

BOARD OF UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
UNIVERSITY OF KALYANI

Course details for B.A. 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester (NEP 2020) 2024-25  
(As approved in the extended meeting of the UGBOS in History dated 29.09.2024)

Major Course (History), No. 3 [6 credits / marks – 60 + 15 = 75)

***Ancient India from the Post-Vedic to Late Gupta period***

**Unit-1:** Features of post-Vedic Polity in India - The Maurya rule in Magadha - Asoka's *Dhamma* and administration - the policy of cultural conquest.

**Unit-2:** The post-Maurya India - the Kushanas, Satavahanas and Tamil powers : Chera, Chola and Pandya – peasantization of tribes and changes in the caste system - spread of megalithic culture - splits in Jainism and Buddhism - Vaishnavism, Saivism and Tantricism.

**Unit-3:** Consolidation of the Gupta Empire - debates on the golden age - decline of the Gupta power – decentralized India – regional states in North, South and East India – debate on feudalism in Ancient India

**Unit-4:** Early India in retrospect – society, culture and environment - literature and philosophy - art and architecture – science and technology – trade, industry and guild – beginning of new urbanization.

**Reading**

1. Romila Thapar : *Ancient India*.
2. A.L.Basham : *The Wonder that was India*.
3. Romila Thapar: *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*.
4. D.D. Kosambi : *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*.
5. Irfan Habib : *The Mauryan India*.
6. R.S.Sharma : *Indian Feudalism*.
7. R.S. Sharma : *Perspectives in the Social and Economic History of Early India*.
8. S.K.Maity : *Economic Life in Northern India in the Gupta Period*.
9. B.P.Sahu ed. : *Land System and Rural Society in Early India*.
10. Susan Huntington : *The Art of Ancient India*.
11. D.P.Chattopadhyay : *History of Science and Technology in Ancient India*.
- 10.R.C.Majumdar: *Ancient India*.
- 11.Ranabir Chakraborty : *Prachin Bharater Arthanaitik Itihaser Sandhane (Bengali)*.
12. Ranabir Chakraboety : *Bharat Itihaser Adiparba (Bengali)*.

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Minor Course [4 credits/ marks – 40 + 10 = 50]

For those students of other Disciplines who studied History(Minor) paper 1 (History of India from the Earliest Times to the Early Medieval Period) in the 1<sup>st</sup> Semester, paper 2 of History(Minor) entitled 'History of Medieval India' is prescribed. Course details are already circulated.

Multidisciplinary Course (MDC) [3 credits/ marks – 35 + 10 = 45]

To be chosen from the prescribed multidisciplinary subjects already notified with course details.

Skill Enhancement Course (SEC) [3 credits/ marks – 35 + 10 = 45]

### **Studies in Museum and Archaeology**

**Unit I** : Origin, definition and purpose of - museum development in India . - functions of a museum - classification of museums according to collection, scope and management.

**Unit II** : Acquisition and procedure of collection in a museum - documentation, accession, indexing, cataloguing and digitization - presentation and exhibition with outreach activities– museum and tourism

**Unit III** : Definition of archaeology and ethno-. – prehistoric, historic, rural-urban and underwater archaeology – history of Indian archaeology – important archaeological sites of India.

**Unit IV** : Methods of archaeological explorations and site discoveries - horizontal and vertical excavation - concepts of stratigraphy and stratification - dating methods and techniques - dendrochronology, radio carbon dating (C-14), thermoluminescence dating, electron spin resonance dating, optically stimulate microscopy dating and fission track dating.

### **Reading**

1. Rangankanti Jana : *Sangrahasala ebong Lekhyagar* (Bengali)
2. Moloy De : *Sangrahasala ebong Lekhyagar* (Bengali)
3. Rupak Das : *Puratattva Mahafejkhana O Jadughar* (Bengali)
4. Sudhiranjan Das, *Uthkhanan Vijnan* (Bengali)
5. P. Barker : *Techniques of Archaeological Excavation*
6. B. Fagan : *In the beginning: An Introduction to Archaeology*

Value Added Course (VAD) [4 credits/ marks – 40 + 10 = 50]

To be chosen from the List already notified with Course details.



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