

M.A. Ist year
Discipline Specific Course (DSC-4)
Code-MHS-104
Social History of Ancient India
(from the earliest time to 1200A.D.)

Semester – Ist
Max. Marks – 70
Time – 3 hours

Course Objective:

This paper deals with the development of social organizations from early times to the Early Medieval period in India. Students will clearly understand how the simple society attained complex forms and how they contributed to the development of cultural elements in India.

Course Outcome:

Upon successful completion, students will have a clear understanding of how the simple society attained complex forms and how they contributed to the development of cultural elements in India.

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| Unit-I | Social Structure | (12 Lect.) |
| | a. origin and development of Varnas, Duties and their rights.
b. origin and proliferation of Jāti (Castes) | |
| Unit-II | Aspect of Society | (12 Lect.) |
| | a. Ashrama and Prusārtha
b. Sanskaras and form of Marriage | |
| Unit-III | Family Institutions and Slavery | (17 Lect.) |
| | a. Family: Meaning, Definition, Joint Family, Duty and rights of family members.
b. Origin and development of slavery. | |
| Unit-IV | Women in Ancient India | (17 Lect.) |
| | a. Social status: Women education, Niyoga system, custom of Sati, Devdasi, Prostitutes, widow remarriage.
b. Economic Conditions: Stri Dhana and Property rights. | |
| Unit-V | Ancient Indian Education System | (17 Lect.) |
| | a. Objective of Education, Education system and subject matter
b. Major Education Centers – Taxila, Kashi, Nalanda, Vikramsila and Valabhi. | |

Suggested Readings

1. Altekar, A.S., Position of Women in Hindu civilization.
2. Prabhu, P. H., Hindu Social Organization.
3. Mookherji, R. K., Ancient Indian Education.
4. Bose, A. N., Social and Rural Economy of Northern India.
5. Sahu, B. P. (Ed.), Land system and Rural Society in Early India.
6. Majumdar, B. P., Socio - Economic History of Northern India.
7. Yadav, B.N.S., Society and Culture in Northern India in the Twelfth century.
8. Atlekar, A.S. , Education in Ancient India.
9. Sinha, S.N., Basu. N.K., Woman in Ancient India.
10. Vishnoi, Savita, Economic Status of women in Ancient India.
11. Ramgopal, India of Vedic Kalpasutras.
12. Apte, V.M., Social and Religious life of the Ghrayasutras.
13. शर्मा, आर० एस०, शूद्रों का प्राचीन इतिहास ।
14. शर्मा, आर० एस०, प्रारम्भिक भारत का आर्थिक एवं सामाजिक इतिहास ।
15. गुप्ता देवेन्द्र, प्राचीन भारतीय समाज एवं अर्थव्यवस्था ।
16. ओम प्रकाश, प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक इतिहास ।
17. काणे, पी० बी०, धर्मशास्त्रों का इतिहास, भाग – 1 ।
18. चानना, देवराज, प्राचीन भारत में दास प्रथा ।
19. जौहरी, मनोरमा, प्राचीन भारत में वर्णाश्रम व्यवस्था ।
20. वेदालंकार, हरिदत्त, हिन्दू परिवार मीमांसा ।
21. वेदालंकार, हरिदत्त, हिन्दू विवाह का संक्षिप्त इतिहास ।
22. अल्लेकर, ए० एस०, प्राचीन भारतीय शिक्षण पद्धति ।
23. मिश्र, जयशंकर, प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक इतिहास ।
24. पाण्डेय, अजय कुमार, प्राचीन भारत में सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक परिवर्तन ।
25. पाठक, रश्मि, प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक इतिहास ।
26. जायसवाल, सुविरा, जाति वर्ण-व्यवस्था, उदभव, प्रकार्य और रुपान्तरण ।
27. थापर, रोमिला, प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक इतिहास ।
28. चोपड़ा, पी०एन०, भारत का सामाजिक, सांस्कृतिक और आर्थिक इतिहास ।
29. पाण्डेय, राजबली, हिन्दू संस्कार ।