

HIS110:HISTORY OF INDIA FROM THE EARLIEST TIME UPTO 300 CE

L:3 T:1 P:0 Credits:4

Course Outcomes: Through this course students should be able to

- CO1 :: understand the evolution of mankind and the historic cultures of India
- CO2 :: discover the marvels of Indus Valley Civilization
- CO3 :: explain the vedic age and the role of Iron in the rise of Janapadas and Mahajanapadas
- CO4 :: analyze the emergence and impact of religious movements
- CO5 :: discuss the Mauryan empire and its varied aspects
- CO6 :: examine the post- mauryan economy, polity and the socio- religious aspects

Unit I

Pre-historic culture in India : Paleolithic Culture, Mesolithic culture, Neolithic Culture, sources of ancient Indian history

Unit II

The Harappan civilization : date and extent of Harappa civilization, town planning and architecture, Indus script, causes of decline

Unit III

The Vedic period and Rise of Mahajanpadas : Polity, Society, Economy and Religion, Iron age with reference to PGW & Megaliths, territorial states and conditions for the rise of Magadha, causes of Magadha's success

Unit IV

Religious movements and Pre-Mauryan Empire : Jainism- causes of emergence, doctrines, spread, decline and contributions of Jainism, Buddhism- causes of emergence, doctrines, spread, decline and contributions of Buddhism, Iranian and Macedonian Invasions, Alexander's Invasion and impact

Unit V

Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire : Chandragupta Maurya, state, administration and economy, Kalinga war, Ashoka's Dhamma, art & architecture, decline of Mauryan empire, Ashokan Inscriptions

Unit VI

Post-Mauryan Empire : the age of Shakas, Parthians & Kushanas, Satvahana phase: aspects of political history, material culture, administration & religion, Sangam age and Sangam literature, the three early kingdoms: Chera, Chola and Pandya, society & the Tamil language

Text Books:

1. THE WONDER THAT WAS INDIA VOL. 1: A SURVEY OF THE HISTORY AND CULTURE OF THE INDIAN SUB-CONTINENT BEFORE THE COMING OF THE MUSLIMS by A. L BASHAM, PICADOR PUBLISHER
2. INDIA'S ANCIENT PAST by R.S. SHARMA, Oxford Paperbacks

References:

1. ASOKA AND THE DECLINE OF THE MAURYAS by ROMILA THAPAR, Oxford Paperbacks

