

**Proposed Course Structure for 4 Year  
Bachelor of Arts  
History  
Under CBCS System**

Syllabus for MDC of Semester I, II, & III

Programme framed according to National Education Policy

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# SYLLABUS OF MDC-I

## First semester

### MDC – 1 : Idea of Bharatvarsha

Multi Disciplinary Course 1 (MDC-1) : Idea of Bharatvarsha

Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
Idea of Bharat	3	3	1	0	Class XII Pass	NIL

Learning Outcome:

- Student will acquire knowledge regarding the primitive life and cultural status of the people of Ancient India.
- The will gather knowledge about the society culture religion and political history of ancient India.
- They will also acquire the knowledge of changing socio-cultural scenarios of India.

Multi Disciplinary Course 1 (MDC-1) :

(MDC-1) : Idea of Bharatvarsha		(3 Credits)
		Contact Periods per week : 3L+1T
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
I	<b>Idea of Bharatvarsha</b> a) Understanding of Bharatvarsha b) The Significance of Indian Literature: Veda, Brahmana., Upanishads, Vedanga, Epics. Smriti , Puranas, Jain and Buddhist Literature.,	5
II	<b>Indian Knowledge Tradition, Art and Culture</b> a) Salient features of Indian Art & Culture b) Indian education system: Taxila, Nalanda, Vikramashila and Odantapuri University	7
III	<b>Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and Governance</b> a) The concept of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam: Man, Family. Society and World b) Polity and governance: Concept of Janpada & Local Administration (Gram Swarajya)	6
IV	<b>Science, Environment and Medical science</b> a) Science and Technology in Ancient India b) Environmental conservation: Indian View c) Health consciousness of Early Society: Ayurveda and Yoga	6
V	<b>Indian economic traditions</b> a) Indian economic thoughts b) Concept, inland trade & commerce and Maritime Trade	6
Total		30

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14. Radha Kumud Mookerji: Indian Shipping, Pub. South Asia Books, 1999
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22. Jekuthiel Ginsburg: New light on our Numerals.
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# SYLLABUS OF MDC- 2

## Second semester

### MDC – 2 : History of World Civilization

Multi Disciplinary Course 2 (MDC-2) : History of World Civilization

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Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
History of World Civilization	3	3	1	0	Class XII Pass	NIL

Learning Outcome:

- Student will acquire knowledge about the evolution of human society, and transformation of ancient
- Civilizations like Mesopotamia, Greece, China, Roman and Medieval Europe.
- They will acquire knowledge about the origin, features, nature and class composition of various societies.
- Student will learn to compare among the several societies of the world.

MDC – 2 : History of World Civilization		(3 Credits)
		Contact Periods per week : 3L+1T
Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
I	<b>History of Early World Civilization</b> a) Egyptian Civilization. Political development. Art, Architecture and Religion b) Mesopotamia Civilization: Sumerian, Babylonian and Assyrian: Society, Religion, Law, Art & Architecture, Administration and Education.	7
II	<b>Classical Greece</b> a) Homer Age: Evolution of classical Greece. b) The Pericles Age in Greece, growth of state and society, development of Science, Art and Philosophy	6
III	<b>Roman Empire</b> a) Origin, Rise and Evolution of Roman Republic b) Imperial Age in Rome.	4
IV	<b>Rise of Christianity and Islam</b> a) Rise, establishment and growth of Christianity b) Birth and expansion of Islam and its impact. c) The Arab civilization and its contribution.	7
V	<b>Early Medieval Europe</b> a) Crusades and their impact on Europe. b) Rise and growth of European Feudalism and its decline.	6
Total		30

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7. Nicholas, David: The Evolution of the Medieval World, Society, Government and thought in Europe, 312-1500, Rout ledge. 1992.
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# SYLLABUS OF MDC- 3

## Third Semester

### MDC – 3 : History of India; From Earliest Times to 550 C.E

Multi Disciplinary Course 3 (MDC-3) : History of India; From Earliest Times to 550 C.E

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Course Title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite of the course (if any)
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical		
History of India; From Earliest Times to 550 C.E	3	3	1	0	Second semester Pass	NIL

Learning Outcome:

As a history student he/she will learn about the historiographical trends, and interpretation of the historical sources of Ancient India as well.

They can acquire knowledge about the Vedic Period

They can understand the rise of Jainism and Buddhism, Cultural development in Ancient India

MDC – 3 : History of India; From Earliest Times to 550 C.E

(3 Credits)

Contact Periods per week : 3L+1T

Unit	Topics to be covered	No. of Lectures
I	<b>Sources, Historiography and Prehistoric India</b> a) Sources of Ancient Indian History up to 550 C.E. b) A survey of Prehistoric India: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic and Chalcolithic Cultures. c) The Indus-Saraswati Civilization, A debate for resurgence. d) Significant features of Indus- Saraswati Civilization, its continuity and decline	10
II	<b>Aryan Civilization</b> a) Origin of Aryans and their Homeland in India. b) Vedic Age: Society and Economy c) Vedic Religion and Philosophy. d) Epic literature (Ramayan and Mahabharata).	5
III	<b>India from Sixth Century BCE to Mauryan Age</b> a) Mahajanapada b) Republic in Ancient India. c) Magadhan Imperialism d) Buddhism and Jainism.	5
IV	<b>Post Mauryan Age</b> a) The Maurya Empire, Chandragupta Maurya, Ashoka and Ashoka's Dhamma. Fall of Mauryan Empire. b) Indo-Greek, Saka, Kushan, Shunga, Kharvela, Satvahanas: Society and Culture, Art, Architecture and Coinage. c) Sangam Age: Sangam Literature, Society and Culture , Cheras, Pandyas, Early Cholas	6
V	<b>Imperial Guptas</b> a) Imperial Guptas and their Contemporaries. b) Gupta Administration c) Gupta Art, Architecture, Religion. Literature and Development of Science and Technology	4
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3. Majumdar, R.C. and Pusalkar, A.D (edited): The History and Culture of Indian People Vol. I, Vedic Age.
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11. Singh, Upinder: A history of Ancient and Early Medieval India, from Stone Age to early Medieval India. 2008, Pearson, New Delhi.
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