

KAKATIYA UNIVERSITY

B.A. History: Semester - I

Paper – I: History of India (From Earliest Times to c.700 CE)

(BA-101) Discipline Specific Course

(With Effect from 2025-2026 Onwards)

- Module-I: Definitions - Nature and Scope of History – Importance of History - History and Its Relationship with other Social Sciences - Geographical Features of India - Sources of Indian History: Pre-History - Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Megalithic Cultures.
- Module-II: Indus Valley Civilization - Its Features & Decline; Early Vedic and Later Vedic Civilizations - Vedic Literature - Society – Varna System - Economy - Polity - Religion.
- Module-III: Rise of New Religious Movements - Charvakas, Lokayathas, Jainism and Buddhism; principles, Spread and Contribution to Literature, Art and Architecture and Mahajanapadas - Rise of Magadha; Alexander's Invasion and Its Impact.
- Module-IV: Foundation of the Mauryan Dynasty; Ashoka and His Dharma - Polity - Administration - Society - Economy - Religion - Literature - Art and Architecture; Disintegration of the Mauryan Empire; Post-Mauryan Kingdoms - Indo-Greeks - Kushanas and Kanishka - Society - Economy - Literature - Art and Architecture; Gandhara Art - The Satavahanas; Society - Economy - Religion - Literature - Art and Architecture; Sangam Age - Literary Development – Spread of Indian Culture in South – East Asia.
- Module-V: Gupta Empire: A Brief Political Survey - Polity and Administration, Social and Economic Conditions, Agriculture and Land Grants - Feudalism, Varna/Caste System, Education – Nalanda University - Literature, Science and Technology, Art and Architecture.
Harshavardana and His Achievements – Contribution to Buddhism, Arts and Literature.
Evolution of Caste System in Ancient India – Educational Development in Ancient India – Taxashila and Nalanda Universities, their Contribution to Education.

Recommended Books:

- A.L. Basham, The Wonder that was India, Rupa & Co., New Delhi, 2001.
Allchin, Bridget & Raymond, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan, CUP, New Delhi, 1996.
E.H. Carr, What is History? Penguin Books, England, 1990.
Majumdar, R.C., History and Culture of the Indian People, Vols. I, II & III.
Romila Thapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas, OUP, New Delhi, 1995.
Romila Thapar, Early India (From the earliest to AD 1300).
Romila Thapar, A History of India, Vol. I, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1990.
Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Medieval India.

KAKATIYA UNIVERSITY
B.A. History (Regular & Distance): Semester - II
Paper – II: History of India (c.700-1526 CE)
(BA-201) Discipline Specific Course
(With Effect from 2025-2026 Onwards)

- Module-I: The Age of Rajputs – Palas and Others - Society, Economy and Culture – Literature, Art and Architecture - Arab Conquest of Sindh, Ghaznavids and Ghoris; Foundation of Delhi Sultanate: Slave, Khiljis, Tughlaqs, Sayyids and Lodis - Polity, Administration, Society - Economy - Religion - Growth of Education, Language and Literature - Art and Architecture - Decline of Delhi Sultanate.
- Module-II: Bhakti and Sufi Movements, Prominent Bhakti and Sufi Saints, their Preachings - Impact on Indian Society and Culture – Social Reforms - Emergence of Composite Culture.
- Module-III: South Indian Kingdoms: Chalukyas of Badami, Rashtrakutas, Pallavas, Pandyas, Cholas: Local Self Government - Society, Economy, Maritime Trade with South East Asia and Spread of Indian Culture - Literature, Art and Architecture;
Bhakti Movement in South India: Shaiva Nayanars and Vaishnava Alwars.
- Module-IV: Kakatiyas - Polity - Administration - Economy – Irrigation and Agriculture – Trade and Commerce – Society, Religion and Literature - Art and Architecture – Decline - Yadavas - Hoysalas - Their contribution to South Indian Culture.
- Module-V: Vijayanagara - A Brief Survey of Political History - Polity - Administration – Society, Economy and Religion - Language and Literature - Art and Architecture - Decline.
The Brief History of Bahamanis and their Contribution to the Deccan Culture.

Recommended Books:

- A.L. Basham, The Wonder that was India, Rupa & Co., New Delhi, 2001.
Irfan Habib, Medieval India-I, OUP, Delhi, 1999.
K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, A History of South India.
Majumdar, R.C., History and Culture of the Indian People, Vols. I, II & III.
Romila Thapar, Early India (From the earliest to AD 1300).
Satish Chandra, Medieval India (From Sultanate to the Mughals), Part-I, Har-Anand Publications, New Delhi, 1997.
Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Medieval India.
Vipul Singh, Interpreting Early and Medieval India.
Telugu: A. Bobbili and others, Bharatha Desha Charitra upto A.D. 1526, Telugu Academy, Hyderabad, 2003.
D.D. Kosambi, Bharatha Desha Charitra Parichaya Vyasalu, Hyderabad Book Trust, Hyderabad, 1996.
B.A. First- & Second-Year Indian History Text Books (English & Telugu Medium-CBCS) 2017-18.