

# Indian Philosophy – Schools and Founders

This table summarizes the six classical schools of Indian philosophy (Darshanas) and their principal founders or authors. These pairs are often asked in reasoning and general knowledge analogy questions.

Philosophical School	Founder / Author	Notes
Sāṃkhya	Kapila	Founder of Sāṃkhya philosophy.
Yoga	Patañjali	Systematiser of Yoga through the Yoga Sūtras.
Nyāya	Gautama (Akṣapāda Gautama)	Author of Nyāya Sūtras; school of logic.
Vaiśeṣika	Kaṇva	Atomistic school of physics and metaphysics.
Pūrva-Mīmāṃsā	Jaimini	Focuses on Vedic rituals and interpretation (Mīmāṃsā).
Vedānta (Uttara-Mīmāṃsā)	Bhādarāyana (Vyāsa)	Author of Brahma Sūtras; emphasizes ultimate reality.
Arthashastra / Statecraft	Chanakya (Kautilya / Viśākhagupta)	Author of Arthashastra on politics and economics.

**Analogy examples:**

Sāṃkhya : Kapila :: Yoga : Patañjali  
Nyāya : Gautama :: Mīmāṃsā : Jaimini  
Arthashastra : Chanakya