

SRI SAI RAGHVENDRA (SSR) DEGREE COLLEGE

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Faculty of Social Sciences
Department of History
B.A 1st YEAR

SEMESTER- I

HISTORY OF INDIA (FROM EARLIEST TIMES TO c.700 CE)

Module-I:

History - Definitions - Nature and Scope - History and Its Relationship with other Social Sciences - Significance and Relevance of History - Evolution of Historical Methodology - Digital and Public History - Geographical Features of India - Sources - Pre and Proto History Stone Age Cultures - Agriculture - Pottery - Chalcolithic and Megalithic Cultures.

Module-II:

Meluha - India's Early Identity - Trade contacts - Indus Valley Civilization: First Urbanization - Characteristic Features - Technological Innovations and Trade Networks - Script - Life - Decline - Comparative Analysis with Contemporary Civilizations (Egypt. Mesopotamia, China); Vedic period - Customs and Traditions - Literature - Purushasukta - Varna System.

Module-III:

Rise of New Religious Movements: Charvakas - Lokayathas - Jainism and Buddhism - Principles and Liberation Path - Mahajanapadas - Rise of Cities: Second Urbanization - Guilds - Trade - Growth of Social and Material Life - Inter-faith Dialogues between Religions in Ancient India - Influence of Buddhism and Jainism on Southeast Asia - Rise of Magadha - Porus - Alexander's Invasion - Battle of Jhelum - Its Impact.

Module-IV:

Foundation of the Mauryan Dynasty - Ashoka and His Dharma - Polity - Millitary - Espinoge - Administration - Disintegration; Post-Mauryan Kingdoms - Religious Pluralism Indo-Greeks - Kushanas and Kanishka - Sungas - Satavahanas - Sangam Age: Literary Development - Society - Education - Economy - Trade relations and Indian Ocean Trade - Science and Technology - Cultural developments and Different Schools of Art and Architecture.

Module-V:

Gupta Empire – Polity. Socio-Economic Conditions – Agriculture and Land Grants – Feudalism – Varna System – Harshavardana – Sources – Literary developments – Great Kannauj and Prayag Assembly – Chinese Travelers – Cultural and Knowledge Exchanges between India and the World (Silk Route.) – Role of Women in Ancient Indian Empires – Ancient Indian Contributions to Science and Technology – Mathematics and Medicine – Educational Developments – Universities – Takshashila – Nalanda – and other institutions during Ancient India - Comparative Administrative system of Ancient India and Modern Governance

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SEMESTER- II

HISTORY OF INDIA (700 CE - 1526 CE)

Module-I:

Rise of Regional States - Rajputs and Major Clans - Palas and others - Pallavas, Chalukyas, Pandyas, Kalachuris, Rashtrakutas, Cholas - Administration - Local Self Government - Society - Economy - Maritime Trade and Economic Links of South India - Cultural Developments - Literature - Language - Educational Developments - Vikramshila - Odantapuri - Art and Architecture - Bhakti Movement in South India: Shaiva Nayanars and Vaishnava Alwars.

Module-II:

Arab Conquest of Sind - Ghaznavids and Ghoris - Political conditions - Tripartite Struggle - Tomars of Delhi - Foundation of Delhi Sultanate - Slave, Khaljis, Tughlaqs, Sayyids and Lodis - Military - Administration - Society - Religion - Economy - Cultural Developments - Art and Architecture - Growth of Education and Literature - Language - Decline - Comparative Study of Governance in Sultanate and Modern India.

Module-III:

Bhakti and Sufi Movements - Prominent Bhakti and Sufi Saints - their Preaching's - Impact on Society and Culture - Women's Role in Bhakti Movement - Influence of Bhakti Movement on Social Reforms - Emergence of Composite Culture and its impact on Society - Inter-faith Dialogue and Its legacy in Contemporary Society.

Module-IV:

South Indian Kingdoms - Kakatiyas - Polity - Administration - Society and Economy - Agriculture and Irrigation -Trade and Commerce - Literature and Religion - Art and Architecture - Foreign Traveller: Marcopolo - Yadavas - Hoysalas - Pandyas - Cheras - their contribution to South Indian Culture.

Module-V:

Vijayanagara Kingdom - Political History - Military - Administration - Society and Economy - Religion - Cultural Developments - Art and Architecture - Language and Literature - The Brief History of Bahamanis and their Contribution to the Deccan Culture - Battle of Talikota - Technological Developments and its impact on Structures of Society , Warfare and Administration in Early Medieval Period.

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