

**Debra Thana Sahid Kshudiram Smriti Mahavidyalaya (Autonomous)**

**Syllabus for 4 Year B.A.**

**History Minor**

**Paper 1: Ancient India (Credits 04)**

**Course Contents:**

Unit 1. Evolution of Harappan Culture: Maturity of Civilization, Town Planning and Causes of Decline

Unit 2. Vedic Age: Corpus of Vedic Literature, Society, Economy and Polity in Early & Later Vedic Period

Unit 3. State Formation in Early India: Mahajanapadas

Unit 4. Mauryan Empire: Chandragupta Maurya to Asoka: Polity, Administration, Society, Culture and Mauryan decline

Unit 5. Gupta Empire: Chandragupta I to Skandagupta: Polity, Administration, Society, Culture and Downfall

Unit 6. Overview of the Early Medieval India: Formation of Regional States: Shashanka and Harsha, the Chalukyas, the Palas and the Senas of Bengal, Tripartite Struggle, the Rashtrakutas and the Gurjara-Pratiharas, the Pallavas and the Cholas. The Economy, Society and Culture of Early Medieval India.

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Allchin, Bridget and Raymond, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan.
2. Basham, A.L., The Wonder that Was India.
3. Bhattacharjee, Sukumari, Women and Society in Ancient India.
4. Chakrabarty, Ranabir, Exploring Early India upto A.D. 1300.
5. Habib, Irfan (General Editor), A Peoples History of India  
(a) Vol. I –Pre History.

- (b) Vol. II –The Indus Civilization.
- (c) Vol. III – The Vedic Age.
- (d) Vol. IV –The Mauryas.
- 6. Jha, D.N., Ancient India in Historical Outline
- 7. Jha, D.N., Ancient India : An Introduction.
- 8. Kochar,R., The Vedic People.
- 9. Kosambi, D.D., An Introduction to the Study of Indian History.
- 10. Kulke, H., The State in India (1000-1700).
- 11. Lahiri, Naianjyot, The Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization.
- 12. Ratnagar, Shireen, The End of the Great Harappan Tradition.
- 13. Sastri, K.A., A History of South India from Pre-historic Times to the Fall of Vijaynagara,
- 14. Sharma, R.S., India's AncientPast.
- 15. Singh, Upinder, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India.
- 16. Thapar, Romila, From Lineage to State.
- 17. Thapar, Romila, Early India: From the Origins to A.D. 1300.
- 18. Thapar, Romila, TheMauryas Revisited.
- 19. Romila, Thapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas.
- 20. Ranabir Chakraborty, Bharat Itihaser Adiparba