

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER-I INTRODUCTION.

The following topics are discussed in this chapter.

1. Introductory.
2. Importance of Purāṇic studies.
3. The Problem of the Original BVP and the extant BVP.
4. Date
5. Home.
6. The title of the Brahṃavaivartapurāṇa
7. Laghu Brahṃavaivartapurāṇa
8. The BVP and the Purāṇa Pañcalakṣaṇa
9. The position of the BVP in the different
10. Classification of the Purāṇas.
11. Influence of the BVP on other works.

CHAPTER-II SOCIETY.

This chapter has four sections in which following topics are discussed.

SECTION-I SOCIAL ORGANISATION.

1. Introduction.
2. Theory of the origin of the four social orders.
3. Varna System.
Brāhmaṇa, Kṣatriya, Vaiśya, Sūdra, Sub-castes.
4. Āśrama System,
Student, Householder, Forest hermit, Ascetic.
5. Slavery.

SECTION II MARRIAGE.

1. Introduction.
2. Purpose of Marriage.
3. Qualifications of the Bride and the Bridegroom.
4. Marriageable Age.
5. Types of Marriage.
6. Monogamy.
7. Polygamy.
8. Polyandry.
9. Forms of Marriage.
10. Art of Sexual Life.
11. Kanyā Vikraya.
12. Marriage ceremony.
13. Marriage celebration.
14. Promiscuity.

SECTION-III FAMILY.

1. Introduction.
2. The concept of the Family.
3. Kinship Terms.
4. Kinds of son.
5. Status and Position of the son.
6. Father.

SECTION-IV POSITION OF WOMEN

1. Introduction.
2. Women and Higher studies.
3. Women as wife.
4. Pativratā.
5. Women as Mother.

6. Position of the Widow.
7. The custom of Suttee.
8. Prostitution.
9. Attitude towards women in general.

CHAPTER-III SOCIO-ECONOMIC LIFE.

1. Food and Drink.
2. Dress and Ornaments.
3. Toilette and cosmetics.
4. Units of measurement of Time and Distance.
5. Music and Dancing.
6. Art and Architecture.
7. Science of Medicine.
8. Customs and conventions.
9. Beliefs and superstitions.
10. Daily and Periodical Duties.

CHAPTER-IV RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY.

There are two sections in this chapter.

SECTION-I RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS.

1. Introduction.
2. Worship.
3. Nāthism.
4. Tāntrism
5. Theory of Incarnation.
6. Dāna
7. Vrata.

SECTION-II PHILOSOPHICAL TRENDS.

1. Sāṃkhya System.
2. Hatha-Yoga.

3. Māyā
4. Kāla
5. Brahman
6. Saṁsāra
7. Creation
8. Dissolution
9. Worlds.
10. Bhakti
11. Doctrine of Grace.
12. Emancipation.
13. Theory of Karmavipāka
14. Sacrifice
15. Ethics
16. Hell.

CHAPTER-V MYTHOLOGY.

In this chapter the following topics are discussed.

1. Introduction
2. Kṛṣṇa.
3. Viṣṇu
4. Śiva.
5. Brahmā
6. Gaṇeśa
7. Skanda
8. Kāmādeva.
9. Viśvakarman
10. Indra.
11. Dharma.
12. Yama.

13. Kubera.
14. Varuna.
15. Vāyu.
16. Agni.
17. Candra.
18. Maṅgala.
19. Sūrya.
20. Rādha.
21. Lakṣmī.
22. Saṁsavatī
23. Vasundharā.
24. Gaṅgā.
25. Tulasī.
26. Durgā.
27. Kālī.
28. Maṅgala Candī.
29. Manasā.
30. Ṣaṣṭhī.
31. Dakṣiṇā.
32. Surabhi.
33. Svadhā.
34. Sāvitrī.
35. Svāhā.

APPENDIX-I

A brief synopsis of the BVP

APPENDIX-II

Geographical and Ethnic Data in the BVP

APPENDIX-III

FLORAL and Faunal Data in the BVP

APPENDIX-IV

List of the Stotras, Mantras, Kavacas,
Dhyānas and Bijamantras in the BVP.

APPENDIX-V

Editions and Translations of the
BVP.