



Shri Vaishnav Vidyapeeth Vishwavidyalaya, Indore

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BA History

SEMESTER-I (2026-2029)

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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will have ability to:

1. Provide a foundational understanding of early Indian historical sources.
2. Enable critical analysis of prehistoric human evolution and adaptation.
3. Describe the urban planning, economy, and culture of the Harappan civilization.
4. Develop deep insights into Vedic society, the Aryan debate, and early technological transitions.
5. Understand state formation, the second urbanization, the rise of heterodox movements, and the consolidation of the Mauryan Empire.

Course Alignment with UNSDG:

- **SDG 4: Quality Education** – Fosters inclusive and deep critical thinking by evaluating evolutionary timelines, diverse source methodologies, and foundational social and political structures of early civilization.
- **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities** – Analyzes the architectural engineering, sustainable public water management systems, and eco-friendly urban zoning models of the Harappan Civilization.
- **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions** – Tracks the developmental progression from early kin-based groups to centralized democratic assemblies (Sabha, Samiti), regional states (Mahajanapadas), and the imperial administrative machinery of the Mauryan Empire.

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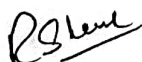
CO	Course Outcomes
CO1	Evaluate diverse archaeological, literary, numismatic, and foreign sources of early Indian history.
CO2	Analyse the socio-economic transition from hunter-gatherers to settled agricultural communities.
CO3	Comprehend the urban planning, trade systems, pyrotechnology, and cultural heritage of the Harappan Civilization.
CO4	Critically examine the impact of iron technology, the evolution of Vedic society, and the historical debates surrounding the Aryan question.
CO5	Identify the dynamics of state formation, the rise of <i>Mahajanapadas</i> , heterodox movements, and the political, administrative, and cultural integration of the Mauryan Age.

Teaching Pedagogy:

T1	Interactive classroom lectures, historical map demonstrations, and PowerPoint presentations.
T2	Primary source analysis (including Ashokan Edicts), historical case studies, museum/virtual tour activities, and group debates.

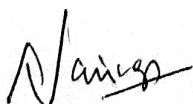
Experiential Learning

Case Study	Module 3: Urban Planning and Water Management of Harappa.
Group Discussion	Module 5: The Impact of the Varna System, Rise of Heterodox Sects, and the Imperial Shift to Ashoka's Dhamma.



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Assessment Tools

AT1-1	Map-pointing Quiz (Prehistoric sites, Harappan boundaries, Mahajanapadas, and Ashokan Edict locations)
AT1-2	Descriptive Assignments (Analyzing social transformations and Mauryan administration).
AT1-3	Mid-Term Examination
AT1-4	Primary Source Analysis Case Study (Reviewing material artifacts or textual fragments).
AT1-5	Group Discussion (Evaluating analytical clarity and active participation).

Prerequisites: Basic foundational knowledge of Indian historical timelines and geography.

Module	Descriptors/Topics	Hours	Assessment Tools
I	I: Sources and Approaches to Early Indian History Archaeological sources: Material remains, Inscriptions, Coins. Literary sources: Vedic, Brahmanical, Buddhist, Jain texts. Foreign accounts (basic introduction). Historiographical trends and interpretations	12	AT1-1
II	Prehistoric Cultures & Food Production Hunter to Food Producer: Paleolithic culture; distribution, tools, subsistence. Mesolithic culture; regional spread and transition. Neolithic revolution: beginning of agriculture and settled life. Chalcolithic cultures: economy, technology, and exchange.	12	AT1-3

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III	Harappan Civilization Origin and extent of Indus Valley Civilization. Town planning and urban features. Economy: agriculture, craft production, pyrotechnology, and trade. Society, religion, art, and water management. Decline and Late Harappan phase.	12	AT1-4
IV	Transition to Early Historic India (c. 1500–600 BCE) Archaeological cultures: Painted Grey Ware (PGW), Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW), Megalithic. Iron technology and its socio-economic impact. Vedic society: economy, polity, religion, and social stratification. Debate on Aryan Migration Theory.	12	AT1-1, AT1-3
V	Rise of States, Heterodox Movements, & Mauryan Age (c. 600–185 BCE) Second urbanization and growth of cities. Emergence of Mahajanapadas and early states. Evolution of the Varna system and rise of heterodox sects (Buddhism and Jainism). The Mauryan Empire: Rise of Magadha; Chandragupta Maurya and state formation; Ashoka's Dhamma (policy, propagation, and edicts); Mauryan administration, economy, art, architecture, and decline.	12	AT1-2, AT1-5



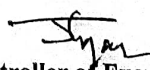
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Additional Resources

A. Value addition to course content/ Skill enhancement content:

Analytical thinking and critical evaluations of ancient Indian history and statecraft.

B. Remedial classes for slow learners: Organized as per the institutional SOP for slow and fast learners.

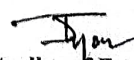
Suggested Readings:

Reference Books	1. Singh, Upinder. (2008). <i>A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century</i>. New Delhi: Pearson Longman. 2. Thapar, Romila. (2002). <i>Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300</i>. New Delhi: Penguin Books. 3. Sharma, R. S. (2005). <i>India's Ancient Past</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. 4. Chakrabarti, Dilip K. (2006). <i>The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. 5. Thapar, Romila. (1984). <i>From Lineage to State: Social Formations in the Mid-First Millennium B.C. in the Ganga Valley</i>. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
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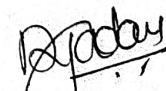

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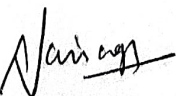
Suggested e- resources (Websites/e-books)	1. e-PG Pathshala (MHRD / UGC): Indian Culture and History modules.
	2. Swayam Portal: Ancient Indian History courses by central universities.

Course Articulation Matrix (Mapping of COs with POs)

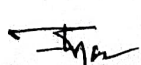
Course Outcomes	Correlation with POs										Correlation with PSOs		
	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8	PO 9	PO 10	PSO 1	PSO 2	PSO 3
CO1	3	3	2	-	3	2	1	-	2	2	3	2	2
CO2	3	2	2	3	2	-	2	2	2	1	3	3	1
CO3	3	3	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	3	3	2
CO4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2
CO5	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	2	3	3	3	3


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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will have ability to:

- Understand the theoretical frameworks of the Bronze Age, state formation, and the Urban Revolution.
- Analyze the impact of specific ecological and riverine contexts on the growth of early civilizations.
- Detail the political, social, and economic complexities of Mesopotamia and Ancient Egypt.
- Explore the architectural milestones, trade networks, and civic systems of the Indus Valley Civilization.
- Evaluate the cultural patterns, kingship, and technological developments of Ancient China.

Course Alignment with UNSDG:

- **SDG 4: Quality Education** – Fosters global historical literacy and deep critical thinking by comparing civilizational structures, scripts, and worldviews across continents.
- **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities** – Evaluates ancient civic systems, comparing the grid planning of the Indus Valley with the city-states of Mesopotamia and urban centers of China.
- **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions** – Analyzes the evolutionary trajectories of early law codes, kingship, centralized governance networks, and social stratification (class and gender matrices).

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Course outcomes: After completion of the course, the student will be able to:

CO	Course Outcomes
CO1	Conceptualize the terms 'Civilization', 'Bronze Age', and 'Urban Revolution' within their macro-historical frameworks.
CO2	Critical analyzes the ecological contexts, city-state dynamics, and socio-legal structures of Ancient Mesopotamia.
CO3	Comprehend the evolution of divine kingship, funerary architecture, monumental economies, and social complexity in Ancient Egypt.
CO4	Evaluate the urban zoning, pyrotechnology, complex maritime trade, and distinct heritage of the Indus Valley Civilization.
CO5	Examine state-ordered societies, religious beliefs, craft production, and bronze metallurgy during the early dynasties of Ancient China.

Teaching Pedagogy:

T1	Interactive classroom lectures using cross-cultural comparative slides, visual maps of river systems, and archaeological site blueprints.
T2	Primary source workshops examining translations of Mesopotamian clay tablets, Egyptian papyri, or Chinese oracle bone inscriptions.

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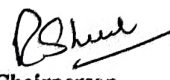
Experiential Learning

Case Study	Module 3: Resource Mobilization, Architecture, and Logistics in the Old Kingdom of Egypt. Students will map out how state systems coordinated stone procurement, transport along the Nile, and labor management.
Group Discussion	Module 4: A Comparative Assessment of Urban Planning and Civic Governance: Indus Valley Infrastructure vs. Mesopotamian City-States.

Assessment Tools

AT1-1	Map-pointing Quiz (Locating major global archaeological sites: Ur, Babylon, Giza, Memphis, Harappa, Mohenjo-daro, and Anyang).
AT1-2	Descriptive Assignments (Analyzing concepts like the 'Urban Revolution' or gender roles in antiquity).
AT1-3	Mid-Term Examination (Two Term Exams tracking theoretical and factual progress).
AT1-4	Primary Source Analysis Case Study (Evaluating early legal codifications or literary epic texts)
AT1-5	Group Discussion Assessment (Evaluating clarity of architectural/governance comparisons).

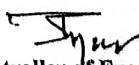
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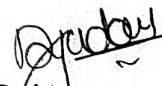
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I	Foundations of Early Civilizations: Concepts of Civilization, Urban Revolution, State Formation, and Environmental Foundations of Early Societies.	12	AT1-2, AT1-3
II	Ancient Mesopotamia: City-States, Kingship, Economy, Society, Trade Networks, Cuneiform Writing, and Law Codes.	12	AT1-2, AT1-4
III	Ancient Egypt: Nile Civilization, Divine Kingship, State Formation, Economy, Religion, Monumental Architecture, and Hieroglyphic Script.	12	AT1-3, AT1-4
IV	The Indus Valley Civilization: Urban Planning, Economy, Trade, Material Culture, Social Organization, and Decline.	12	AT1-1, AT1-5
V	Ancient China: Shang and Zhou Dynasties, State Formation, Social Structure, Bronze Technology, Religion, and Early Chinese Writing.	12	AT1-1, AT1-3

Additional Resources

A. Value addition to course content/ Skill enhancement content:

Development of macro-comparative analysis skills, cross-referencing global civilizational shifts, and analysing environmental archaeology paradigms.

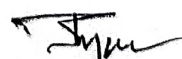
B. Remedial classes for slow learners: Handled as per institutional SOP guidelines via systematic visual timeline diagrams and terminology worksheets.


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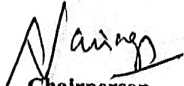
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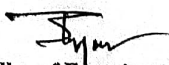
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Suggested e- resources (Websites/e-books)	- The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History: (www.humanorigins.si.edu) for cultural development exhibits. - The British Museum Digital Collections: Online resources for ancient Mesopotamian artifacts and Egyptian papyri.


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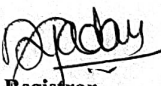
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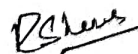
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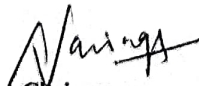
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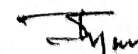
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COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will have ability to:

1. Provide a foundational understanding of early Indian historical sources.
2. Enable critical analysis of prehistoric human evolution and adaptation.
3. Describe the urban planning, economy, and culture of the Harappan civilization.
4. Develop deep insights into Vedic society and early technological transitions.
5. Understand state formation, urbanization, and religious transformations in ancient India.

Course Alignment with UNSDG:

- **SDG 4: Quality Education:** Fosters inclusive and deep critical thinking by evaluating the evolutionary timelines, diverse source methodologies, and foundational social structures of early civilization.
- **SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities:** Analyzes the architectural engineering, sustainable public water management systems, and eco-friendly urban zoning models of the Harappan Civilization.
- **SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions:** Tracks the developmental progression from early kin-based groups to centralized democratic assemblies (Sabha, Samiti) and structural state systems (*Mahajanapadas*).

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Course outcomes: After completion of the course, the student will be able to:

CO	Course Outcomes
CO1	Evaluate diverse archaeological, literary, and foreign sources of early Indian history.
CO2	Analyse the socio-economic transition from hunter-gatherers to settled agricultural communities.
CO3	Comprehend the urban planning, trade systems, and heritage of the Harappan Civilization.
CO4	Critically examine the impact of iron technology and the evolution of Vedic society.
CO5	Identify the dynamics of state formation, second urbanization, and heterodox movements.

Teaching Pedagogy:

T1	Interactive classroom lectures, map demonstrations, and PowerPoint presentations
T2	Primary source analysis, historical case studies, museum/virtual tour activities, and group debates.

Experiential Learning

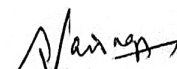
Case Study	Module 3 - Urban Planning and Water Management of Harappa
Group Discussion	Module 5 - The Impact of Varna System and Rise of Heterodox Sects

Assessment Tools

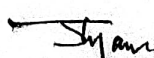
AT1-1	Map-pointing Quiz
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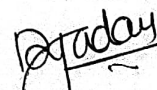
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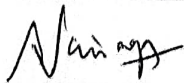
AT1-1	Map-pointing Quiz
AT1-2	Descriptive Assignments
AT1-3	Mid-Term Examination
AT1-4	Primary Source Analysis Case Study
AT1-5	Group Discussion

Prerequisites: Basic foundational knowledge of Indian historical timelines and geography.

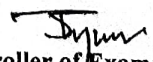
Module	Descriptors/Topics	Hours	Assessment Tools
I	Sources and Approaches to Early Indian History Archaeological sources: Material remains, Inscriptions, Coins. Literary sources: Vedic, Brahmanical, Buddhist, Jain texts. Foreign accounts (basic introduction). Historiographical trends and interpretations.	12	AT1-1
II	Prehistoric Cultures – Hunter to Food Producer Paleolithic culture: distribution, tools, subsistence. Mesolithic culture: regional spread and transition. Neolithic revolution: beginning of agriculture and settled life. Chalcolithic cultures: economy, technology, and exchange.	12	AT1-3
III	Harappan Civilization Origin and extent of Indus Valley Civilization. Town planning and urban features. Economy: agriculture, craft production, trade. Society, religion, and art.	12	AT1-4


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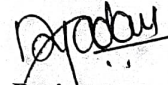
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	Decline and Late Harappan phase.		
IV	Transition to Early Historic India (c. 1500–600 BCE) Archaeological cultures: Painted Grey Ware (PGW), Northern Black Polished Ware (NBPW), Megalithic. Iron technology and its socio-economic impact. Vedic society: economy, polity, religion. Debate on Aryan Migration Theory.	12	AT1-1, AT1-3
V	Rise of States and Social Formations (c. 600–400 BCE) Second urbanization and growth of cities. Emergence of Mahajanapadas and early states. Social stratification: evolution of the Varna system. Rise of heterodox sects: Buddhism and Jainism. Political institutions and state formation.	12	AT1-2, AT1-5

Additional Resources

A. Value addition to course content/ Skill enhancement content:

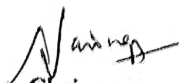
- Analytical thinking
- Critical evaluations of Indian History

B. Remedial classes for slow learners: As per the SOP for slow and fast learners.

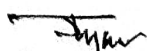
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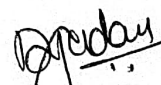
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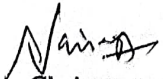
Reference Books	1. Singh, Upinder. (2008). <i>A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century</i>. New Delhi: Pearson Longman. 2. Thapar, Romila. (2002). <i>Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300</i>. New Delhi: Penguin Books. 3. Sharma, R. S. (2005). <i>India's Ancient Past</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press. 4. Chakrabarti, Dilip K. (2006). <i>The Oxford Companion to Indian Archaeology</i>. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
Suggested e- resources (Websites/e-books)	1. e-PG Pathshala (MHRD / UGC): Indian Culture and History modules. 2. Swayam Portal: Ancient Indian History courses by central universities.

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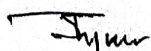
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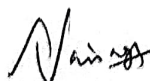
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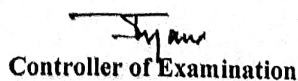
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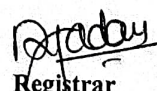
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