

F.Y.B.A. History  
Semester I  
History I: Ancient India from Earliest Times to 1000 CE.  
Course Code SBAHIS101  
Number of Credits: 3

Objectives:

1. To enable students to understand the political, socio-economic and cultural developments in the period under study and appreciate the rich cultural heritage in India.
2. To acquaint students with different sources of Ancient Indian History.

Module I: Harappan Civilisation

Extent, Town Planning, Society, Economy, Religious Life, Script, Arts and Crafts, Decline of the Civilisation.

Module II: Vedic Age

Polity, Economy, Society, Religion

Module III: India after 6<sup>th</sup> Century BCE

Age of the Mahajanapadas; Persian and Greek Invasions

Module IV: Rise of New Religions

Buddhism; Jainism

Module V: Mauryan Period

Chandragupta and Ashoka; Mauryan Administration

Semester II – the syllabus will cover the period from Post Mauryan till 1000 CE. Details will be posted once it is approved by the Board of Studies and the Academic Council.

## Reading List

### Semester I

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