

Kolhan University, Chaibasa  
Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)  
Common Courses, Credits: 2, Sem I

### **Common Courses**

## **Understanding India**

### **UNIT I: Introducing India**

- I. The Land of India: geographical setting; physical and natural environment
- II. The People of India: demography and languages
- III. The Name of our Country: Jambudvipa, Sindhu (Indus), Inde, Hind, Hindustan, Bharat India

### **UNIT II: The Heritage of India: Unity in Diversity**

- I. Architecture and Sculpture: Indus Valley town planning: rock cut architecture, major styles of temple, Mughal architecture, modern and contemporary architecture, stone and metal Sculpture
- II. Painting: Ajanta murals, Mughal paintings, Kangra paintings, Rajsthani paintings, Madhubani paintings, paintings of Jharkhand (Kohbar, Sohrai, Jadopatia, etc.)
- III. Language and Literature: Sanskrit, Prakrit, Pali and Persian; emergence of modern Indian languages and literature
- IV. Music and Dance: Overview of various forms of music and dances in India
- V. Science, Technology and Medicine: A general survey of the progress of science, technology and medicine in India from the ancient times to modern period

### **UNIT III: The Knowledge System of India**

- I. Traditional Knowledge System: Gurukuls, Pathshalas, Tols, Maktabas, Madrasas
- II. Beginnings of Modern Education: The British Government's educational policies
- III. Growth of higher and technical education in India

### **UNIT IV: The Indian Economy**

- I. Features of the Indian economy from past to present (agriculture, industry and trade)

### **UNIT V: The Making of Contemporary India**

- I. The struggle for Independence (1885-1947)
- II. Framing of the Indian Constitution; Concept of Fundamental Rights and Duties
- III. India's Foreign Policy: Main Elements (Non Alignement, Panchsheel)
- IV. Panchayati Raj in India with special reference to PESA in Jharkhand

### **Suggested Readings**

NCERT, classes 6-12 books on History, Political Science, Economics, Geography etc.

- A. L. Basham, *A Cultural History of India*, Oxford University Press, 1997
- A.L. Basham, *A Wonder that was India*, Rupa, New Delhi, 1994
- N.R. Ray, *An Approach to Indian Art*, Publication Bureau, Chandigarh, 1974
- Nayanjot Lahiri, *Marshaling the Past: Ancient India and its Modern Histories*, Permanent Black, 2012
- R.S. Sharma, *India's Ancient Past*, Oxford University Press, 2020
- R.C. Majumdar (ed.), *History and Culture of Indian People* (Relevant Volumes and Chapters), Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Bombay.
- S.C. Ghosh, *History of Education in Modern India, 1758-1986*, Orient Longman, Hyderabad, 1995
- Romila Thapar, *The Penguin History of Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300*, Penguin India, 2003
- Tirthankar Ray, *The Economic History of India 1857-1947*, OUP, 2006
- Vijay Joshi and I.M.D. Little, *India's Economic Reforms, 1991-2001*, OUP, 1996

