

## GAṄGEŚOPĀDHYĀYA ON THE DEFINITION OF PERCEPTION

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### Abstract

In Nyāya Philosophy, perception (*pratyakṣa*) is considered as valid cognition as well as one of the means of valid cognition. When it is considered as the means of valid cognition, it is known as *pramāṇa* and when it is considered as valid cognition it is known as *pramā*. Perception is mentioned first in the Nyāya-Sūtra, because of its primacy and independency of all cognitions. All cognitions like inference so on needs perception, as perception underlies all other cognitions but perception does not need any cognition for its validity. Thus, perception occupies an important position in the Nyāya-Sūtra. This article attempts to examine the definition of perception as cognition (*pratyakṣa pramā*) following *Tattacintamaṇi* of Gaṅgeśopādhyāya.