



CLUSTER UNIVERSITY OF SRINAGAR

SYLLABUS (FYUP UNDER NEP 2020)

UG- 2nd Semester

Subject: History

Course Title: History of India-II (Major)

Course Code: UGHIS22J201

Contact Hrs: 60 (Theory: 45, Tutorial: 15)

Total Credits: 04 :(Theory: 03; Tutorial/Practical = 01)

Max. Marks: 100

Theory External: 75

Tutorial (Internal): 25 Marks

Objectives:

The course deals with the remote past of Indian subcontinent, after the advent of Mauryas. The learner will be acquainted with the various cultures, chiefdoms, kingdoms and empires that flourished in the Indian subcontinent after the Mauryans. It focuses on the achievements especially in the field of polity, economy and culture. The paper aims at enabling the students to understand the origin growth and development of different socio-economic and political structures in the broader context of Indian sub-continent.

Learning Outcomes: The students are expected:

- To understand the importance related to Mauryan and Post Mauryan periods in Indian History.
- To understand the origin, growth and development of various cultures in India's Ancient Past.
- To appreciate the importance of various processes of interaction and accommodation in the making of Indian plural culture, after the Indo-Greek invasion.
- To understand the contribution made by Indians in the field of polity, economy and culture.
- To understand and appreciate the role of history in inculcating human values.
- To appreciate and acquaint students with regional heritage.

Unit I.	Mauryan Empire: India's first great Empire
	a) Foundation of the Empire: Chandragupta Maurya and Bindusara b) Expansion and Consolidation under Ashoka: A Special reference to Dhamma c) Administration and Economy under Mauryas d) Decline of the Empire: A Debate
Unit II.	Post-Mauryan Polities
	a) Society, Economy and Polity under Indo-Greeks b) Society, Economy and Polity under Sakas-Pahlavas c) Society, Economy and Polity under Kushans d) Popular Religious traditions from 200 BCE to 300 CE
Unit III.	Guptas: A Classical Age for North India
	a) Foundation and Nature of Gupta Empire b) Problem of Urban Decline: Economy and Trade under Guptas c) Agrarian expansion, land grants and changing production relations d) Art, Literature and major Religious Developments.
Tutorials	
Assignment/Group Discussions/Presentation/Quiz/Book Review/Field Survey (Followed by Viva Voce)	
Unit IV.	a) Making a Collage of Different inscriptions related to Mauryan Period b) Map Work: identifying important towns and Trading centres under Mauryans and Guptas c) Visual History: Evaluation of Historical Documentary Serial, Bharat Ek Khoj, Episodes 11 to 14 d) Book Review of Chanakya's Arthshastra.

Suggested Readings:

- Agarwal, D.P. *The Archeology of India*, 1985.
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- Habib, Irfan. *A People's History-Vol-I Pre-History*. 2001.
- Majumdar, R.C. and Pusalkar, A.D. (edited): *The History and Culture of Indian People Vol.1 (Vedic Age) and Vol II (The Age of imperial Unity)*
- Raychaudhary, H.C. *Political History of Ancient India*. Rev Edition, 1996 by B.N. Mukherjee
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- Sankalia, H.D. *Prehistory and Protohistory of India and Pakistan*, Poona, 1974.
- Sastri, K.A. Nilakanta: *A History of South India, from Prehistoric Times to the fall of Vijayanagar*. Orford University Press, 1955.
- Sharma, R.S. *Advent of the Aryans in India*. Manohar, Delhi, 1999.
- Sharma, R.S. *India's Ancient Past*. Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2005.
- Singh, Upinder: *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, from Stone Age to early Medieval India*. 2008. Pearson, New Delhi.
- Thapar, Romila: *Early India from the Beginning to 1300*, London, 2002.