

B.A. History (Regular) Syllabus
according to Choice Based Credit System
(CBCS)

(As per TSCHE Model)

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B.A. (HISTORY) SYLLABUS

Semester - I

Paper -I: History of India (From Earliest Times to c.750 CE)
(DSC-101) Discipline Specific Course
(With Effect from 2025-2026 Onwards)

Module -I: History-Definitions - Nature and Scope - History and Its Relationship with other Social Sciences - Significance and Relevance of History- Evolution of Historical Methodology Digital and Public History - Geographical Features of India - Sources - Pre and Proto History, Stone Age Cultures - Agriculture - Pottery - Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Megalithic Cultures.

Module - II: Meluha - India's Early Identity - Trade Contacts - Indus Valley Civilization - Its Features & Decline; Comparative Analysis with Contemporary Civilizations (Egypt, Mesopotamia, China); Early Vedic and Later Vedic Civilizations - Vedic Literature - Society- Customs and Traditions- Literature- Purushasukta - Varna System - Economy- Polity, Religion.

Module - III: Rise of New Religious Movements: Charvakas - Lokayathas - Jainism and Buddhism-Principles and Liberation Path - Mahajanapadas-Rise of Cities: Second Urbanization- Guilds-Trade- Growth of Social and Material Life- Inter-faith Dialogues between Religions in Ancient India - Influence of Buddhism and Jainism on Southeast Asia - Rise of Magadha - Porus - Alexander's Invasion - Battle of Jhelum - Its Impact.

Module - IV: Foundation of the Mauryan Dynasty - Ashoka and His Dharma - Polity - Military - Espionage - Administration - Disintegration; Post-Mauryan Kingdoms - Indo-Greeks- Kushanas and Kanishka-Sungas-Satavahanas- Sangam Age: Literary Development - Society - Education - Economy - Trade Relations and Indian Ocean Trade, Science and Technology - Cultural Developments and Different Schools of Art and Architecture.

Module - V: Gupta Empire - Polity - Socio-Economic Conditions - Agriculture and Land Grants- Feudalism- Varna System - Harshavardhana - Sources - Literary Developments Great Kannauj and Prayag Assembly- Chinese Travelers - Cultural and Knowledge Exchanges - India and the World (Silk Route) - Role of Women in Ancient Indian Empires Ancient Indian Contributions to Science and Technology - Mathematics and Medicine - Educational Developments - Universities - Takshashila - Nalanda - and other Institutions Ancient India - Comparative Administrative Systems of Ancient India and Modern Governance.

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Recommended Books:

Sharma, R.S., Material Culture and Social Formation in Ancient India, Mac Millan, New Delhi, 1983.

Majumdar R.C(ed)., History and Culture of Indian people, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Bombay, 1960

A.L. Basham. The Wonder that was India. Rupa & Co., New Delhi, 2001.

Allchin, Bridget & Raymond. The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan. CUP, New Delhi, 1996.

D.D. Kosambi. The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline. Vikas Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., Noida, UP, 2001.

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E.H. Carr. What is History? Penguin Books, England, 1990.

Majumdar, R.C. History and Culture of the Indian People. Vols. I, II & III.

Nayanjot Lahiri. Ashoka In Ancient India. Permanent Black–Orient BlackSwan.

Nayanjot Lahiri. Marshalling the Past: Ancient India and its Modern Histories. Permanent Black–Orient BlackSwan.

Romila Thapar. Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas. OUP, New Delhi, 1995.

Romila Thapar. Early India (From the Earliest to AD 1300). Penguin Books, New Delhi, 2002.

Romila Thapar. A History of India, Vol. I. Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1990.

Romila Thapar. Ancient Indian Social History. Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd., 1978.

Upinder Singh. A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India. Pearson Education, India, 2009.

Upinder Singh. Discovery of Ancient India: The Early Archaeologists and the Beginnings of Archaeology. Permanent Black–Orient BlackSwan.

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Semester - II

Paper -II: History of India (c. 700-1565 CE)
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Module – I: Rise of Regional States – Rajputs and Major Clans – Palas and others – Pallavas, Chalukyas, Pandyas, Kalachuris, Rashtrakutas, Cholas – Administration – Local Self Government – Society – Economy – Maritime Trade and Economic Links of South India – Cultural Developments – Literature – Language – Educational Developments – Vikramshila – Odantapuri – Art and Architecture – Bhakti Movement in South India: Shaiva Nayanars and Vaishnava Alwars.

Module – II: Arab Conquest of Sind – Ghaznavids and Ghoris – Political Conditions – Tripartite Struggle – Tomars of Delhi – Foundation of Delhi Sultanate – Slave, Khiljis, Tughlaqs, Sayyids and Lodis – Military – Administration – Society – Religion – Economy – Cultural Developments – Art and Architecture – Growth of Education and Literature – Language – Decline – Comparative Study of Governance in Sultanate and Modern India.

Module – III: Bhakti and Sufi Movements – Prominent Bhakti and Sufi Saints – Their Preachings – Impact on Society and Culture – Women's Role in Bhakti Movement – Influence of Bhakti Movement on Social Reforms – Emergence of Composite Culture and its impact on Society – Inter-faith Dialogue and Its Legacy in Contemporary Society.

Module – IV: South Indian Kingdoms – Kakatiyas – Polity – Administration – Society and Economy – Agriculture and Irrigation – Trade and Commerce – Literature and Religion – Art and Architecture – Foreign Traveller: Marcopolo – Yadavas – Hoysalas – Pandyas – Cheras – Their contribution to South Indian Culture.

Module – V: Vijayanagara Kingdom – Political History – Military – Administration – Society and Economy – Religion – Cultural Developments – Art and Architecture – Language and Literature – Brief History of Bahamanis and their Contribution to the Deccan Culture – Battle of Talikota – Technological Developments and its impact on Structures of Society, Warfare and Administration in Early Medieval Period.

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Irfan Habib, Medieval India-I, OUP, Delhi, 1999.

K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, A History of South India.

Majumdar, R.C., History and Culture of the Indian People, Vols. I, II & III.

Romila Thapar, Early India (From the earliest to AD 1300).

Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Medieval India.

History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra, Orient Black Swan.

Early Medieval Indian Society: A Study in Feudalisation by R.S. Sharma, Orient Black Swan

Architecture in Medieval India: Forms, Contexts, Histories by Monica Juneja, Permanent Black-Orient Black Swan

Bhangya Bhukya, A Cultural History of Telangana: From the Earliest Times to 1724 AD, Orient Black Swan

Velcheru Narayana Rao, Text And Tradition In South India, Permanent Black-Orient Black Swan

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Gurukkal, Rajan, Social formation in Early South India, Oxford Press, New Delhi, 2012.

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Goyal, S.R., The Imperial Guptas: A Multidisciplinary Study, Kusumanjali Book World, Jodhpur, 2005.

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