

## AEC 2: Course A: Advance Ancient Indian Economy

### 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 | Department Offering the Course |
|---------------------|---------|-----------------------------------|----------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                     |         | Lecture                           | Tutorial | Practical/ Practice |                       |                             |                                |
|                     | 02      | 02                                | 00       |                     | 12 <sup>th</sup> Pass | Nil                         | Sanskrit                       |

### Learning Objectives

The aim of this course is to make the students acquainted with various aspects of economic thought and Indian economy as propounded in the ancient Sanskrit texts from Vedic Samhita to later texts in the Dharmasāstra and Arthasāstra traditions.

### Learning outcomes

This course will enable the students to appreciate the fundamental concepts of Indian economic thoughts discussed in ancient Sanskrit texts such as Vedic Samhita, Kauṭilya's Arthasāstra, Manusmṛiti etc. This session deals with the economic model of ancient India and financial growth of the state's thought through Sanskrit literature. Students will be able to understand various aspects of the taxation model in ancient India and they should be able to compare ancient and contemporary models.

### SYLLABUS OF AEC-2 Course A

#### Unit: 1

#### Introduction to Ancient Indian Economy

Credit: 1

Early and Later Vedic Period  
Buddhist Period  
Centralized Economy of Mauryan Period  
Post Mauryan Period  
Gupta and Post Gupta Period

#### Unit: 2

#### Readings in Indian Economy:

Credit: 1

Manusmṛiti- Chapter 7, Verse No- 123-138, Arthaśāstra- Second Adhikaraṇa,  
Sannidhātṛnicayakarma and Samāhrtṛsamudayaprasthāpanam

### Essential/recommended readings

1. R.P Kangle (ed.) Arthaśāstra of Kauṭilya, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 1965
2. P. Olivelle (ed. & trans), Manu code of law: A Critical Edition & translation of the Manava- Dharmasastra, UUP, New Delhi, 2006
3. R. S. Sharma, Aspects of Political Ideas & Institutions in Ancient India, Delhi, 1996
4. A. S. Altekar, State and Government in Ancient India, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 2011
5. कपिलदेव द्विवेदी, वैदिक साहित्य एवं संस्कृति, वाराणसी, विश्वविद्यालय प्रकाशन, षष्ठ संस्करण, 2015
6. शर्मा, उमाशंकर ऋषि, संस्कृत साहित्य का इतिहास, चौखम्भा भारती अकादमी, वाराणसी

### Suggested readings

1. कैलाशचन्द्र जैन, प्राचीन भारतीय समाजिक और आर्थिक संस्थाएं, मध्यप्रदेश हिन्दी ग्रन्थ अकादमी, भोपाल, 1976
2. शशि तिवारी, संस्कृत साहित्य में राष्ट्रवाद एवं भारतीय राजशास्त्र, विद्यानिधि प्रकाशन, दिल्ली, 2013
3. सहाय, शिवस्वरूप, प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक इतिहास, मोतीलाल बनारसीदास, दिल्ली, 2012

### Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time

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#### Basic Structure of Question Paper & Division of Marks

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| Questions - 03 (from Unit 1)  | 03 x 15 = 45 |
| Explanations 03 (from unit-2) | 03 x 08 = 24 |
| Short Notes 02                | 02x3 = 06    |
| <b>Total Marks: (I+II)</b>    | <b>75</b>    |