

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

The following topics are discussed in this Chapter :-

1. Introductory
2. The importance of the Upapurāṇas especially the caste-Purāṇas
3. Dharmāranya Purāṇa
4. Date of the DP.
5. Dharmāranya Purāṇa and Pañcalakṣaṇa
6. Dharmāranya Purāṇa and Dharmāranya Māhātmya

CHAPTER TWO
SOCIAL STRUCTURE

The following topics are discussed in this Chapter :-

1. Introduction
2. Varṇa and Jāti
3. Theory of the origin of the four varṇas
4. Varṇa-system
 - (a) Brahmins
 - (b) Kṣatriyas
 - (c) Vaiśyas
 - (d) Śūdras
5. Social Mobility
6. Untouchable
7. Āśrama-system
8. Theory of Puruṣārthas
 - (a) Karma
 - (b) Artha
 - (c) Dharma
 - (d) Mokṣa
9. Modha Brahmins :
 - (a) Problem of the word "modha"
 - (b) Legendary Origin of Modha Brahmins
 - (c) Classification of Modha Brahmins

- (d) Modh Brahmins and Rāma :
 - 1. The fall of Moherakapura
 - 2. The Advent of Rāma
 - 3. 55 Villages given by Rāma
- (e) Modha Brahmins and Āmarāja
- (f) Gotras, Pravaras and Family-Goddesses of the Modha Brahmins
- (g) Avatāṅkas of the Modha Brahmins
- (h) Divisions of Modha Brahmins
- (i) Rules governing Caste Modha Brahmins

10. Modha Banias :

- (a) Origin of the Modha Banias
- (b) Divisions of Modha Banias
- (c) Modha Banias and Jainism

CHAPTER THREE
MARRIAGE, FAMILY AND THE POSITION OF WOMEN

There are three sections in this Chapter in which the following topics are discussed.

SECTION I : Marriage

1. Introduction
2. Forms of Marriage
 - (a) Monogamy
 - (b) Polygamy
 - (c) Polyandry
 - (d) Polygyny
3. Eight Forms of Hindu Marriage
4. Inter-caste Marriage
5. Limitations of Marriage
6. Marriage Rite
7. Sexual Relations

SECTION II : Family

1. Introduction
2. Father and son
3. Status and Position of Father
4. Husband and wife
5. Brothers-Elder and younger, and Brother's wife
6. Brother's wife and the younger Brother

SECTION III : Position of Women

1. Introduction
2. Education and Yogic Practices
3. Woman as Wife and Mother
4. Women and Religion
5. Satī
6. Power of a Pativrata
7. General Attitude and Feeling Towards Women

CHAPTER FOUR

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC LIFE

The following topics are discussed : -

1. Dress and Ornaments
2. Perfumes, Incense etc.
3. Superstitions
4. Sports, Pastimes and Festivities
5. Some units of Measurement
6. Criminal and civil Laws
7. Daily and Periodical duties etc.
8. Food and Drinks
9. Funeral Rite

CHAPTER FIVE

RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY

There are two sections in this Chapter in which the following topics are discussed :-

SECTION I : Religion

1. Introduction
2. Tīrthayātrā
 - (a) Purposes of the Tīrthayātrā
 - (b) Classification of the Tīrthayātrā
3. Vaiṣṇavism
 - (a) Avatāras of Viṣṇu
 - (b) Description of Viṣṇu
 - (c) Rāma-Worship
4. Śaivism
 - (a) Līṅga-worship
 - (b) Description of Śiva
5. Brahmā-cult
6. The Sun-worship
7. Devī-Worship or Śāktism
 - (a) Bhaṭṭārikā or Śrīmātā
 - (b) Nandā
 - (c) Śāntā (XIX. 14 ff.)
 - (d) Mātangi

8. Cow-worship
9. Hanumat-worship
10. Gaṇeśa-worship
11. Serpent-worship
12. Theory of Karma and Karmavipāka
13. Austerity
14. Horse-sacrifice
15. Jainism
 - (a) The spread of Jainism of Gurjaradeśa
 - (b) Codes of Conduct of a Jain Monk
 - (c) Jainism and Buddhism

SECTION II : Philosophy

1. Sāṅkhya Philosophy
2. Concept of the World
3. Concept of God
4. Concept of Soul
5. Philosophy of Fate
6. Ethics

CHAPTER SIX

LEGENDS AND MYTHS

The following topics are discussed :-

1. Introduction
2. Creation
3. Devī
 - (a) The genesis of the goddess Mātangi
 - (b) Killing of Karnātakṣa
 - (c) Who is Karnātākṣa
4. Sūrya
 - (a) Descriptions of Sūrya
5. Viṣṇu
 - (a) Viṣṇu the killer of Madhu and Kaiṭabha
 - (b) Viṣṇu as Hayagrīva
6. Śiva
 - (a) Śiva and Pārvatī
 - (b) Śiva in relation to Brahmā and Viṣṇu
7. Brahmā
8. Yama
 - (a) Yama's penance
 - (b) The Interruption of Indra
 - (c) The fruitful temptation of Urvaśī
 - (d) The fruits of the penance
9. Indra
 - (a) Indra and Nahuṣa
 - (b) Indra and Ahalyā

10. The Story of Rāma
11. Hanumat and Rāmeśvaram
12. The Story of the king Prthu
13. Gaṅgāvatarana (The descend of the Ganges)

CHAPTER SEVEN

DHARMĀRANYA : ORIGIN, GEOGRAPHY AND ANTIQUITY.

This Chapter deals with the following problems :

1. Moheraka
2. Viñjola-sara
3. Dharmesvara
4. Dharmakūpa
5. Bhattārikā or Śrīmātā
6. Satyamandira
7. Sūrya Kunda
8. Devasarovara
9. Mokseśvara or Mukteśa
10. Nāgakūpa
11. Jayantesvara
12. Dhārāksetra
13. Devamajjanaka tank
14. Suvarṇā river
15. Rupyā
16. Gambhīra tank
17. Origin of Kṣemalābhā
18. Bahucari

CHAPTER EIGHT

HISTORICAL DATA : (THE RISE AND FALL OF ANHILWADA PATAN)

The following topics are discussed :-

1. Cāvaḍā Dynasty
 - (a) Vanarāja and the foundation of Patan
 - (b) Vanarāja's ancestry, parentage and early life
 - (c) Foundation of Paṭṭanapura and Vanarāja's accession to the throne.
 - (d) The comparison of the DP. version with the other sources
2. Rulers of Anhilwada Pattan
3. The rulers of Solankī dynasty
4. Conversation of Kumārapāla
5. Invasion of Islam and the fall of Anhilwad Patan and Moherakapura
6. Genealogical tree of the rulers of Anhilwada Patan according to the DP. and other sources.

APPENDIX I : The Summary of the Dharmāranya Purāṇa

APPENDIX II : Geographical Data

APPENDIX III: Flora and Fauna in the Dharmāranya Purāṇa

APPENDIX IV : The Summary of the Dharmāranyamāhātmya
in the Brahmakhanda of the Skandapurāṇa

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