

Detailed Syllabus

Curriculum Designed for UG		Grant – in - aid
Semester: 1	Course No.: 113	Course Code: MI HIS 113 Course Title: Ancient India: History, Archaeology and Culture (Pre-History to 6th B.C.)
Credits:	04	Course Category: Minor

Course Objectives:

Number	Objective
Objective 1:	To understand the sources of ancient Indian history, especially archaeological, literary, and material evidence related to early India.
Objective 2:	To study the features and significance of prehistoric cultures, including Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, and Chalcolithic phases in the Indian subcontinent.
Objective 3:	To examine the origin, extent, urban features, economy, religion, and decline of the Indus Valley Civilization.
Objective 4:	To analyze the Vedic Age with reference to political institutions, social structure, economy, and religious life.
Objective 5:	To evaluate the transition from tribal society to early state formation in Later Vedic India.
Objective 6:	To develop an understanding of the cultural and intellectual background leading to the emergence of new religious movements before the 6th century B.C.

Course Outcomes: On successful completion of the course, the learner will be able to

CO#	COGNITIVE ABILITIES	COURSE OUTCOMES
CO1	REMEMBERING	Identify major sources of ancient Indian history including archaeological and literary sources.
CO2	UNDERSTANDING	Explain the socio-economic and cultural features of Prehistoric and Harappan civilizations.
CO3	APPLYING	Apply knowledge of Vedic society to understand early Indian institutions.
CO4	ANALYSING	Analyze the political and religious developments of the 6th century B.C. including Buddhism and Jainism.
CO5	EVALUATING	Evaluate the contribution of ancient Indian civilization to world heritage.
CO6	CREATING	Develop informed interpretations about the cultural and intellectual background leading to the emergence of new religious movements before the 6th century B.C.

Course Contents:

Unit No.	Unit Contents	Sessions Allotted
1	1.1 Sources for Studying Indian - Archaeological Sources - Literary Sources - Oral Tradition 1.2 Pre-History of India - Paleolithic Culture - Mesolithic Culture - Neolithic Culture	15
2	2.1 Aspects of Harappan Civilization - Town Planning - Economic Condition - Religion and Culture 2.2 Aspects of Lothal and Dholavira	15
3	3.1 Rigvedic period - Political System - Society - Religion - Position of Women 3.2 Later Vedic Period - Literature – Samveda, Atharvaveda, Yajurveda, Ramayana, Mahabharata, Purans, Upnishads - Political System - Scoeity - Religion - Change in Position of Women	15
4	4.1 Gautam Buddha: Life and Work as a Reformer 4.2 Mahavir Swami: Life and Work as a Reformer 4.3 Political Situation in the 6thCent. BC :16 Mahajanapadas and Rise of Magadha	15

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