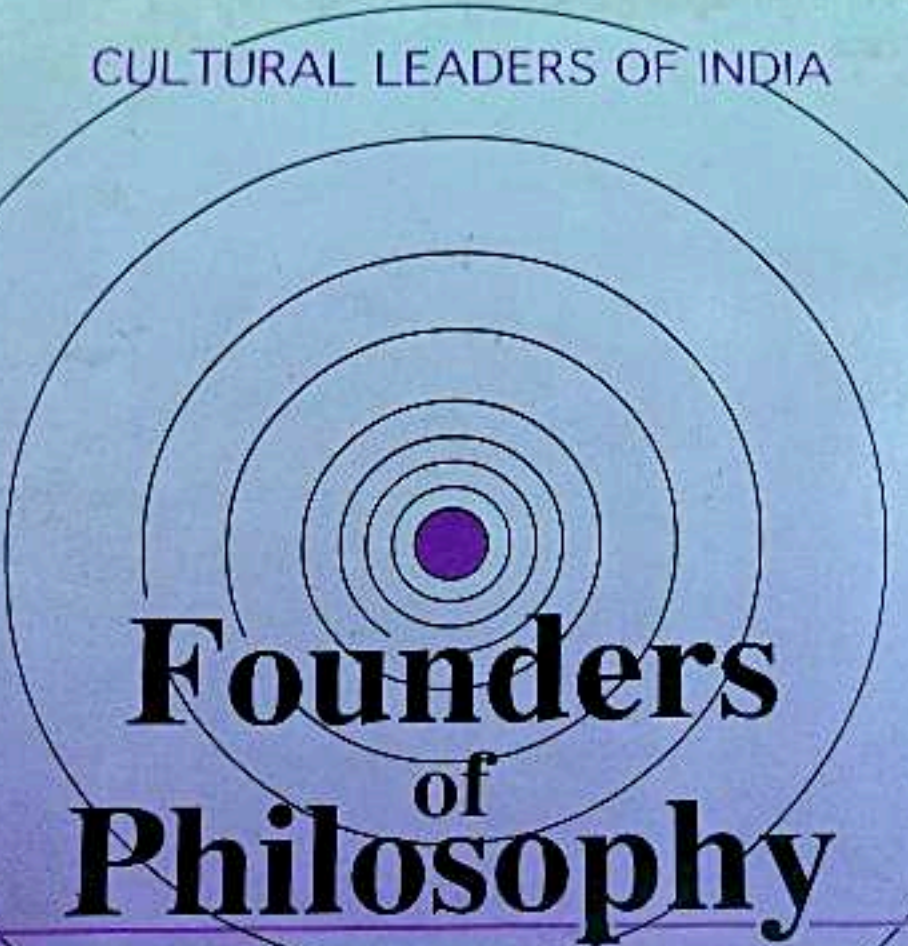


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## PREFACE

The series of booklets entitled "Cultural Leaders of India" is intended to create better and greater awareness of Indian culture among the general reading public.

In the series, there are about 125 names of outstanding figures in Indian literature and thought who have moulded the mind, life and thought of the people - poets and dramatists, founders of philosophical systems and religious movements, social philosophers, writers on science, aestheticians, hymnists, mystics and composers

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This booklet deals with the founders of the six philosophical systems. Of the different branches of knowledge which the ancient Indian mind developed, the high water-mark is represented by the schools of philosophy. Indian tradition itself

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Indian philosophy represents the world's oldest philosophical tradition. It has had not only the longest and most continuous development, but also a rich and varied growth.

The ancient Indian mind revelled in philosophical speculations from which emerged six schools of philosophy, popularly known as darsanas. Each school or system is associated with a sage as its first promulgator—Samkhya with Kapila, Yoga with Patanjali, Vaishesika with Kanada, Nyaya with Gautama, Mimamsa with Jaimini and Vedanta with Badarayana.

The system evolved in India as a result of the great thought ferment that characterised the post-Vedic age of thinkers.

This volume provides a glimpse into the personality and the contribution of these great philosophers. It also mentions their contribution to the building up and enrichment of Indian culture.



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