

Indian Philosophy

Author: Dr. Satya Sundar Sethy, HSS, IIT Madras, Chennai-600036

Lecture - 20

Self Assessment Questions & Possible Answers

1. What is vyāpti?

Ans.: Vyāpti is a universal, invariable, unconditional and concomitant relation between major term (sādhya) and middle term (hetu) of an argument. It is a logical basis of anumāna.

2. What is 'linga'?

Ans.: The term 'linga' is familiarized as middle term or 'hetu'. It is the starting point of inferential reasoning. It is found once in relation to the paksa and then in relation to the sādhya. By the dint of linga we can establish sādhya in paksa.

3. How do we identify the major term of a deductive argument?

Ans.: The major term in a deductive argument appears two times. It is with the middle term in the major premise and as a predicate of the conclusion.

4. Briefly explain 'sapaksasattva' on the viewpoint of Nyāya philosophy.

Ans.: Sapaksasattva is one among the other features of the middle term (hetu). It states that the presence of hetu in all positive instances in which the major term (sādhya) exists.