

M.A. IInd year
Discipline Specific Course (DSC-9)
Code-MHS-301
Indian Pre-history

Semester – IIIrd
Max. Marks – 70

Course Objectives:

This course deals about the Prehistory of India from the human evolution to Neolithic period. Besides, Quaternary environmental changes in reference to Indian Subcontinent are also taught, so that, the students are familiarized to the basic outline of the Prehistory.

Course outcome:

Students will be familiarized to the basic outline of human evolution, Prehistory of India and the changing environments of the Quaternary.

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| Unit-I | Pre-history | (15 Lect.) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Pre-history definition, scope, problem in terminology and Chronologyb. Quaternary Period: The Position of Prehistoric Age in Geological Erac. Development the study of Pre-history from Robert Bruce Foote to Present | |
| Unit-II | Human Evolution and Technology | (15 Lect.) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">c. Human Evolution and associated cultured. Australopithecus, Homo habilis, Homo erectus, Neanderthal, Homo sapiense. Tool Making Technology | |
| Unit-III | Indian Stone Age Culture-I | (15 Lect.) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Lower Paleolithic Period- Extent, Tools, Chronology and Important Sitesb. Middle Paleolithic Period- Extent, Tools and Chronologyc. Upper Paleolithic Period- Extent, Tools and Chronology | |
| Unit-IV | Indian Stone Age Culture-II | (15 Lect.) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Mesolithic Period- Extent, Artifacts, Tools and Chronology.b. Major Sitesc. Prehistoric Art of India | |
| Unit-V | Indian Stone Age Culture-III | (15 Lect.) |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Neolithic Period- Extent, Artifacts, Tools Chronology.b. Neolithic Culture of North India.c. Neolithic Culture of South India. | |

Suggested Readings

1. Agarwal, D.P., The Archaeology of India
2. Allchin, F.R., Neolithic cattle-keepers of South India: A study of the Deccan ashmounds. Cambridge University press, 1963
3. De Terra H. and Patterson T.T., Studies on the Ice Age in India and Associated Human Cultures
4. Kenoyer, J.M., Clark, Pal J.N. and Sharma G. R. , An Upper Paleolithic Shrine in India ? Antiquity, LVII, 1983
5. Misra, S., Earliest Acheulian Industry from Peninsular India
6. Pal, J.N. Mesolithic Settlement of the Ganga Plain, Men and Environment, Vol- XIX 1-2, 1994
7. Sankalia, H.D., Prehistory and Protohistory of India and Pakistan, Poona, 1974
8. Sankalia, H.D., Stone Age Tools, Their Techniques, Names and Probable Functions, Poona, 1964
9. Subbarao, B. , The Personality of India, Baroda, 1958
10. Thapar, B. K., Recent Archaeological Discoveries in India, Japan, 1985
11. Thapar, B. K., Neolithic problems in India. In Indian Prehistory, 1964
12. Mathpal, Y., Prehistoric Rock Paintings of Bhimbetka, Central India, New Delhi, 1976
13. Shahi, M.D.N., Some Aspect of Indian Archaeology
14. Gordon, D.H., The Prehistoric background of Indian Culture, Bombay, 1958
15. Murty, M. L.K., Late Pleistocene cave sites in Southern India, 1974
16. पुरी, बैजनाथ, भारतीय पुरातत्त्व ।
17. पाण्डेय, राकेश प्रकाश, भारतीय पुरातत्त्व ।
18. ओझा, रामप्रकाश, पुरातत्त्व विज्ञान प्रथम खण्ड ।
19. हवीलर, आर० ई० एम०, पृथ्वी से पुरातत्त्व ।
20. सिंह, के० पी०, पुरातत्त्व मीमांसा ।
21. पाण्डेय, जयनारायण, पुरातत्त्व विमर्श ।