

SANATANA DHARMA SCRIPTURES

Unlike the Abrahamic religions, Sanatana Dharma or Hinduism doesn't have one single scripture. It has a multitude of scriptures. This document gives a list of all the major scriptures in Sanatana Dharma.

There are 14 parts in Vedic Lore and every Vedic Scholar has to master all these 14. Below are the 14 parts of the Vedic Lore.

VEDAS - 4

- Rig
- Sama
- Yajur
- Atharva

VEDANGAS - 6

- Shiksha
- Vyakarna
- Chandah
- Kalpah
- Niruktam
- Jyotisham

UPANGAS - 4

- Mimamsa
- Nyaya Vistarah
- Itihasa- Purana
- Dharma Shastra

PARTS OF A VEDA

Each of the Vedas has 4 parts to it. They are listed below

SAMHITAS

BRAHMANAS

ARANYAKAS

UPANISHADS

UPA-VEDAS

There are 4 Upa-vedas as well. Each Upa- Veda corresponds to one Veda and and they are also mentioned in the Puranas.

AYURVEDA

DHANUR VEDA

GANDHARVA VEDA

ARTHASHASTRA

UPANISHADS

There are 109 Upanishads, but out of those only 10 are considered major Upanishads. The below is the list of the 10 Major Upanishads.

UPANISHADS

- īśopaniṣad- ईशोपनिषद्
- kenopaniṣad- केनोपनिषद्
- kaṭhopaniṣad- कठोपनिषद्
- muṇḍakopaniṣad -
मुण्डकोपनिषद्

- māṇḍukyopaniṣad -
माण्डुक्योपनिषद्
- praśnopaniṣad -
प्रश्नोपनिषद्
- taittirīyopaniṣad -
तैत्तिरीयोपनिषद्

- aitareyopaniṣad
- ऐतरेयोपनिषद्
- chāndogyopaniṣad
- छान्दोग्योपनिषद्
- Brihadaranyaka
Upanishad -
बृहदारण्यकोपनिषद्

ITIHASAS

The Itihasas are our history, history of the Bharata Varsha.
The two Itihasas are given below.

RAMAYANA

Ramayana is the story of Lord Rama and Lady Sita. It is the story of the importance of Dharma against all odds. This Itihasa mentions the ideal rule, The ideal ruler and the ideal subjects anywhere in the world. This is a poem which is unparalleled in its beauty and also its reach.

MAHABHARATA

Mahabharata is the story of the war of Dharma fought between 2 sets of brothers, the Kauravas and the Pandavas and the final victory of Dharma over Adharma. It is the story of how Lord Krishna in his divine Avatara helps the Pandavas in establishing the Rule of Dharma.

PURĀṄAS

There are 72 Puranas- 18 Maha Puranas, 18 Upa Puranas, 18 Alpa Puranas and 18 Upa - Upa Puranas.

Below is the list of the 18 Maha Puranas.

MAHĀ PURĀṄA - 18

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agni Purana• Bhagavat Purana• Bhavishya Purana• Brahma Purana• Brahmanda Purana• Brahma Vaivarta Purana | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Garuda Purana• Kurma Purana• Linga Purana• Markandeya Purana• Matsya Purana• Narada Purana | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Padma Purana• Skanda Purana• Varaha Purana• Vamana Purana• Vayu Purana• Vishnu Purana |
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