

## Syllabus

Course Title: Understanding India

Credit: 2

Value Added Course (VAC)

Course Code:

Maximum Marks: 50

Maximum Lectures to be delivered: 30

### Learning Objectives:

1. To make student aware of the trajectories of historical and cultural development of India and the making of unity in diversity
2. To understand the major forms and phases of freedom struggle
3. To make student aware of the major contributors to our struggle for independence
3. To familiarize students with the process of constitutional developments and its emergence as one of the largest democratic state in the world.
4. To make student aware of the major contributions of India to world civilization in the field of science and technology

### UNIT-I

- I. *Bharatavarsha*: concept and its evolution: Vedic, Epic and Puranic traditions and the making of Modern India
- II. State and Imperial formation: Rise of Janapadas, The Mauryas, the Kushanas, the Guptas, Pallava, Cholas and Vijayanagara empire
- III. Origin and growth of major religious streams: Vedic, Jainism, Buddhism, Bhakti and Sufism, BrahmoSamaj, Arya Samaj, Religious philosophy of Sri Aurobindo
- IV. Development of literary traditions: Panini, Kalidasa, Veda Vyasa, Valmiki

### UNIT-II

- I. India's Struggle for freedom: 1857 as the First War of Independence
- II. Important heroes of Freedom struggle: Birsa Munda, Bhagat Singh, Chandrasekhar Azad, Subhash Chandra Bose.
- III. Formation of India National Congress and Contribution of Mahatama Gandhi; Making of Indian constitution and its salient features.
- IV. Re-emergence of Swadeshi Movement in India; Flagship Programmes: Jan Dhan Yojana; Skill India Mission; Make in India; Atmanirban Bharat.

### UNIT-III

- I. India's contribution to the world: Medical science: Charaka, Sushruta;
- II. Mathematics and Astronomy: Aryabhatta, Baudhyana, Brahmagupta, Ramanujam,
- III. Physics: Kanad, P.C. Ray, Raman

### Readings:

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