



B.A	Semester: I	Credits: 4
Course: 1	Ancient Indian History & Culture (From Indus Valley Civil. to 13 Century A.D)	Hrs/Wk: 5

Learning Outcomes:

After successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- Identify and define various kinds of sources and understand how history books are shaped
- Compare and contrast various stages of progress from IVC to Vedic age and analyze the Jain, Buddhist and Vedic faiths
- Increase the awareness and appreciation of Transition from Territorial States to Emergence of Empires
- Analyze the emergence of the Mauryan and Gupta empires during the “classical age” in India
- Evaluate the key facets of ancient society, polity and culture in South India—the feudalism, and the rise of technology and commerce.
- Critically examine the nature of monarchic rule and develop an comprehensive understanding of cultural evolution during ancient period
- Visualize where places are in relation to one another through map pointing

UNIT -I :

Ancient Indian Civilization (from Circa 3000 BC to 6th BC): Indus Valley Civilization - Salient Features; Vedic Age - Society, Polity, Economy, Culture during early and later Vedic period.

UNIT II:

Ancient Indian History & Culture (6th Century BC to 2nd Century AD): Doctrines and Impact of Jainism and Buddhism; Mauryan Administration, Society, Economy & Culture - Ashoka's Dhamma; Kanishka's Contribution to Indian Culture.

UNIT-III:

History & Culture of South India (2nd Century BC to 8th Century AD): Sangam Literature; Administration, Society, Economy and Culture under Satavahanas; Cultural contribution of Pallavas.

UNIT-IV:

India from 3rd century AD to 8th century AD: Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Literature and Science & Technology under Guptas – Samudragupta; Cultural contribution of Harsha: Arab Conquest of Sind and its Impact.

UNIT -V:

History and Culture of South India (9th century AD to 13th century AD): Local Self Government of Cholas; Administration, Society, Economy and Culture under Kakatiyas – Rudram Dev



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Mandatory Co-Curricular Activity:

Map pointing should be a compulsory activity as it helps student to understand vividly and clearly than the text and should be made part of Internal Examination by allotting 10 marks out of 25 marks for this skill-based activity.

Suggested Co-Curricular Activities

- Cultural Clubs
- Assignments
- Student seminars
- Literature surveys and book reviews
- Map pointing
- Individual / Group Field Studies
- Co-operative learning
- Students can be asked to create a calendar charting the dates of key events
- Students should be asked to prepare an inventory of items preserved in the museum and their usage
- Encourage the habit of Numismatics
- Collection of news reports and maintaining a record of paper-cuttings relating to topics covered in syllabus
- Group Discussions on problems relating to topics covered by syllabus
- Examinations (Scheduled and surprise tests)
- Any similar activities with imaginative thinking beyond the prescribed syllabus