

Kolhan University, Chaibasa
Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)
History, Code: MJ-1, Credits: 4, Sem-I

Major Paper-1

The Idea of Bharat

UNIT I: Concept of Bharatvarsha (15 lectures/contact hours)

- I. Understanding of Bharatvarsha
- II. Indian conception of time and space
- III. Indian Literature: Ved, Vedanga, Upanishads, Epics, Jain and Buddhist Literature, Smritis and Puranas

UNIT II: Indian Knowledge System, Art and Culture (15 lectures)

- I. Evolution and growth of language and script: Brahmi, Kharoshti, Pali, Prakrit, Sanskrit, etc
- II. Salient features of Indian art, architecture and culture
- III. Indian educational system

UNIT III: Dharma, Darshan and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (12 lectures)

- I. The concept of Dharma, Darshan Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- II. Polity and governance in Ancient India; Janpada and Gram Swarajya

UNIT IV: Science, Technology, Environment and Medicine (12 lectures)

- I. Science and technology in ancient India: An overview
- II. Environmental conservation: Indian views and practices
- III. The growth of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy
- IV. Indian numeral system and Mathematics

UNIT V Indian Economic Traditions (6 lectures)

- I. Indian economic thoughts
- II. Concept of land, forest and agriculture
- III. Industry and trade

Suggested Readings

- A. S. Altekar, *State and Government in Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1996
- A. L. Basham, *A Cultural History of India*, Oxford University Press, 1997
- A. L. Basham, *A Wonder that was India*, Rupa, New Delhi, 1994
- B. N. Mukherjee, *The Character of the Maurya Empire*, Kolkata, 2000

D.D. Kosambi, *The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Vikas, 1976

D.N. Jha, K.M.Srimali (eds), *Prachin Bharat ka Itihas*, Delhi University, 2007

D.N. Jha, *Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Manohar, New Delhi, 1998

D.N. Jha, *Prachin Bharat*, Hindi Madhyam Karyanvaya Nideshalay, Delhi University, 1995

D.N. Jha, *Economy and Society in Early India*, New Delhi, 1993

Edith Tomory, *A History of Fine Arts in India and the West*, Orient Blackswan, 2011

Hemchandra Raychudhuri, *Political History of Ancient India*, OUP, 1996

Irfan Habib, *Prehistory*, Tulika, New Delhi, 2001

J.L. Mehta, Sarita Mehta, *History of Ancient India*, Lotus Press, 2008

K.A.N. Sastri, *History of South India*, OUP, 1975

R.K. Mukherjee, *Prachin Bharat*, Raj Kamal Prakashan, New Delhi, 1990

R.S. Sharma, *India's Ancient Past*, OUP, 2005

R.S. Sharma, *Prarambhik Bharat ka Parichay*, Orient Longman, 2004

R.S. Sharma, *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1996

R.S. Sharma, *Perspectives in Social and Economic History of Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidass

R.S. Tripathi, *History of Ancient India*, Motilal Banarsidass, 1999

Romila Thapar, *The Penguin History Of Early India: From The Origins to AD 1300*, Penguin, 2003

S.C. Ghosh, *The History of Education in Ancient India*, Munshiram Manoharlal, 2011

Sheeren Ratnagar, *Understanding Harappa*, Tulika, 2001

U.N. Ghosal, *Studies in Indian History and Culture*, Orient Longman, 1965

Uma Chakravarti, *Trade and Traders in Early Indian Society*, New Delhi, 2007

Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From Stone Age to the 12th Century*, Pearson, 2009

Upinder Singh, Nayanjot Lahiri, *Ancient India: New Research*, OUP, 2010

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Minor Paper from Discipline-1

Contemporary India (1947-2000)

Unit I: Emergence of a New State (10 lectures/contact hours)

- I. Partition and its aftermath
- II. Integration of Princely States

Unit II: Making of the Republic (10 lectures)

- I. The Constituent Assembly
- II. Drafting of the Constitution and significant amendments up to 2000 A.D.
- III. Reorganisation of States

Unit III: Envisioning a New Order and Democracy at Work (20 lectures)

- I. India's foreign policy; Non Alignment movement; Panchasheel, SAARC, Commonwealth
- II. Planned economic development–Mixed economy; Five year plans
- III. Trade Union movement in the post-independence years
- IV. Women and politics: Hindu Code Bill; Status of Women in India Report

Unit III: Challenges before the Nation (20 lectures)

- I. Struggles within the Nation: Secessionist movements in Kashmir, Punjab and Assam
- II. Naxal Bari and Naxalite Movements, Caste politics in India
- III. Period of emergency and JP movement
- IV. Problem of communalism
- V. Challenges from outside: Chinese War, Pakistani Wars

Suggested Readings

- A. Beteille, *Democracy and its Institutions*, OUP 2012
- Bipan Chandra, et al, *India since Independence*, Penguin Books, 2007
- Christophe Jaffrelot, *The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics 1925 to 1990s*, 1999
- Daniel Thorner, *The Shaping of Modern India*, New Delhi, 1980
- Radha Kumar, *The History of Doing: An Illustrated Account of Movements for Women's Rights and Feminism in India 1800-1990*, Delhi, 1993
- Radha Kumar, *Stri Sangarsh Ka Itihas, 1800-1990*, Vaani Prakashan, 2005
- Ramchandra Guha, *The Unquiet Woods: Ecological Change and Peasant Resistance in the Himalaya*, Delhi, 1989
- Ramachandra Guha, *India After Gandhi*, Picador 2007
- Rajeev Bhargava, *Understanding Contemporary India*, Orient Blackswan 2010