

**M.A. I<sup>st</sup> year**  
**Discipline Specific Course (DSC-2)**  
**Code-MHS-102**

**Political History of India ( from the earliest time to 184 B.C. )**

**Semester – I<sup>st</sup>**  
**Max. Marks – 70**  
**Time – 3 hours**

**Course Objective:**

It is a base paper for the student of ancient Indian history. All the archaeological discoveries are made based on the historical inputs. Without historical chronology, archaeological objects can not be dated. At the same time for all the historical writing archaeological data are very much essential. By learning this paper, students gain historical back ground for his research.

**Course Outcome:**

After completing this course students will have a familiarity with the sources and political settings of India upto 184 B.C. Student will also be well versed with different analytical approaches and models of interpretation.

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| <b>Unit-I</b>   | (a) Sources of Ancient Indian History: Literary and<br>Archaeological  | <b>(15 Lect.)</b> |
|                 | (b) Pre-historic Cultures: Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic Cultures.  |                   |
| <b>Unit-II</b>  | <b>Proto-historic Cultures</b>   | <b>(20 Lect.)</b> |
|                 | (a) Harappan Civilization-Origin, Extent, dominant features and decline<br>(b) Early and Later Vedic Period: Literature, Political institutions, social and economic condition, religious practices and ideas. |                   |
| <b>Unit-III</b> | <b>Janpadas and Mahajanpadas</b>   | <b>(12 Lect.)</b> |
|                 | (a) Territorial states: Monarchial and Republican.<br>(b) Religious movement: Jainism and Buddhism.  |                   |
| <b>Unit-IV</b>  | <b>Towards Empire</b>  | <b>(12 Lect.)</b> |
|                 | (a) Rise of Magadha Empire, (Bimbisara to Nanda dynasty)<br>(b) Foreign Invasions: Iranian and Macedonian Invasion.  |                   |
| <b>Unit-V</b>   | <b>Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire</b>  | <b>(16 Lect.)</b> |
|                 | (a) Origin and rise of Mauryan Empire, Ashoka's Dhamma.<br>(b) Administration and Decline  |                   |

## Suggested Readings

1. Majumdar, R. C. and A. D. Pusalker, Vedic Age.
2. Majumdar, R. C. and A. D. Pusalker, The Age of Imperial unity.
3. Kosambi, D. D., An Introduction to the study of Indian History.
4. Thapar, Romila, Ashoka and the decline of the Mauryas.
5. Thapar, Romila, Recent Perspectives of early Indian History.
6. Shastri, Neelkanth, Comprehensive History of India, Vol.-II.
7. Sharma, R.S, India's Ancient past.
8. Singh, Upinder, A history of Ancient and Early medieval India.
9. रायचौधरी, एच० सी०, प्राचीन भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास ।
10. झा, डी० एन० एवं श्रीमाल, कृष्णमोहन, प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास ।
11. गोयल, श्रीराम, वैदिक एवम् जनपद युगीन भारत ।
12. शास्त्री, नीलकण्ठ, नन्द-मौर्य युगीन भारत ।
13. पाण्डेय, रामनिहोर, प्राचीन भारत का राजनैतिक इतिहास, भाग – 1] 2 ।
14. पाण्डेय, एस० के०, प्राचीन भारत ।
15. थापर, रोमिला, प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास ।
16. थापर, रोमिला, अशोक और मौर्य साम्राज्य का पतन ।
17. बाशम, ए० एल०, अद्भुत भारत ।
18. श्रीवास्तव, के० सी०, प्राचीन भारतीय इतिहास एवं संस्कृति ।
19. मुखर्जी, आर० के०, हिन्दू सभ्यता ।
20. मुखर्जी, आर० के०, चन्द्रगुप्त मौर्य और उसका काल ।
21. थपल्याल, किरण कुमार एवं शुक्ल, संकटा प्रसाद, सिन्धु सभ्यता ।
22. उपाध्याय, भगवत् शरण, प्राचीन भारत का राजनीतिक इतिहास ।
23. उपाध्याय, भरतसिंह, बुद्धकालीन भारतीय भूगोल ।
24. गुप्ता, देवेन्द्र, प्राचीन भारतीय समाज एवं अर्थव्यवस्था ।
25. घोष, नगेन्द्र नाथ, भारत का प्राचीन इतिहास ।
26. वर्मा, राधाकांत, भारतीय प्रागैतिहासिक संस्कृतियाँ ।
27. शर्मा, एल० पी०, प्राचीन भारत ।
28. शर्मा, राकेश, प्राचीन भारत में सम्प्रभुता ।
29. शर्मा, राकेश, प्राचीन भारत में धार्मिक सहिष्णुता ।
30. शर्मा, आर० एस०, प्रारम्भिक भारत का परिचय ।
31. सिन्हा, विन्देश्वरी प्रसाद, प्राचीन भारत का इतिहास ।
32. मिश्र, श्याम मनोहर, सैधव संस्कृति ।