

Syllabus

Major Course: History

Semester 01 / semester 02

Course 1.1 Minor Course, MH (History)

(For students not having History as a Major Course)

Course: MH 01

History of India from the Earliest Times to the Early Medieval Period

Unit	Course Details
01	<i>Sources of history - evolution from Paleolithic to Neolithic cultures – origin, development and decline of the Indus Valley (Harappan) Civilization – the Aryan question – polity, economy and society of Vedic India. - sixteen mahajanapadas – rise of Magadha – spread of protestant religions like Jainism and Buddhism and Ajivikism.</i>
02	<i>Consolidation of the Mauryan Empire – fundamentals of the Maurya administration -Asoka’s Policy of Dhamma - decline of the Mauryas – post-Maurya India – the Kushanas, Satavahanas and Tamil powers: Chera, Chola and Pandya; Sangam Age & Literature - Vaishnavism, Saivism and Tantricism.</i>
03	<i>Rise and fall of the Gupta Empire - debates on the Golden age (Gupta Literature, Arts and Science) - regional powers in Eastern and Northern India – the Gaudas and Sasanka – the Pushyabhutis under Harshabardhana – debate on feudalism in Ancient India.</i>
04	<i>From centralized to decentralized India - the Rajputs in North India - Palas and Senas in Bengal - kingdoms of the South – Rashtrakutas, Cholas, Chalukyas and Pallavas – polity, economy, society, religion and culture.</i>