



TRIPURA UNIVERSITY

(A Central University)

Suryamaninagar

SYLLABUS

OF

History
(General & Major)

Semester-I

Year 2014

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History (General)

Semester I

Paper – 1: History of India – Up to 1206 AD

Unit – 1

1. Sources of Ancient Indian History : Literary and Archaeological
2. Indus Valley Civilization and Vedic Civilization: Features of Indus Valley, Causes of decline; Early and Later Vedic period.
3. Protest Movements: Causes, Jainism and Buddhism.
4. The Mauryan Empire: Administration, Asoka's Dhamma.

Unit – 2

1. Kushanas : Kanishka and his Contributions.
2. Satavahanas: Gautamiputra Satkarni and his Achievements.
3. The Gupta Age: Administration and the downfall of the Guptas, Socio-economic and Cultural conditions.
4. Education and Educational Institution in Ancient India: Vikramsila and Nalanda.

Unit – 3

1. History of Bengal: Rise of Gaud under Sasanka.
2. Harsha : Achievements.
3. The History of Palas, Kaivarta Revolt.
4. Socio-economic and cultural conditions in the Pala and Sena Age.

Unit – 4

1. The Pallavas : Contribution to art and culture.
2. The Cholas : Administration, Maritime activities.
3. The Chalukyas : With special reference to Pulakesin-II.
4. The advent of the Arabs : Impact; Ghaznavids and Ghurids.

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History (Major)

Semester I

Paper - 1: History of India up to c. A.D. 650

Unit: I: Pre-History and Proto-History

- a. General background: Physiography, environment, unity in diversity, people and language.
- b. Sources: Literary and archaeological.
- c. Pre-history: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Chalcolithic cultures – features and geographical distribution.
- d. Proto- history: Harappan Civilization – origin, distribution, features, decline.

Unit: II: Emergence of early Historic India

- a. Aryan Problem; Society, economy, polity, and religion as reflected in early and later Vedic Literature.
- b. Jainism, Buddhism and Ajivikas – background and features.
- c. Rise of Janapadas and Mahajanapades – expansion of urbanisation
- d. Iranian and Macedonian invasions – causes and impact.

Unit:III: Mauryan India

- a. Rise of Magadha and Mauryan Empire – material background.
- b. Mauryan expansion and administration from Chandragupta Maurya to Asoka, economy
- c. Asoka's Dhamma, Mauryan Art and Architecture.
- d. Decline of the Mauryan state.

Unit – IV: Post Mauryan development up to Harshavardhana

- a. The Kushanas –Kanishka, their economy and culture; Satavahanas – GautamiputraSatakarni.
- b. Sangam Age: society, language and literature.
- c. Administrative, economy and cultural life in the Gupta age.
- d. Harshavardhana: emergence and estimate; beginning of feudalism.

Recommended Readings:-

1. R.C. Majumdar (ed.): History and Culture of the Indian People, Relevant volumes (BharatiyaVidyaBhavan)
2. R.C. Majumdar, et.al., : An Advanced History of India (Macmillan)
3. R.C. Majumdar: Ancient India (MotilalBanarasidass)
4. Vincent Smith: Oxford History of India (OUP)
5. RomilaThapar: Early India (Penguin)
6. RomilaThapar: Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauryas (OUP)
7. RomilaThapar: Recent Perspectives of Early Indian History (Popular Prakashan)
8. D.N. Jha: Early India: A Concise History (Manohar)
9. Hermann Kulke and DietmarRothmund: A History of India (Routledge and Manohar)
10. R.S. Sharma: India's Ancient Past (OUP)
11. R.S. Sharma: Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India (MotilalBanarasidass)
12. A.L. Basham: The wonder that was India(Rupa) (*Also in Bengali Version*)
13. A.L. Basham: A Cultural History of India (OUP)
14. Upindar Singh: A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India (Pearson)
15. Ranabir Chakraborty: Exploring Early India (Macmillan)
16. ShereenRatnagar: Understanding Harappa (Tulika)
17. A.S. Altekar: State and Government In Ancient India (MotilalBanarasidass)
18. Allchin & Allchin: The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan (Cambridge India Foundation Books)
19. D.D. Kosambi: The Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline (Vikas)
20. D.D. Kosambi: An Introduction to the study of Indian History (Popular Prakashan)
21. Romila Thapar: History of India Vol-I (Penguin) (*Also in Bengali version*)
22. Irfan Habib : Pre History (Tulika) (*Also in Bengali Version*)
23. Irfan Habib : Indus Valley Civilisation (Tulika) (*Also in Bengali version*)
24. Irfan Habib & Vijay Kumar Thakur : The Vedic Age (Tulika) (*Also in Bengali Version*)
25. K M Shrimali: The Age of Iron and the Religious Revolution (Tulika)

Books in Bengali:-

1. Gopal Ch. Sinha - Bharatbarsher Itihas, Adi Jug (Progressive Publishers)
2. Gopal Chandra Sinha : Bharatbarsher Itihas: Adi Madhya Jug (Progressive Publishers)
3. Sunil Chattopadhyay – Prachin Bharater Itihas, 2 Vols. (Paschim Banga rajya Pustak Parshad)
4. P. Maiti – Bharat Itihas Parikrama (Sridhar)
5. Shirin Ratnagar – Harappa Sabhayatar Sandhaney
6. Sukumari Bhattacharjee – Prachin Bharat: Samaj O Sahitya (Ananda)
7. Narendranath Bhattacharya : Dharma O Sanskriti: Prachin Bharatiya Prekhatpat (Ananda)
8. Ranabir Chakravarti : Bharater Itihaser Adi Parva (Orient Blackswan)

History (Elective)

The following elective papers in History as approved by the Board of Under Graduate Studies, History, Tripura University will be taught in Six semesters spanning a period of Three years:

Paper-I: History of India upto 1206 A.D. (First Semester)

Paper-II: History of India: 1206 AD– 1757A.D. (Second Semester)

Paper-III: History of India: 1757 AD – 1947A.D. (Third Semester)

Paper-IV: Tripura and Assam: Mid 18th century to 1949 A.D. (Fourth Semester)

Paper-V: History of Europe and World (1760 – 1871) (Fifth Semester)

Paper-VI: History of Europe and World (1871 – 1945) (Sixth Semester)

History (Honours)

The following Honours papers in History as approved by the Board of Under Graduate Studies, History, Tripura University will be taught in Six semesters spanning a period of Three years:

Paper-I: History of India up to c. A.D. 650 (First Semester)

Paper-II: History of India c. A.D 650- A.D 1550(Second Semester)

Paper-III: History of India c. A.D 1550- A.D. 1818 (Third Semester)

Paper-IV: History of India, 1818 AD-1947 AD (Fourth Semester)

Paper-V: Rise of the Modern West: Mid 15th to late 18th centuries (Fifth Semester)

Paper-VI: Modern Europe and the World: c. 1780- 1939 (Fifth Semester)

Paper-VII: History of North –East India, 1826 AD-1949 AD(Sixth Semester)

Paper-VIII: History of China & Japan (1840 AD-1949AD) (Sixth Semester)