

**LIST OF VALUE-ADDED COURSES (VAC) OFFERED BY THE
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

Course Type/ Applicable Scheme	Course Code	Nomenclature of course	Credits	Contact Hours/ Week	Internal Marks	End Term Marks	Total Marks	Duration of Exam
VAC-3 C Only	26UN-HIS- VAC301	History of Ancient India	2	2	15	35	50	3hrs.
VAC-3 A & B	26UN-HIS- VAC401	History of Medieval India	2	2	15	35	50	3 hrs.
VAC-4 C Only	26UN-HIS- VAC402	History of Modern India	2	2	15	35	50	3 hrs.

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Part A – Introduction	
Subject	History
Semester	3 rd
Name of the Course	History of Ancient India
Course Code	26UN-HIS-VAC-301
Course Type: (CC/MCC/MDC/CC-M/DSEC/VOC/DSE/PC/AEC/VAC)	VAC
Pre-requisite for the course (if any)	NIL

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Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):	After successful completion of the course, the learner will be able to:		
	• Explain the major sources and stages of Ancient Indian history. • Describe the political, social, economic, and cultural developments from the prehistoric period to the early medieval age. • Assess the significance of major dynasties, religious movements, and philosophical traditions. • Interpret the contributions of Ancient India to art, architecture, literature, and civilization, and apply this knowledge in competitive examinations.		
Credits	Theory	Practical/Tutorial	Total
	02	-	02
Contact Hours	02	-	02
Max. Marks:	50	Time: 3 Hrs.	
Internal Assessment Marks:	15		
End Term Exam Marks:	35		
Part B- Contents of the Course			
<u>Instructions for Paper-Setter:</u>			
1. Nine questions shall be set in all, two questions from each Unit I-IV and Question No 1, that is, Compulsory Question, by taking CLOs into consideration. Each question shall carry 07 marks. 2. The Compulsory Question shall consist of <i>seven</i> short answer type questions of 01 marks each which shall be spread over the whole syllabus. 3. The candidate shall be required to attempt <i>five</i> questions in all selecting one each question from Unit I-IV and the Compulsory Question.			
Units	Topics		
I	Unit I: Sources and Prehistoric India • Sources of Ancient Indian History • Prehistoric Cultures and Indus Valley Civilization • Vedic Age		

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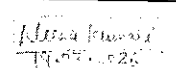
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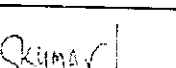
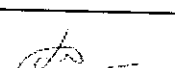
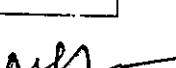
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II	Unit II: Rise of States and Religious Movements • Mahajanapadas and Rise of Magadha. • Jainism and Buddhism • Foreign Invasions and their Impact						
III	Unit III: Political History • Mauryan Empire and Post-Mauryan Kingdoms • Gupta Empire • Pushyabhuti Kingdom						
IV	Unit IV: Society, Economy and Culture • Social and Economic Life • Literature: Vedas, Upanishads, Epics, Manusmriti • Trade, Commerce and Taxes						
Suggested Evaluation Methods							
Internal Assessment: ➤ Theory • Class Participation: • Seminar/presentation/assignment/quiz/class test etc.: • Mid-Term Exam: ➤ Practicum • Class Participation: • Seminar/Demonstration/Viva-voce/Lab records etc.: • Mid-Term Exam:	<table border="0"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">15 Marks</td> <td rowspan="5" style="text-align: center; vertical-align: middle;">End Term Examination: 35 Marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">04 Marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">04 Marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">07 Marks</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">N.A.</td> </tr> </table>	15 Marks	End Term Examination: 35 Marks	04 Marks	04 Marks	07 Marks	N.A.
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Part C-Learning Resources							
Recommended Books/e-resources/LMS: 1. Allchin, Bridget & Raymond Allchin. <i>The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan</i>. Cambridge University Press. 2. Basham, A. L. <i>The Wonder That Was India</i>. Rupa Publications. 3. Jha, D. N. <i>Ancient India: In Historical Outline</i>. Manohar Publishers. 4. Kosambi, D. D. <i>An Introduction to the Study of Indian History</i>. Popular Prakashan. 5. Majumdar, R. C. (Ed.). <i>The History and Culture of the Indian People</i> (Vols. I–III). Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan. 6. Patrick Olivelle. <i>The Early Upanishads</i>. Oxford University Press. 7. R. Champakalakshmi. <i>Trade, Ideology and Urbanization</i>. Oxford University Press. 8. R. S. Sharma. <i>Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India</i>. Macmillan. 9. Raychaudhuri, H. C. <i>Political History of Ancient India</i>. Oxford University Press. 10. Romila Thapar. <i>Cultural Pasts</i>. Oxford University Press. 11. Sastri, K. A. Nilakanta. <i>A History of South India</i>. Oxford University Press. 12. Sharma, R. S. <i>India's Ancient Past</i>. Oxford University Press. 13. Singh, Upinder. <i>A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12th Century</i>. Pearson. 14. Thapar, Romila. <i>Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300</i>. Penguin.							





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Session: 2026-27			
Part A – Introduction			
Subject	History		
Semester	3 rd		
Name of the Course	History of Medieval India		
Course Code	26UN-HIS-VAC-401		
Course Type: (CC/MCC/MDC/CC-M/DSEC/VOC/DSE/PC/AEC/VAC)	VAC		
Pre-requisite for the course (if any)	NIL		
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):	After successful completion of the course, the learner will be able to: • Identify the major political developments and regional powers of Medieval India. • Explain the administrative, economic, and social institutions of the Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire. • Evaluate the impact of the Bhakti and Sufi movements on Indian society and culture. • Analyse the cultural heritage and historical developments of Medieval India for academic and competitive examination purposes.		
Credits	Theory	Practical/Tutorial	Total
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Contact Hours	02	-	02
Max. Marks:	50	Time: 3 Hrs.	
Internal Assessment Marks:	15		
End Term Exam Marks:	35		
Part B- Contents of the Course			

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Units	Topics	
I	Unit I: Early Medieval India - Sources of Medieval Indian History - Early Medieval Kingdoms - Society, Economy and Feudalism	
II	Unit II: Delhi Sultanate - Establishment and Expansion of the Delhi Sultanate - Administrative, Revenue and Market Reforms - Society, Religion and Culture	
III	Unit III: Mughal Empire - Foundation and Expansion: Babur to Aurangzeb - Mughal Administration and Economy - Later Mughals and Decline of the Empire	
IV	Unit IV: Society, Culture and Regional States - Bhakti and Sufi Movements - Vijayanagara and Bahmani Kingdoms - Rise of the Marathas and Sikh Power	
Suggested Evaluation Methods		
Internal Assessment:		End Term Examination: 35 Marks
> Theory		
Class Participation:		
Seminar/presentation/assignment/quiz/class test etc.:		
Mid-Term Exam:		
> Practicum		
- Class Participation: - Seminar/Demonstration/Viva-voce/Lab records etc.: - Mid-Term Exam:		
Part C-Learning Resources		
Recommended Books/e-resources/LMS:		
1. Athar Ali, M. <i>The Mughal Nobility under Aurangzeb</i> . Oxford University Press.		

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2. Burton Stein. *A History of India*. Wiley-Blackwell.
3. Catherine B. Asher & Cynthia Talbot. *India Before Europe*. Cambridge University Press.
4. Harbans Mukhia. *The Mughals of India*. Wiley-Blackwell.
5. Hermann Kulke & Dietmar Rothermund. *A History of India*. Routledge.
6. Irfan Habib. *Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization*. NBT.
7. Irfan Habib. *The Agrarian System of Mughal India*. Oxford University Press.
8. Jadunath Sarkar. *History of Aurangzeb* (5 Vols.).
9. K. A. Nizami. *Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India during the Thirteenth Century*.
10. Muzaffar Alam & Sanjay Subrahmanyam. *The Mughal State*. Oxford University Press.
11. Percy Brown. *Indian Architecture (Islamic Period)*.
12. Peter Jackson. *The Delhi Sultanate*. Cambridge University Press.
13. Richard M. Eaton. *India in the Persianate Age: 1000–1765*. Penguin.
14. S. A. A. Rizvi. *A History of Sufism in India*. Munshiram Manoharlal.
15. Satish Chandra. *Medieval India: From Sultanat to the Mughals* (Vols. I & II). Har-Anand Publications.

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Part A – Introduction			
Subject	History		
Semester	4 th		
Name of the Course	History of Modern India		
Course Code	26UN-HIS-VAC-402		
Course Type: (CC/MCC/MDC/CC-M/DSEC/VOC/DSE/PC/AEC/VAC)	VAC		
Pre-requisite for the course (if any)	NIL		
Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):	After successful completion of the course, the learner will be able to: • Explain the establishment and expansion of British colonial rule in India. • Analyse the economic, social, political, and administrative changes under colonialism. • Evaluate the causes, phases, and significance of the Indian National Movement leading to Independence. • Interpret the constitutional developments and nation-building process in modern India while developing analytical skills relevant to higher studies and competitive examinations.		
Credits	Theory	Practical/Tutorial	Total
	02	-	02
Contact Hours	02	-	02
Max. Marks:	50	Time: 3 Hrs.	
Internal Assessment Marks:	15		
End Term Exam Marks:	35		
Part B- Contents of the Course			

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2. The Compulsory Question shall consist of *seven* short answer type questions of 01 marks each which shall be spread over the whole syllabus.
3. The candidate shall be required to attempt *five* questions in all selecting one each question from Unit I-IV and the Compulsory Question.

Units	Topics																			
I	Unit I: Advent of European Powers and British Expansion • Sources of Modern Indian History • Advent of the Portuguese, Dutch, French and British • Establishment and Expansion of British Rule																			
II	Unit II: Colonial Administration and Socio-Economic Changes • Social, Administrative and Revenue Policies • Revolt of 1857 • Socio-Religious Reform Movements																			
III	Unit III: Indian National Movement • Nationalism and Indian National Congress • Gandhian Era • Revolutionary Movements																			
IV	Unit IV: Towards Independence and Nation Building • Communal Politics and Partition of India • Freedom and Integration of Princely States • Constitutional developments and the Making of the Indian Constitution																			
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Recommended Books/e-resources/LMS:

1. A. R. Desai. *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*. Popular Prakashan.
2. Barbara D. Metcalf & Thomas R. Metcalf. *A Concise History of Modern India*. Cambridge University Press.
3. Bipan Chandra. *History of Modern India*. Orient BlackSwan.
4. Bipan Chandra. *India's Struggle for Independence*. Penguin.
5. C. A. Bayly. *Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire*. Cambridge University Press.
6. Judith M. Brown. *Gandhi: Prisoner of Hope*. Yale University Press.
7. Mushirul Hasan. *India's Partition: Process, Strategy and Mobilization*. Oxford University Press.
8. Percival Spear. *A History of India (Vol. II)*. Penguin.
9. R. C. Majumdar. *History of the Freedom Movement in India (3 Vols.)*.
10. Ramachandra Guha. *India After Gandhi*. HarperCollins.
11. Ranajit Guha. *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*. Oxford University Press.
12. Sekhar Bandyopadhyay. *From Plassey to Partition and After*. Orient BlackSwan.
13. Sugata Bose & Ayesha Jalal. *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*. Routledge.
14. Sumit Sarkar. *Modern India: 1885–1947*. Macmillan.
15. Tara Chand. *History of the Freedom Movement in India*.

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