

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

M.A. History, Third Semester

**Paper V (I.D.) – CULTURAL HISTORY OF INDIA (Inter Disciplinary)
(CORE)**

This course will give an overview of the cultural developments in India from ancient to modern times. It will also focus on the various religious reform movements in India.

Module-I: An Introduction to Indian Culture – Culture through Ages – Features of Indian Culture – Growth and Development of Languages and Literature.

Module-II: Religion and Philosophy – Ancient India – Religious Reform Movements in 6th Century B.C. – Hindu and Islamic Religious Reform Movements in Medieval India – Emergence of Composite Culture – Religious Reform Movements in Modern India.

Module-III: Indian Painting – Performing Arts - Music – Dance – Drama – Indian Architecture – Ancient – Medieval – Modern India.

Module-IV: Development of Science & Technology – Ancient – Medieval – Modern India.

SUGGESTED READINGS:

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