



**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**HAJI ANFAR ALI COLLEGE, DOBOKA**  
**SYLLABUS UNDER FYUGP- 2023**  
**B. A. First Semester**

**Credit: 4**  
**Course level: 100-199**

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course, a student will be able to:

- Explain the emergence of state system in North India as well as development of imperial state structure and state formation in South India in the early period.
- They will be able to relate the changes and transformations in polity of early India and the link ages developed through contacts with the outside world.

**COURSE NAME: HISTORY OF INDIA (UP TO 1206 CE)**

Unit: I	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- a) Sources for reconstructing Ancient Indian History: archaeological; literary
- b) Harappan Civilization: origin, extent, characteristics; first urbanization; decline.
- c) Vedic Culture-Early and Later Vedic periods: Tribal Polity, economic developments; social stratification; religion and philosophy;

Unit: II	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- a) Second Urbanization; Rise of territorial states: Mahajanapadas
- b) Religious movements in North India: Jainism; Buddhism
- c) The Mauryas: Administrative system, Society and Economy; Asoka's Dhamma; Decline.
- d) Greek Invasion and its Impact.

Unit: III	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- a) Political developments in Post-Mauryan period with special reference to Sungas, Kushanas, Kharavelas, Satavahanas.
- b) Sangam Age: Literature, Society and Culture.

Unit: IV	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- a) The Gupta Empire: administrative system, economy, society, art and architecture, cultural developments.
- b) Post-Gupta Period: Land Grant Economy and Early Feudalism.
- c) Harshavardhana; Samanta system.

Unit: IV	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- a) Emergence of Rajputs in North India
- b) Political developments in South India with special reference to Cholas, Rashtrakutas, Chalukyas of Badami.
- c) Arabs; Ghaznavids and Ghorids.

**Readings :**

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