



# **CLUSTER UNIVERSITY SRINAGAR**

**Gogji-Bagh, Srinagar-190008**

**UG-1<sup>st</sup> Semester (NEP)**

**Subject: - History**

**Course Title: History of India –I (Major)**

**Course Code: UGHIS22J101**

**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**

## **Course Objectives:**

The course deals with the remote past of Indian subcontinent, before the advent of Mauryas. The learner will be acquainted with the various stone-age cultures, Civilizations, chiefdoms, kingdoms and empires that flourished in the Indian subcontinent and shaped the various facets of Indian life. It focuses on the achievements of Indians in the field of polity, economy and culture. The course aims at enabling the students to understand the origin, growth and development of different socio-economic and political structures.

## **Learning Outcomes/Students are expected:**

- To understand the significance of various categories of sources in the construction and reconstruction of past.
- To understand the origin, growth and development of various cultures in Indian Subcontinent.
- To appreciate the importance of various processes of interaction and accommodation in the formation of Indian Plural culture.
- To appreciate the contribution made by Indians in the field of polity, economy and culture.
- To appreciate the role of history in inculcating human values.
- To appreciate the role and contribution of Indians towards global civilization/ human civilization manifested in Indian sub-continental context.
- To understand and value how ideas, people and Institutions in Early India have contributed in the making and shaping of India.

## **Unit I: Sources, Historiography and Pre-Historic India**

- i) Major Categories of Sources and Historiographical Trends
- ii) Paleolithic Period: Sites and characteristic features.
- iii) Mesolithic Period: Sites and characteristic features.
- iv) Neolithic Period: Sites, characteristic features and significance.

## **Unit II: Proto-History of Indian Subcontinent**

- i) Emergence of Harappan Civilization: Origin and extent
- ii) Society, Economy and Culture of Mature Harappan Phase
- iii) Major urban Centres and their Town Planning : Harappa, Mohenjodaro, Dholavira and Lothal
- iv) Disappearance of Harappan Culture: Different Perspectives

### **Unit III: Vedic Age and Post -Vedic Age**

- i) Origin of Aryan People: Various Theories.
- ii) Early Vedic Age: Polity, Economy and Society.
- iii) Later Vedic Age: Changes in Polity, Economy and Society.
- iv) Vedic Religion and Philosophy: Major Trends.
- v) Towards Imperial Formation: Janapadas, Mahajanapadas and Rise of Magadha
- vi) Changing Economic Scenario; Second Urbanization: Features
- vii) Jainism & Buddhism as Non-Conformist Movements: Emergence and worldview.

### **Unit IV: Tutorial/Practical/Internals**

**01 Credit (25 Marks) 15 Hours**

- i. Map work: Identify Major Pre-historic sites in Indian Subcontinent.
- ii. Group Discussion on : Who were Indo-Aryans, Their origin, Question of the end of Harappan Civilization, Vedic Philosophy ,
- iii. Mini Project: Home/Locality as repository of source material of constructing history

### **Suggested Readings:**

- Thapar, Romila: Early India from the Beginning to 1300, London, 2002.
- Singh, Upinder: A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, From Stone Age to 12<sup>th</sup> Century, 2008, Pearson, New Delhi.
- Sharma, R.S: India's Ancient Past. Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2005.
- Sharma, R.S: Advent of Aryans in India, Manohar, Delhi.1999.
- Sastri, K.A Nilkanta: A History of South India, from Prehistoric Times to the fall of Vijayanagara, Oxford University Press, 1955.
- Sankalia, H.D. Prehistory and Protohistory of India and Pakistan, Poona , 1974
- Raychaudhary, H.C. Political History of Ancient India. Vol.III The Classical Age
- Basham, A.L. The Wonder that Was India.1971
- Allchin, F.R.A and Chakrabarti, B. The Origins of a Civilization. Delhi: Viking,1995
- Jha, D.N 1998, Ancient India : A Historical Outline, New Delhi