

Indian Philosophy

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Lecture - 36

Self Assessment Questions & Possible Answers

1. What does 'visesa' mean?

Ans.: Visesa means the unique individuality of a substance, which have no parts. It pertains to the eternal substances. It is the extreme opposite of the universal.

2. What is 'samavāya'?

Ans.: Samavāya is an eternal and inseparable relation between two things. It is the relationship between two things like the container and the contained. For example; oil and oil seed.

3. How does Kanāda define the concept 'Sāmānya'?

Ans.: Something common among the objects of experience is called generality. But any notion of commonality can't be considered as sāmānya on the account of Kanāda. He defines, sāmānya is that which is eternal and resides in its individuals with inherent relation.