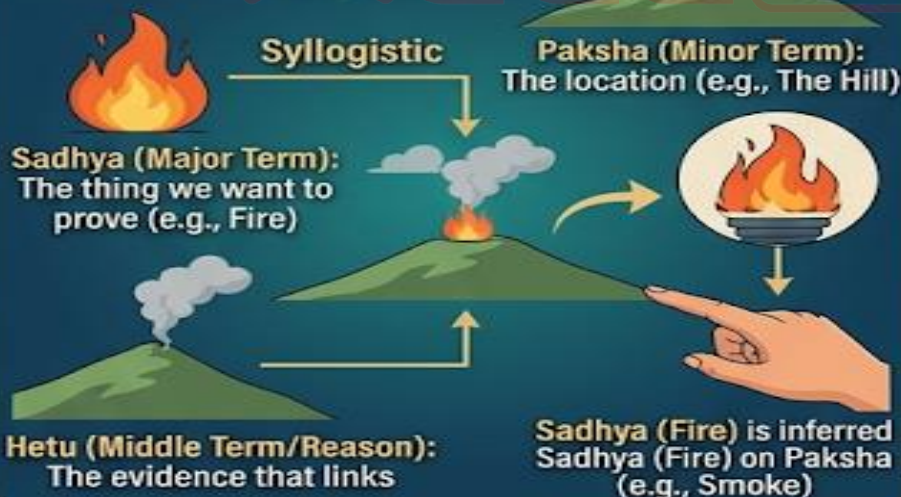
Pratyabhijna:
Recognition based on
memory.
(e.g., "This is the same
man I met yesterday")

2. ANUMANA (Inference) - THE INDIRECT MEAN

Defined as "knowledge which follows other knowledge."

THE CONSTITUENTS OF ANUMANA

To have a valid inference, three terms must be present.



THE CONCEPT OF VYAPTI

The "Invariable Concomitance" or universal relationship between the Hetu and the Sadhya.



Vyapti:
UNIVERSAL
RELATIONSHIP



SMOKE → **FIRE**

Crucial Logic: Smoke is never present without Fire. This universal truth (Vyapti) allows us to infer Fire when we see Smoke.

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