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| Unit | Number <br> of <br> lessons | Lessons |
| :---: | :---: | :--- |
| 3.1 | 3.1 .1 <br> 3.1 .2 | Numbers in Sanskrit Works; An Overview. <br> Indian Decimal place-value system. |
| 3.2 | 3.2 .1 | Numerals in Sanskrit Works; <br> a) Words as Numerals <br> b) Alphabets as Numerals and <br> c) Early Magic Squares. |
| $\mathbf{3 . 2 . 2}$ | 3.3.1 <br> $\mathbf{3 . 3 . 2}$ | a) <br> b) Aryabhatiya Numerals <br> Number of Revolutions of Geo-centric Planets in a Yuga <br> (43,20,000 years) in Aryabhatiya Numerals, comparison of <br> sidereal periods of Geo-centric planets in Aryabhatiya with <br> their present-day values and Reason for naming the week- <br> days. |
| 3.4 | 3.4 .1 | Glimpses of Mathematics of Sulvakaras. |

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## Unit 3. 3 Mathematics

Structure: - The Unit 3.3 contains two lessons.
The first lesson; 3.3.1 Rule for Aryabhatiya Numerals quotes has two parts.
3. 3. 1 a) states the rule from Aryabhatiya, explains the rule and gives a chart for the rule as a ready-reckoner.
3.3.1 b) quotes a sloka expressing diameter of the earth and other numerical data using

Aryabhatiya Numerals and gives commentary of the sloka by Bhaskara-I in his AryabhatiyaBhasya.
The second lesson; 3. 3. 2 Number of Revolutions of Geo-centric Planets in a Yuga ( $43,20,000$ years) in Aryabhatiya Numerals, comparison of sidereal periods of Geo-centric planets in Aryabhatiya with their present-day values and Reason for naming the week-days contains three parts.
3. 3. 2 a) explains the method of converting Aryabhatiya Numerals for the number of Revolutions of Geo-centric Planets in a Yuga into international numerals.
3.3.2 b) gives a table of comparison of sidereal periods of Geo-centric planets in Aryabhatiya with their present-day values.

Objective: - The Unit: Aryabhatiya Numerals is designed to facilitate the learner
i) To appreciate the history of the Rule for Aryabhatiya Numerals.
ii) To de-codify the Aryabhatiya Numerals by applying the Rule.
iii) To appreciate the ingenuity of Aryabhata-I in expresiing the number of revolutions of Geo-centric planets through Aryabhatiya Numerals.
iv) To recognize the fact that these values when converted into sidereal periods of each planet agreeing with their present-day values.

## Introduction: -

Aryabhata-I excelled in devising an innovative method for expressing huge numbers through Sanskrit alphabets, specifying the place-value of each digit in base ten. The rule for Aryabhata Numeral is very brief and reads thus; [Ref.: "Aryabhatiya of Aryabhta With the commentary of Bhaskara-I and Someswara" - K S shukla, INSA, (1976) P.7]
Siderial period of heavenly bodies are expressed in the form of slokas, where in Aryabhata has used compound alphabets as numerals, in a unique way to indicate them.

## Lesson 3. 3. 1 : Aryabhatiya Numerals (A.D. 499)

## 3. 3. 1 a) Rule for Aryabhatiya Numerals.

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ABOUT THIS ARTICLE: - As a faculty of 'International Academy for Creative Teaching (under Jain Group of Institutions, Bengaluru)' conducting workshops for Teachers of a few schools in Coimbatore during 2003 - 2009, I faced difficulty in sharing the contributions of Indian mathematicians, specially of Aryabhata-I ( $5^{\text {th }} \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{AD}$ ) with those teachers (who are not familiar with Devnagari Script). Scripts of any language are cryptic symbols for the sounds needed in writing them to communicate with the public.

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My paper, an attempt to adapt modified Tamizh script to Devnagari script explaining Cryptic numeral of Arybhata-I ( $5^{\text {th }} \mathrm{c}$. AD), expressing the number of revolutions in a Mahayuga (43,20,000 years) stated in his Arybhatiya, was blessed by Prof. P V Arunachalam, [vice-chancellor, Dravidian University, Kuppam (AP)] with his kind remark with a suggestion 'I am delighted to have gone through the 11-page scholarly article . It merits reading again and again. Congrats. I request you to do the same in Telugu script also. You have done a splendid job’.

Introduction: - Base ten place-value system having ten digits from 1 to 9 and 0 for number reckoning is the universally acclaimed invention by the visionaries of ancient India. Since then, numerals of numbers were written using the rule
"अङ्कानाम् वामतोगति:"
Purport: - The digits (in the numeral of a number) move '(increase) towards left (in multiples of the base)'.
Cryptic numerals using words and alphabets were popular in Sanskrit texts to denote numbers in rhythmic slokas for easy memorization.
Aryabhata- $I\left(5^{\text {th }} \mathrm{c} . \mathrm{AD}\right)$ has named the names of nine place values, thus;

> एकं च दशं च शतं च सहस्रमयुतानियुते तथा प्रयुतं ।

कोट्यर्बुदं च व्ऋन्दम् स्थानात् स्थानं दशगुणं भवेत् ॥
Purport: - The ten names in the multiples of 10 are; एकं $\left(10^{0}\right)$, दशं $\left(10^{1}\right)$, शतं $\left(10^{2}\right)$, सहस्तं $\left(10^{3}\right)$ अयुतं $\left(10^{4}\right)$, नियुतं $\left(10^{5}\right)$, प्रयुतं $\left(10^{6}\right)$, कोटि $\left(10^{7}\right)$, अर्बुदं $\left(10^{8}\right)$, वृन्दं $\left(10^{9}\right)$.
And Aryabhata-I invented a unique cryptic numerical system adapting Devnagari alphabets to denote the astronomical numbers for the number of revolutions of Geocentric planets in a Mahayuga (43,20,000 yrs).
I. Rule for Aryabhatiya Devanagari Varnamala Cryptic Numerals :-

वर्गाक्षराणि वर्गेऽवर्गेडवर्गाक्षराणी कात् ङ्मौ यः।
खद्विनवके स्वरा नव वर्गेऽवर्गे नवान्त्यवर्गे वा ॥



 ( $\left.\infty^{6}\right)$ ] has numerical value from 3 (to 10) to denote numbers.
 $ఓ, ~ \bowtie$, ఔ) specify two sets of nine zeros of powers of 10 (i) one set of nine even number of

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The above rules could be explained with Tables：－
 25 sequentially．
 10 sequentially．

Table I．1（a）（i）

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Time New Roman Numerals | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Time New Roman Cryptic Numerals | k | K | g | G | －g | c | C | j | J | $\sim$ |
| वर्गाक्षर（Mangal） | क् | ख् | ग् | घ् | ङ | च् | 玉 | ज् | झ् | ञ् |
| ఏ゙గอ¢ | ${ }^{6}$ | $2{ }^{6}$ | $\pi^{6}$ | ¢ ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ | జో | 飞6 | భr | జ | ఝ6 | \％${ }^{6}$ |

 sequentially．

Table I． 1 （a）（ii）

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Times New Roman Numbers | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Time New Roman Cryptic Numerals | T | Th | D | Dh | N | t | th | d | dh | n | p | P | b | B | m |
| वर्गाक्षर（Mangal） | ट् | б | इ | ढ् | ण् | त् | थ् | द् | ยุ | न् | प् | फ् | ब् | भ－ | म् |
|  | 83 ${ }^{6}$ | $\odot^{6}$ | ¢ ${ }^{6}$ | C96 | छ $^{6}$ | ${ }^{6}$ | $¢^{6}$ | $\omega^{6}$ | $\square^{6}$ | N ${ }^{6}$ | e\％ | ¢ ${ }^{\text {¢ }}$ | బ | భ ${ }^{6}$ | టో |

 10 sequentially．

Table I（b）

| Aryabhatiya Cryptic Numerals in Devnagari \＆\％న్నై from యf $=3$ to あ $=10$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Times New Roman Numbers | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Time New Roman Cryptic Numerals | y | r | 1 | v | S | Sh | s | h |
| वर्गाक्षर（Mangal） | य् | र् | ल् | व् | श् | ष् | स् | ह |
| ฝ゙గอ¢ | యో | O | er | బో | 厄ో | ब6 | $\bar{\sim}$ | $\infty^{6}$ |

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 specify two sets of nine zeros (in multiples of 10),
I. (2) (i) Number of zeros to follow the numerals of मूलवर्गाक्षर from क् to म् (लు॰ల-
 ఇ, $ల 0, \mathscr{,} ల_{\lrcorner}, \varpi, ఓ, \varpi$, ఔ) are denoted with one group of nine sets of even number of multiples of ten zeros (from 2 to 16)..
(ii) Number of zeros to follow the numerals of मूलअवर्गाक्षर from य् to ह् (మూలఅవర్గాక్షర య్ నింద హ్ వరగె) with vowels, स्वराक्षर (స్వరాక్షర) (अ, इ, उ, ऋ, लृ, ए, ओ, ऐ, औ; అ, ఇ, ఉ, ఋ, లృ, ఏ, ఐ, ఓ, ఔ) is denoted with another group of nine sets of odd number multiples of ten zeros (from 1 to 17).

Modified Rule of Rule I. (2) (i) \& (ii): -
(i) Place-values in powers of ten of the numerals of मूल-वर्गाक्षर from क् $t o$ म् (మూల-వర్గాక్షర క్ నింద మ్ వరగె) with vowels, स्वराक्षर (స్వరాక్షర) अ is 0 , and with svara (इ, उ, ऋ, लृ, ए, ओ, ऐ, औ; $, ~ ఉ, ~ ఋ, ~ ల ృ, ~ ఏ, ~ ఐ, ~ ఓ, ~ ఔ) ~ w i t h ~ v o w e l s, ~ स ् व र ा क ् ष र ~(స ్ వ ర ా క ్ ష ర) ~(अ, ~ इ, ~ उ, ~ ऋ, ~$ लृ, ए, ओ, ऐ, औ; అ, ఇ, ఉ, ఋ, లృ, ఏ, ఐ, ఓ, ఔ) are denoted with one group of nine sets of even powers of ten (starting from the index 2 to 16).
(ii) Place-values in powers of ten of the numerals of मूल-अवर्गाक्षर from य् to ह् (మూల-అవర్గాక్షర య్ నింద హ్ వరగె) with vowels, स्वराक्षर (స్వరాక్షర) (अ, इ, उ, ऋ, लृ, ए, ओ, ऐ,
 (starting from the index 1 to 17).
I. 2(i) Place values in powers of 10 of the numerals of मूलवर्गाक्षर from क् to म् (लుภలదెగాఁక్ష్షర 干ో నింద యో దేరేగే) is denoted with one group of eight sets of even powers of ten (starting from the index 0 to 16).
(ii) Place values in powers of 10 of the numerals of मूलअवर्गाक्षर from य् to ह्
 ten (starting from the index 1 to 17).

Table I. 2

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Vowels of Dev, Telugu. (Times New Roman) | a | 1 | u | Ru | 1Ru | E | O | ai | au |
| स्वराक्षर | अ | इ | 3 | ऋ | लূ | ए | ओ | ऐ | औ |
| $\vec{N}_{\text {®® }}$ రలక్షరర | ๑ | ワ | ¢0 | మ゙ | $e^{2}$ | ఉ | ఓ | ¢ | æ |
| Place-values in powers of ten to <br>  | $10^{0}$ | $10^{2}$ | $10^{4}$ | $10^{6}$ | $10^{8}$ | $10^{10}$ | $10^{12}$ | $10^{14}$ | $10^{16}$ |
| Place-values in powers of ten to <br>  | $10^{1}$ | $10^{3}$ | $10^{5}$ | $10^{7}$ | $10^{9}$ | $10^{11}$ | $10^{13}$ | $10^{15}$ | $10^{17}$ |



 గుృణితలక్షరదదల్లి బళాసిరుతు లుదలळరరణ యిరళా.
(Ref. page 8 in this paper)

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$\rightsquigarrow_{\mathrm{e}}=\left[\left(\hookleftarrow^{\gamma}+\right.\right.$ ఱో $\left.) \cdot \Theta\right]=[(5+25) \times 1]=[30 \times 1]=\left[3 \times\left(10^{1}\right)\right]$ = య = [(యో) . అ] = [3 x (10 $\left.\left.{ }^{1}\right)\right]$




 గుత్తుస్యంఖ్యోగళు శృఱుఱాగి 3 రింద్ 10.



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 లుదృळరణణ: वि $=($ व् x इ $)=(£)=\left(\omega^{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{x}\right.$ ఇ $)=(6 \times 1000)=\left(6 \times 10^{3}\right)=6000$.




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Number of revolutions made by (Geo-centric) Planets in a Yuga ( $=43,20,000$ years $)$ mentioned in Aryabhatiya through the Devnagari script are only Cryptic.
The same Cryptic words may be adapted to other language scripts, and describe the values of number of revolutions of Geo-centric Planets in a mahayuga stated in Aryabhatiya of Aryabhata-I (499 AD).

## III. Sloka denoting the Number of revolutions of Geo-centric planets in Aryabhatiya Cryptic Devnagari Numerals in Devnagari \& Kannada: -

युग रविभगणाः ख्युघृ, शशि चयगियिडुशुछ्टल्ट, शनि ढुङ्विघ्व, गुरु खिव्रिच्युभ, कुज भद्लिझुनुख़, बुध सुगुशिथृन, भृगु जषबिखुछु II [(2)p.18]



## III. (i) Explanation of Cryptic Devnagari Numerals in Devnagari \& Kannada: -


Moon, सोम ; चयगियिङु•शुछृल,, ઍయగియి๖ఙులుழృలృ $=5,77,53,336$,

Jupitor, गुरु; खिच्युभ, શిرఒஞ్యభ = 3,64,224,
Mars, कुज (मङ्गळ) ; భౌద్లిఝునుखృ $=22,96,824$,

Venus, भृगु ; जषब्खिछुछृ , ఒळబెखిఖృృృ $=70,22,388$.

## III (ii). Expansion of Cryptic Devnagari Numerals in Devnagari \& Kannada:

These numerical values could be verified by the application of the above Aryabhatiya Cryptic numeral system adapted to Kannada Script.


$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { ख्युघृ }=(\text { ख् } \mathbf{x} 3)+(\text { य् } \mathbf{x} 3)+(\text { घ् } \mathbf{x} \text { ॠ) }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\left(2 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(3 \times 10^{5}\right)+\left(4 \times 10^{6}\right)=4320000
\end{aligned}
$$


चयगियिडुशुछृल

ઍయయియి)ఙులుృృృృ
$=($ ङో.అ)+(యో.అ)+(గో.ఇ) + (యో.ఇ) + (జో.లు) + (లో.ల) + (భో.య) +(లో.య)
$=\left(6 \times 10^{0}\right)+\left(3 \times 10^{1}\right)+\left(3 \times 10^{2}\right)+\left(3 \times 10^{3}\right)+\left(5 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(7 \times 10^{5}\right)+\left(7 \times 10^{6}\right)+\left(5 \times 10^{7}\right)$
$=57753336$


Jupitor ; गुरु ; खिच्युभ, จిرچ్యృభ $=3,64,224$;

Mars, कुज (मङ्गळ) ; భద్లిఝునుఖృ $=22,96,824$
भद्लिझुनुखृ $=($ भ् . अ) + (द्. इ) + (ल्. इ) + (झ्. उ) + (न्. उ) + (ख्. ॠ)
భాద్లిఝునుఎృ $=(భ$. అ) + (దో. ఇ) + (లో . ఇ) + (ఝో . లు) + (నో . లు) + (ఖో . య)

$$
=(24 \times 1)+\left(18 \times 10^{2}\right)+\left(5 \times 10^{3}\right)+\left(9 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(20 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(2 \times 10^{6}\right)
$$

$$
=22,96,824 .
$$



Venus, भृगु ; जषब्खिछु , జळబిఖుఘృ $=70,22,388$;

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$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { जषबिखुछृ }=(\text { ज् . अ) }+ \text { (ष् . अ) }+ \text { (भ्. इ) }+(\text { ख् . उ) }+(छ ् \text {. ऋ) }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =(8 \times 1)+(8 \times 10)+\left(23 \times 10^{2}\right)+\left(2 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(7 \times 10^{6}\right) \\
& =70,22,388
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\left(9 \times 10^{5}\right)+\left(3 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(7 \times 10^{3}\right)+\left(17 \times 10^{6}\right)+(20 \times 1) \\
& =1,79,37,020
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { खिच्युभ }=\left(\text { ख् . इ) }+(\text { र् . इ })+\left(\text { च् . उ) }+\left(\text { य् . उ) }+(भ ~ . ~ अ) ~_{\text {. }}\right.\right.\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\left(2 \times 10^{2}\right)+\left(4 \times 10^{3}\right)+\left(6 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(3 \times 10^{5}\right)+(24 \times 1)=3,64,224 .
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \text { ढुङ्विघ्व = (ढ् . उ) + (ङ् . इ) + (व्. इ) + (घ् . अ) + (व्. अ) }
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\left(14 \times 10^{4}\right)+\left(5 \times 10^{2}\right)+\left(6 \times 10^{3}\right)+(4 \times 1)+(6 \times 10)=1,46,564 .
\end{aligned}
$$

III（a）．Table showing The number of Revolutions（velocity）of（Geo－centric）Planets in a Yuga（43，20，000 yrs．）arranged in the increasing order in Aryabhatiya Cryptic Numerals and in International Numerals．

Table III（a）

|  ఱేరిభెఱుణః గుఱ్తె－సై్శె－A Chart |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  <br>  |  |  |
| English | देवनागरि | ఫన్నుઢ | देवनागार | గృఱ్త－సై్ร | International numeral |
| Saturn | शनि | రన | ढुङविघ्व | ${ }_{\text {¢ }}^{\text {N }}$ | 1，46，564 |
| Jupiter | गुरु | กురు | खिच्युभ | 2）${ }^{\text {\％}}$ | 3，64，224 |
| Mars | कज， मझ्वाळ | むひ， ఱృంగెళ | भद्लिझुनुख़ | భెద్లఝునెబ్ | 22，96，24 |
| Sun （Earth） | रवि，（भुवि） | రైి， （భుఱి） | ख्युघृ | 20sc\％్త | 43，20．000 |
| Venus | शुक्र | రొす | जषबिखुछ्ट | ఝ๗జభి2ు¢ృ | 70，22，388 |
| Mercury | बुध | బుధ | सुगुशिथृन | సులగెకిథ్pృ | 1，79，37．020 |
| Moon | सोम | バ・¢び | चयगियिङ्वुशुछृल |  | 5，77，53，336 |

III（b）．Comparison of Sidereal periods based on Aryabhatiya values of number of revolutions of Geo－centric planets in a Mahayuga（43，20，000 yrs）（5th c AD），with the Present－day Recorded Sidereal periods：－

Table IIII（b）

|  <br>  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  <br>  |  |  |  <br>  |  |  |  | Sidereal period |
| Names of Planets． | भुकेन्द्रितग्रह |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { देवनागारि } \\ & \text { गुप्त-सइ्य्य } \end{aligned}$ | దొఇైాగగం గుత్తె－స్ $\mathrm{Z}{ }_{5}^{5}$ |  | అabrukifab <br>  |  |
| Saturn | शनि | రనన | ढु＇झविघ्व | ¢0）జidus | 1，46，564 | 29.48 yrs | 29.46 yrs |
| Jupiter | गुरु | గురు | खिच्युम |  | 3，64，224 | 11.86 yrs | 11.86 yrs |
| Mars | कुज， मझ्गळ | あజజ，ఱృంగ゙ళ＇ | भदलिझुनुख़ | భభద్లిఝునేబ్ల | 22，96，24 | 687 days | 687 days |
| Sun （Earth） | रवि，（भुवि） | ర్వి，（భึ入్ర） | ख्युघ | 20్వ⿳亠丷厂犬 | 43，20．000 | 365.26 days | $\begin{gathered} 365.26 \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}$ |
| Venus | शुक्र | ठుす | जषबिखुछ्ट्र | జడ్రినుఱ్ | 70，22，388 | 224.69 days | $\begin{gathered} 224.69 \\ \text { days } \end{gathered}$ |
| Mercury | बुध | బధ＇ | सुगुशिथृन | तుగగకకిक్నే | 1，79，37．020 | 87.97 days | 87.97 days |
| Moon | सोम | Merab | चयगियिइ्गुशुक्टत् | జ＇య | 5，77，53，336 | 27.32 days | 27.32 days |

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Formulae to convert Aryabhatiya cryptic numerals of the number of revolutions of Geocentric planets to their sidereal periods are;

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\text { Sidereal period }=\frac{43,20,000}{\text { number of revolutions of the planet }} \text { years }
$$

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\text { Sidereal period }=\frac{43,20,000}{\text { number of revolutions of the planet }} \times 365.26 \text { days }
$$


#### Abstract

Comparison of Sidereal periods based on Aryabhatiya values of number of revolutions of Geo-centric planets in a Mahayuga (43,20,000 yrs) (5th c AD), with the Present-day Recorded Sidereal periods is really, an astonishing eye-opener about our rich heritage.




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