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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 13: Political Ideas of Ancient India

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Political Ideas of Ancient India DSE-13	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

Learning Objectives

This course explains the concepts and ideas inherited in ancient Indian traditions and demonstrate to:

- Explore Ancient Indian governance, economy, and diplomacy, focusing on Vedic ideals, Purusharthas, Rajadharma, and interstate relations.
- Analyze historical political frameworks, economic systems, and diplomatic strategies, including Raj Mandala Theory, Shadgunyas, and war ethics.
- Understand India's civilizational identity and its relevance today.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this course Students will gain a comprehensive understanding of Bharatvarsha as a civilizational entity that would demonstrate:

- exploring its Vedic foundations, governance models, economic systems, and diplomatic principles.
- They will analyze concepts like Purusharthas, Rajadharma, Janapadas, Mahajanapadas, and international relations, including Raj Mandala Theory and war ethics.

SYLLABUS OF DSE-13

Unit 1: Bharatvarsha as a Civilizational Entity

- a) Vedic Idea of India
- b) Purusharthas- Dharma, Artha, Kama, Moksha

Unit 2: Idea of Republic in Ancient India

- a) Rajadharma
- b) Prajadharma
- c) Apadharma

Unit 3: Aartha Niradharan in Ancient India

- a) Aartha Niradharan of Janapadas and Mahajanapadas
- b) Dayabhaga, Mitakshara and other Laws governing Economic life
- c) Temple Economy in Ancient India

Unit 4: Guiding Principle for International Politics in Ancient India

- a) Raj Mandala Theory
- b) Shadgunyas
- c) Definition of Dūta and duties and responsibilities of diplomatic ministers
- d) The law of war (Vigraha)
- e) Aspect of National Security

Suggested Readings:

Unit-Wise Essential Readings

Unit 1:

1. B. D. Chattopadhyaya, The Concept of Bharatavarsha and Other Essays. Ranikhet: Permanent Black, 2017.
2. R M. Mookerji. The Fundamental Unity of India, New Delhi: Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan 2003
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5. Jagadish P. Sharma, “Non-Monarchical Governments in Vedic India”, Republics in Ancient India. Brill, Leiden, 1968, pp.15-60
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9. Beni Prasad, The State in Ancient India: Study in the Structure and Practical Working of Political Institutions in North India in Ancient Times, The Indian Press, Allahabad, 1928, pp. 1- 16.
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12. R. N. P. Singh, Indian Civilization and the Constitution, Vivekanand International Foundation, New Delhi, 2017.
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Unit 2:

1. K.P Jayaswal, Hindu Polity: A Constitutional History of India in Hindu Times. Chaukhamba Sanskrit Pratishthan, Delhi. 2005
2. P. Sharan, Ancient Indian Political Thought and Institutions. Meenakshi Prakashan, 1983
3. V. P. Varma, Hindu Political Thought and its Metaphysical Foundations, Motilal Banarsidas, New Delhi, 1974.
4. Kane, P.V, History of Dharmashastra (Ancient and Medieval Religious and Civil Law), Vol. I. Poona: Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute. 1930
5. Mahabharata Original Text: Shanti Parva
6. वासुदेव शरण अग्रवाल, पाणिनि कालीन भारतवर्ष, पृथ्वी प्रकाशन, वाराणसी 1969

Unit 3:

1. Rai Bahadur Srisa Chandra Vidyarnava, Yajnavalkya Smriti: With the commentary of Vijnaneśvara called the Mitaksara and notes from the gloss of Balambhatta Panini Office, 1918
2. R, Mehta, Trade and Economic Development in Ancient India. New Delhi: Academic Foundation. 2010
3. Balbir Singh Sihag, Kautilya: The true founder of Economics, Vitasta Publishing Pvt Ltd, Delhi, 2014
4. Kulkarni, Rohan. "Tax System According To 'Kauṭīlīya Arthaśāstra, Manusmṛti And Śukranīti, And Its Relevance." Bulletin Of The Deccan College Research Institute 70/71 (2010): 439–43. [Http://Www.Jstor.Org/Stable/42931268](http://www.jstor.org/stable/42931268).
5. S K Sharma, Ancient Indian Financial Administration and Taxation. The Indian Journal of Political Science, 75(2), 237–254. 2014
6. Radha Kumud Mookerji, Indian Shipping, South Asia Books, 1999.

Unit 4:

1. Hiaralal Chattrjee International Law and Inter-State Relations in Ancient India Firma KLM Private Limited, Calcutta, 1958
2. Sihag, Balbir Singh. Kautilya's Proactive and Pragmatic Approach to National Security. 2014 URL: http://www.du.ac.in/du/uploads/events/20102014_Abstract.pdf
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DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE COURSE – 14: Democracy and Governance

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		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice		
Democracy and Governance DSE-14	4	3	1	-	NA	NA

Learning Objectives

This course aims to explain the relationship between the institutional aspects of democracy, the constitutional framework within which they are expected to function, and the manner in which political economy and political development, and civil society and social movements have an