

Kolhan University, Chaibasa  
Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)  
History, IRC-01, Credits: 3, Sem-I

## **Introductory Courses**

### **History**

**Unit I: Discovering the Past:** nature, scope and importance of History (**5 lectures**)

**Unit II: Early Human Beings:** Old Stone Age, Middle Stone Age, New Stone Age; The early villages and settled life; Beginnings of city life; The Indus Valley Civilization (**8 lectures**)

**Unit III: A Land called Jambudvipa:** names of our country; the landscape, mountains and rivers (**4 lectures**)

**Unit IV: Some Great Personalities of Indian History:** Asoka, Samudragupta, Razia Sultan, Krishnadev Rai, Akbar, Raja Rammohan Roy, Pandita Ramabai, Jyotiba Phule, Dadabhai Naoroji, Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (**10 lectures**)

**Unit V: Living in British Times;** march to freedom (1857-1947): an outline history (**12 lectures**)

**Unit VI: Applications of History:** Archives, museums, libraries, tourism and academics (**6 lectures**)

### **Suggested readings**

NCERT books (classes 6-12)

A. L. Basham, *A Wonder that was India*, Rupa, New Delhi, 1994

Amartya Sen, *The Argumentative Indian: Writings on Indian History, Culture and Identity*, Penguin 2006

Andrew Robinson, *India: A Short History*, Thames and Hudson, 2014

Bipan Chandra, *Aadhunik Bharat*, Orient Blackswan, 2005

Craig Jeffrey, *Modern India: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford, 2018

Herman Kulke and Deitmar Rothermund, *A History of India*, Taylor and Francis, 2016

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

Satish Chandra, *Madhyakaleen Bharat: Rajnit, Samaj aur Sanskriti*, Orient Blackswan, 2020

Sue Hamilton, *Indian Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction*, Oxford, 2001

Tony Joseph, *Early Indians: The story of our ancestors and where we came from*, Juggernaut, 2021

