

Category III

B.A. (Prog.) with History as non-Major or Minor discipline

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE COURSE (DSC-1): History of India, 300 CE to 1200 CE

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		
History of India, 300 CE to 1200 CE	4	3	1	0	12 th Pass	Should have studied History of India from earliest times up to 300 CE

Learning Objectives

This course broadly covers period from late historic centuries to the early medieval times. Considered as a watershed, Gupta period marked the beginnings of some significant historical changes that left their imprint on the coming centuries. The aim of this course is to analyse these changes in terms of their spatial context and chronological framework that led to the transition towards the early medieval period.

Learning outcomes

On successful completion of this Course, the students will be able to:

- Develop an understanding of the ever fluid political scenario of the period identified in this paper, with special focus on regional polities.
- Identify the historical importance of the accelerated practice of land grants issued by ruling houses.
- Delineate changes in the realm of economy, society and culture with emphasis on newer forms of art and architecture.
- Contextualize the evolution and growth of regional styles of temple architecture and the evolving role of these temples as centers of socio-economic and political activities.

SYLLABUS OF DSC-1

Unit I: Survey of the Sources. (8 Hours)

Unit II: The Guptas and the Vakatakas: Administration, economy, society and cultural development. (12 Hours)

Unit III: Towards Early Medieval: changes in post - Gupta period with special reference to Vardhanas, Pallavas and Chalukyas. (12 Hours)

Unit IV: Rashtrakutas, Palas and Pratiharas: tripartite struggle for supremacy. (8 Hours)

Unit V: Emergence of Rajput states in Northern India: Socio - economic foundations. (12 Hours)

Unit VI: The Cholas: State and administration, economy and culture. (8 Hours)

Practical component (if any) - NIL

Essential/recommended readings

Unit-I: This Unit introduces the student to the varied sources used for writing history of ancient India from c. 300 CE onwards and their interpretations.

- Sharma, R.S. (1995). "An Analysis of Land grants and their Value for Economic History" in Perspectives in Social and Economic History of Early India. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal. (Chapter 18)
- शर्मा, आर. एस. (2000). प्रारम्भिक भारत का आतथाक सामाजिक और इततहास. तिल्ली : तहन्दी माध्यम कार्ांन्वर् तनि शालर्, तिल्ली तवश्वतवद्यालर्. (अध्यार् 18)
- Singh, Upinder. (2013). A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th century. New Delhi: Pearson. (Chapter 1)
- तसंह, उतपंरि. (2016). प्राचीन एवं पूवा मध्यकालीन भारत का इततहास: पाषाण काल से 12वीं शताब्दी तक. नई तिल्ली. तपर्सन. (अध्यार् 1)

Unit II: This Unit shall introduce students to the evolving state formation, administrative framework, social structure, economy and cultural life of two contemporary and vast empires that emerged in the third century CE.

- Chakravarti, Ranabir. (2010). Exploring Early India Up to C. AD 1300. New Delhi: Macmillan. (Chapter 6)
- चक्रवती, रणबीर. (2012) भारतीर् इततहास. आतिका. नई तिल्ली. ओररएं टल ब्लैकस्वेन. (अध्यार् 6)
- Jha, D. N. (2004). Early India: A Concise History. Delhi: Manohar. (Chapter 8)
- Sharma, R.S. (2015). Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India. Delhi: Motilal Banarasidas. (Chapters 20, 21)
- शर्मा, आर. एस. (2000). प्राचीन भारत में रािनीततक तवचार एवं संस्थाएं . तिल्ली: रािकमल प्रकाशन.
- िूसरा संस्कारण. (अध्यार् 20, 21)

Unit III: This Unit shall provide an overview of important political developments between the 8th to 10th centuries CE. It will introduce students to the evolving state formation and socio-economic transformations that are debated by historians and used to distinguish the early medieval period in the Indian subcontinent.

- Chattopadhyaya, B. D. (1994). The Making of Early Medieval India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 1)
- Devahuti, D. (1999). Harsha: A Political Study. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, third edition. (All Chapters)
- Harle, J.C. (1994). The Art & Architecture of the Indian Subcontinent. PLACE: Yale University Press. (Chapter 20)
- Jha, D. N. (2004). Early India: A Concise History. Delhi: Manohar. (Chapter 9)
- Karashima, Noborou (ed.). (2014). A Concise History of South India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 3)

- Sharma, R. S. (2001). Early Medieval Indian Society: A Study in Feudalization. Delhi: Orient Longman. (Chapter 1, 3 and 6)
- शर्मा, आर. एस. (2001). प्राचीन भारतीय समाज और संस्कृति. नई दिल्ली: ओरिएंटल लॉन्गमैन. (अध्याय 1, 3 and 6)
- Sharma, R.S. (2005). India's Ancient Past. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapters 27 and 31)
- शर्मा, आर. एस. (2016). प्रागैतिहासिक भारत का परचम. नई दिल्ली. ओरिएंटल लॉन्गमैन. पुनर्मुद्रण. (अध्याय 27 और 31)
- Romila Thapar (ed.), Recent Perspectives of Early Indian History. Bombay: Popular Prakshan. (Chapters 6-8)

Unit IV: This Unit shall introduce students to the evolving process of state formation and political struggle for supremacy in post-Gupta polities.

- Chakravarti, Ranabir. (2010). Exploring Early India Up to C. AD 1300. New Delhi: MacMillan. (Chapter 7)
- चक्रवर्ती, रणबीर. (2010) भारतीय इतिहास. आतिका. नई दिल्ली. ओरिएंटल लॉन्गमैन. (अध्याय 7)
- झा. डी. एन. एवं के. एम. श्रीमाली. (2000) प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास. दिल्ली : तहन्दी माध्यम कार्यान्वयन निशालय, दिल्ली त्वश्वतवद्यालय. पुनर्मुद्रण. (अध्याय 13)
- Mazumdar, R. C. (1952). Ancient India. Delhi: Motilal Banarsidas, (Book III Chapter 5)
- मिश्र, आर. सी. (2019) प्राचीन भारत, मोतीलाल बनारसीदास (खंड III अध्याय 5)
- Thapar, Romila. (2002). Early India from the Origins to AD 1300. New Delhi: Penguin. (Chapter 12)
- थापर, रोतमला. (2008). प्राचीन भारत : प्रारंभ से 1300 ई. तक. दिल्ली: तहन्दी माध्यम कार्यान्वयन निशालय, दिल्ली त्वश्वतवद्यालय. (अध्याय 12)

Unit V: This Unit shall introduce students to the nature of evolving Rajput polity, their social structure and accompanying economic developments.

- Chattopadhyaya, B. D. (1994). The Making of Early Medieval India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 3).
- झा. डी. एन. एवं के. एम. श्रीमाली. (2000) प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास. दिल्ली : तहन्दी माध्यम कार्यान्वयन निशालय, दिल्ली त्वश्वतवद्यालय. पुनर्मुद्रण. (अध्याय 13)
- Singh, Vipul. (2009). Interpreting Medieval India, Vol. I. New Delhi: Macmillan. (Chapter 3)

Unit VI: This Unit presents another important case study of state formation in the medieval period in southern reaches of the Indian subcontinent. The nature of evolving Chola polity, social structure, economy and cultural developments shall be discussed.

- Karashima, Noborou (Ed.). (2014). A Concise History of South India. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Chapter 4)
- Singh, Upinder. (2013). A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th century. New Delhi: Pearson. (Chapter 10)

- तसंह, उत्तपंरि. (2016). प्राचीन एवं पूवा मध्यकालीन भारत का इततहास: पाषाण काल से 12वीं शताब्दी तक. नई तिल्ली. तपरसन. (अध्यार् 10)
- Thapar, Romila. (2002). Early India from the Origins to AD 1300. New Delhi: Penguin. (Chapter 11)
- थापर, रेतमला. (2008). पूवाकालीन भारत : प्रारि से 1300 ई.तक. तिल्ली: तहन्दी माध्यम कार्ान्वर् तनिशालर्, तिल्ली तवश्वतवद्यालर्. (अध्यार् 11)

Suggestive readings

- Basham, A. L. (1991). The Origins and Development of Classical Hinduism. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Chakrabarti, Ranabir. (2007). Trade and Traders in Early India. New Delhi: Manohar.
- Champakalakshmi, R. (2010). Trade, Ideology and Urbanisation: South India 300 BC-AD 1300. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Dutt, Sukumar. (1988). Buddhist Monks and Monasteries in India: Their History and Their Contribution to Indian Culture. Delhi: Motilal Banarasidas.
- Goyal, S.R. (1986). Harsha and Buddhism. Meerut: Kusumanjali Prakashan, 1986.
- Huntington, Susan. (1985). The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hindu, Jain. New York: Weatherhill.
- Kulke, Hermann (Ed.). (1997). "Introduction". in The State in India 1000- 1700. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. (Oxford in India Readings: themes in Indian History Series).
- Mazumdar, R. C. (1964). History and Culture of the Indian People, Vol. IV, Age of Imperial Kanauj. Bombay: Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, second edition.
- Stein, Burton. (1980). Peasant, State and Society in Medieval South India. Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1980.
- Subbarayalu, Y. (1982). "The Chola State." Studies in History vol. 4 no.2, pp.265-306.
- Veluthat, Kesavan. (2012). The Political Structure of South India. Delhi: Orient Longman. (second revised edition).

Note: Examination scheme and mode shall be as prescribed by the Examination Branch, University of Delhi, from time to time.