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*Āryabhāṭīyam of Āryabhaṭa with the Commentary of Bhāskara and Someśvara*, critically edited by K.S. Shukla, 1976, Rs. 40.00 \$ 13.00.

*Āryabhāṭīya of Āryabhaṭa with the Commentary of Sūryadeva Yajvan* Edited by K.V. Sarma with Introduction and appendices, 1976, Rs. 25.00, \$ 8.00.

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*Śiṣyadhivr̥dhida Tantra of Lalla, New Delhi, 1981.*

Part – I, Critically Edited by Bina Chatterjee with commentary of Mallikarjuna Suri, Rs. 4500; \$ 15.00.

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An authoritative text of Indian Astronomy written By Lalla (7th Century A.D.) in 22 chapters, following Aryabhatan school of astronomy.

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*Science and Technology in Medieval India – A Bibliography of Source Materials in Sanskrit, Arabic and Persian* by A. Rahman, M.A. Alvi, S.A. Khan Ghori and K.V. Samba Murthy, 1982, Rs. 200.00, \$ 70 00.

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*The Śulba Sūtras of Baudhāyana, Āpastamba, Kātyāyana and Mānava with Text, English translation and Commentary* by S.N. Sen and A.K. Bag, 1983; Rs. 85.00, \$ 30.00.

Four Śulba Sūtras by Baudhāyana, Āpastamba, Kātyāyana and Mānava of the pre-Christian era have been edited, translated and commented upon. The Śulba Sūtras are of special importance because these deal with the rules for the necessary measures and constructions of the various sacrificial fire altars, involving geometrical propositions, construction and mathematical discoveries.

*\*Vedaṅga Jyotiṣa of Lagadha in its R.K. and Yajus Recensions with the Translation and Notes of T.S. Kuppana Sastry critically edited by K.V. Sarma, 1985, Rs. 25.00, \$ 8.00.*

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*\*Science and Technological Exchanges between India and Soviet Central Asia (Medieval Period)* Editor, B.V. Subbarayappa, 1985, Rs. 125.00, \$ 42.00.

The Seminar Proceedings of the first Indo-Soviet bilateral seminar on History of Science giving details of scientific and cultural heritage and interaction that took place between two regions-India and Central Asia.

*History of Astronomy in India, Editors:* S.N. Sen & K.S. Shukla, 1985, 200.00, \$ 100.00, £ 50.00.

Narrates astronomical development in India from antiquity to modern times. Thirteen experts contributed to areas like survey of Sanskrit, Arabic and Persian sources and studies made on these sources. A survey of twentieth century astronomy in India makes the reading interesting.

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*Ancient Glass India* By S.N. Sen and Mamata Chaudhuri, 1985, Price Rs. 100.00. \$ 35.00.

The book traces the history of glass, the techniques of glass manufacture and trade since and millennium B.C. to 14th century A.D. with special reference to Indian based on both literary and archasological efficiencies.

*A Critical study of Laghumānasa of Mañujla (A D 932)* by K S Shukla, 1990; Rs. 150; \$ 50.00.

The Astronomical Text is critically edited with commentary and English translation.

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Contains documented materials and critical analysis of the development of scientific and technical education in India during the 18th-19th century. A rich source book to all scholars interested in the history of education specially in technical and science education and is useful for formulation of policies and strategies of higher education in India.

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A very popular Sanskrit text of medieval period on Indian alchemy and pharmaceuticals; an authentic English translation, useful for modern scientists. This contains useful information on essential pharmaceutical processes, apparatuses, heating devices, etc.

*History of Medicine in India*, Editor: P.V. Sharma, 1992, Rs. 350.00 \$ 120.00.

The book contains contributions of well known international scholars making a systematic survey of Pre-vedic, Vedic and Post-Vedic literature dealing with medicine, followed by studies on different traditions of Ayurveda, medicinal plants, general medicine, preventive and social medicine, surgery, obstetrics and gynaecology, pediatrics, promotive therapy, toxicology, pharmacology and other topics besides basic concepts of ayurveda and Siddha medicine. The role of Indian medicine vis-a vis world medicine as a whole has also been highlighted in a perspective manner.

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