

Detailed Syllabus

Curriculum Designed for UG		Grant – in – aid
Semester: 2	Course No.: 121	Course Code: DSC – M HIS 121 Course Title: Ancient India: History, Archaeology and Culture (5th Century B.C. to 650 A.D.)
Credits:	04	Course Category: Major

Course Objectives:

Number	Objective
Objective 1:	To understand the major political developments in India from the age of the Mahajanapadas to the rise of early medieval states up to 650 A.D.
Objective 2:	To examine the emergence and expansion of important empires such as the Mauryas, Kushanas, Satavahanas, and Guptas.
Objective 3:	To study the role of archaeological sources, inscriptions, coins, and literature in reconstructing ancient Indian history.
Objective 4:	To analyze the development of religious traditions including Buddhism, Jainism, and Brahmanical practices during this period.
Objective 5:	To evaluate the growth of art, architecture, sculpture, literature, and science in ancient India.
Objective 6:	To develop an understanding of the social and cultural institutions that shaped early Indian civilization between the 5th century B.C. and 650 A.D.

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

CO#	COGNITIVE ABILITIES	COURSE OUTCOMES
CO1	REMEMBERING	List major dynasties such as Maurya, Kushan, and Gupta.
CO2	UNDERSTANDING	Explain administrative and cultural developments of ancient empires.
CO3	APPLYING	Apply historical understanding to interpret Ashoka's Dhamma and governance.
CO4	ANALYSING	Analyze socio-political transformations during Gupta and post-Gupta period.
CO5	EVALUATING	Evaluate contributions of ancient Indian rulers and their legacy.
CO6	CREATING	Students will be able to develop structured historical interpretations of early historic Indian polity and culture through critical assessment of different rulers.

Course Contents:

Unit No.	Unit Contents	Sessions Allotted
1	India between 5 th B.C to 3 rd B.C. 1.1 Impact of Iranian and Greek Invasion on India 1.2 Mauryan Age - Chandragupta Maurya - Ashoka – Political and Religious Policy - Mauryan Administration Decline of Mauryan Empire	15
2	India between 2 nd B.C. to 3 rd A.D. 2.1 Shunga Dynasty, Pushyamitra Shung 2.2 Shakas and Pahalav Rulers 2.3 Kushan Dynasty: Political, Administrative and Cultural Achievement of Kanishka	15
3	The Gupta Age 3.1 Chandragupta-I, Samudragupta 3.2 Chandragupta-II (Vikramaditya) and Skandgupta 3.3 The Gupta Administration: Central and Provincial	15
4	4.1 Cultural Development during Gupta Period 4.2 Decline of Gupta Dynasty 4.3 Harshavardhan: Political & Cultural achievements	15

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