

Kolhan University, Chaibasa  
Four Year Undergraduate Programme (FYUGP)  
History, MJ-1, Credits: 6, Sem-I

## **Major Paper-1**

# **The Idea of Bharat**

### **UNIT I: Concept of Bharatvarsha (15 lectures)**

- 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, Philosophy and Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (20 lectures)**

- I. Indian perception of Dharma and Darshan
- II. The concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam
- III. Polity and governance
- IV. The concept of Janpada and Gram Swarajya

### **UNIT IV: Science, Technology, Environment and Medicine (20 lectures)**

- I. Science and technology in ancient India
- II. Environmental conservation: Indian view
- III. Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy
- IV. Indian numeral system and Mathematics

### **UNIT V Indian Economic Traditions (20 lectures)**

- I. Indian economic thoughts
- II. Concept of land, forest and agriculture
- III. Industry, inland trade
- IV. Maritime 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 Raychadhuri, *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

