

**B.A. History (Regular) Syllabus  
according to Choice Based Credit System  
(CBCS)**

**(As per TSCHE Model)**

**w. e. f. 2025-2026**



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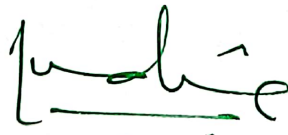
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B.A. (HISTORY) SYLLABUS  
Semester - I

History of India (From Earliest Times to c.750 CE)  
(DSC-101) Discipline Specific Course - Paper - I  
(2025-2026)


- 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 - Military - Espionage - 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 Systems of Ancient India and Modern Governance.

  
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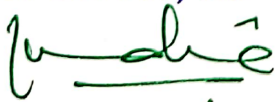


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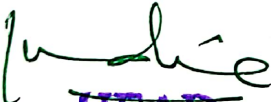
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**Recommended Books:**

- 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.
- D. D. Kosambi, *The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Vikas Publishing House Pvt., Ltd, Noida, UP, 2001.
- D. N. Jha, *Early India: A Concise History*, Manohar Publishers and Distributors, 2005
- D. N. Jha, *Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Manohar Publications, New Delhi, 2009.
- E.H. Carr, *What is History?* Penguin Books, England, 1990
- Majumdar, R.C, *History and Culture of the Indian People*, Vols. I, II & III.
- Nayanjyot Lahiri, *Ashoka In Ancient India*, Permanent Black-Orient BlackSwan
- Nayanjyot Lahiri, *Marshalling the Past: Ancient India and its Modern Histories*, Permanent Black-Orient BlackSwan
- Romila Thapar, *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*, OUP, New Delhi, 1995
- Romila Thapar, *Early India (From the earliest to AD 1300)*, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 2002.
- Romila Thapar, *A History of India*, Vol. I, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1990.
- Romila Thapar, *Ancient Indian Social History*, Orient Blackswan Pvt., Ltd., 1978.
- Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, Pearson Education, India, 2009.
- Upinder Singh, *Discovery of Ancient India, The: Early Archaeologists and the Beginnings of Archaeology*, Permanent Black-Orient BlackSwan

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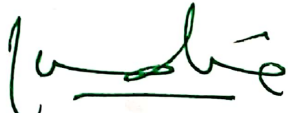
  
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**Semester - II**  
**History of India (c. 700-1565 CE)**  
**(DSC-201 - Discipline Specific Course) - Paper – II**  
**(2025-2026)**

- 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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History of Medieval India by Satish Chandra, Orient BlackSwan.

Early Medieval Indian Society: A Study in Feudalisation by R.S. Sharma, Orient BlackSwan

Architecture in Medieval India: Forms, Contexts, Histories by Monica Juneja, Permanent Black-Orient BlackSwan

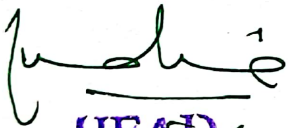
Bhangya Bhukya, *A Cultural History of Telangana: From the Earliest Times to 1724 AD* Orient BlackSwan

Velcheru Narayana Rao, *Text And Tradition In South India*, Permanent Black-Orient BlackSwan

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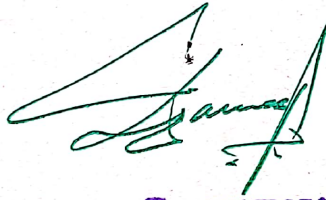
D.D. Kosambi, *Bharatha Desha Charitra Parichaya Vyasalu*, Hyderabad Book Trust, Hyderabad, 1996.

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