

# The Marriage Systems Mirrored in the

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Purāas, the Hindu religious scriptures, are invaluable treasures of the world literature. These Purāas constitute a vast sector of the rich Sanskrit literature and are a great literary public property. In Indian literature, the Purāas occupy a unique position. Generally the word *Purāa* signifies ‘old traditional story’ (*Purāam ākhyānam*)<sup>1</sup>. Besides the *Purāas* are said to be a store house of civilization, history and culture of ancient India. The *Mārkaeyapurāa* containing 9000 verses, is one of the oldest and most important of the extant Mahāpurāas and included into the Rājaṣikapurāas. Among the different topics of discussion, this purāa contains some information regarding marriage also. This paper is an attempt to discuss about marriage system reflected in the *Mārkaeyapurāa*. The methodology of the paper is descriptive and analytical.