

B.A. HISTORY

I Year B.A. Programme (UG) Course – CBCS

Semester - I

Paper I

INDIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE

(From Earliest Times To 647 A.D.)

Unit – I

Survey of the Sources – Literary Sources- Archaeological Sources - Influence of Geography on History – Unity in Diversity - Prehistoric period – Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic cultures – Harappan Civilization: Origin, Extent, Urban Planning- Nature of Polity and Economic Organization, Society – Religious Conditions – Downfall of the Civilization

Unit – II

Vedic Civilization: Vedic Literature – Early Vedic and later Vedic Civilizations –Political, Economic and Religious Conditions in the Society - Emergence of Varna and caste system – Rise of New Religious Movements: Conditions of 6th Century B.C. – Jainism – Vardhamana Mahavira. Buddhism – Gauthama Buddha.

Unit III

A Brief Survey of Political Conditions in Ancient India -Mahajanapadas – Rise and Expansion of Magadha – Persian, Alexander’s Invasions – Causes and its effects on India - The Mauryan Empire: Origin – Chandragupta Maurya - Ashoka’s Dharma, It’s nature and propagation – Mauryan Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art and Architecture – Downfall of the Mauryan Empire.

Unit IV

Post - Mauryan Period in North India – Sunga. Kanva dynasties – A brief political survey of Foreign invasions – Kushan – Kanishka – The Age of Satavahanas – Brief Political History - Gauthamiputrasatakarni - Socio Economic Religious Cultural Developments

Unit V

Age of Guptas: Brief Political History - Development in the Gupta Period – Administrative System, Society, Economy, Art, Architecture. Literature, Science and Technology – Golden Age of Guptas - Post Gupta Period: Achievements of Harshavardhana – Hiuen Tsang.