

# 4 Year Under Graduate Degree (Honours) in History

Course: *Minor*

Paper Title: **History of Ancient India  
(Indus Valley Civilization to 1206 A. D.)**

Paper Code: **HIS-MIN1**

**Objective:** History of ancient India is a glorious one and placed a prestigious position in the world history. There are many aspects of the ancient Indian history which are not highlighted properly to the students and scholars. So, students will be benefited going through this paper.

**Outcome:** Students will enrich about the glorious ancient Indian culture and knowledge with going through this paper.

## **UNIT – I: History of Indus Valley Civilization**

- a. Sources of Ancient Indian History- archaeological sources and literary sources.
- b. Concept of Bharatvarsha - Physical characteristics
- c. Harappan Civilization; Origin, Extent, dominant features, decline and its contribution on Indian civilization.

## **UNIT-II: Vedic Period to the age of Mahajanapadas**

- a. The Vedic Period: Polity, Society, Economy, Religion and literature
- b. The great epics -The Ramayana & the Mahabharata
- c. Rise of the Mahajanapadas and the Causes of Magadha's success
- d. Jainism and Buddhism: Causes, Doctrines, Spread, Decline and Contributions.

## **UNIT-III: Rise and Fall of Mauryan Empire**

- a. Chandragupta Maurya's expansion policy, Mauryan Administration,
- b. Kautilya's Arthashastra and Saptanga theory of state,
- c. Ashoka and his Dhamma,
- d. Mauryan art and Architecture and downfall of the Mauryan empire.

## **UNIT-IV: Post- Maurya period**

- a. Ages of Sungas: Pushyamitra Sunga, Haleodorus and Bhagbatism
- b. The Satavahanas; GautamiputraSatakarni
- c. The age of Kushanas: Aspects of Polity, religion and culture
- d. The Sangam Age: Sangam Literature

## **UNIT-V: The rise of the Imperial Guptas**

- a. Imperial policy of Samudragupta and Chandragupta II
- b. Gupta administration; Skandagupta- the saviour of India

- c. Socio-economic condition of the Gupta period
- d. Art and architecture; literature; science and technology.

**UNIT-VI: Post-Gupta period**

- a. Harshavardhana and Sasanka
- b. Chalukyas of Vatapi and The Rastrakutas
- c. Age of Matsyanyay and The Pala Empire and culture
- d. Tripartite struggle among the Rashtrakutas, Palas and Pratiharas

**UNIT-VII: The Pallavas and The Cholas**

- a. Polity and art & architecture of the Pallavas
- b. Expansion policy of Rajaraja Chola I and Rajendra Chola I
- c. Chola administration and art-architecture.

**UNIT-VIII: Muslim Invasion**

- a. Arab invasion in Sind
- b. Muslim conquest of Kashmir
- c. Invasion of Mahmud and Mohammad Ghori
- d. Invasion of Bakhtiyar Khilji in Bengal

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**Course: *Minor***

**Paper Title: History of Medieval India  
(1206 A. D. to 1757 A.D.)  
Paper Code: HIS-MIN2**

**Objective:**

A major change in the society, economy, culture and polity had been taken place during the medieval period in India. During this period initially many Muslim invaders invaded India and carried on their plundering and looting, thereafter since 1200 A.D Muslims established their rule in the major portion of India. Initially, clash and confrontations were going on in the society of India, but while going on their rule in ling period and conversion of the people of India into Islam from different religions and culture a cultural and social co-operation was built up because the converted people could not leave their previous culture for which reasons this part of history has been included in the syllabus.

**Outcome:** Students will gather knowledge about the important part of the history of medieval India.

**UNIT-I: SOURCES OF SULTANATE HISTORY, POLITY AND ADMINISTRATION OF SLAVE AND LODY DYNASTY**

- a. Sources of History of the Sultanate period
- b. Foundation of Delhi Sultanate-Role of Iltutmish,
- c. Raziya and her failure
- d. Khalji Revolution
- e. Expansion Policy of AlauddinKhalji
- f. Reforms of AlauddinKhalji
- g. Different schemes of Mohammad bin Tughlaq
- h. Mongal Invasions and the Sultans
- i. Tax system of the Sultanate.

**UNIT-II: REGIONAL STATES: VIJAY NAGAR AND BENGAL**

- a. Foundation of Vijaynagar Empire: Four Dynasties
- b. Role of Krishnadev Roy
- c. Socio-economic and Cutural aspects of Vijaynagar empire
- d. Importance of Hussain Shahi and IlliasShahi Rule in Bengal

**UNIT III: RELIGION, LITERTURE AND ARCHITECTURE**

- a. Bhakti movement and its impact
- b. Sufism and its different sect
- c. Persian and regional literature
- d. Architecture of the sultanate period

**UNIT IV: SOURCES, POLITY AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE MUGHALS**

- a. Sources of Mughal Indian History
- b. Foundation of the Mughal empire -battle of Panipath I and II
- c. Akbar's Mansabdari System
- d. Land Revenue system of Akbar
- e. Deccan policy of Aurangzeb



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- f. Peasant Revolt against the Mughals
  - g. Mughal Administration
  - h. Jaigirdari crisis
  - i. Party and politics in the Mughal court after Aurangzeb

## UNIT V: RISE OF THE MARATHAS

- a. Rise of the Marathas under Shivaji
- b. Shivaji's administration
- c. Rise of the Marathas under the three great Peswa: Hindu-Pada-Padshahi

## UNIT VI: RELIGION, LITERATURE, ART AND ARCHITECTURE

- a. Rise of Sikhism;
- b. Mughal -Sikh relation
- c. Akbar's Din-i-Ilahi and Sul-i-Kul
- d. Mirabai
- e. Aurangzeb religious policy
- f. Growth of Sanskrit and Persian literature
- g. Mughal painting and architecture

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ii) Bengal the British Bridgehead  
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  28. Sarkar, Sir J.N.-i) History of Aurangzeb 5 vols.;  
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