

Name of the Department/Centre: DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND CULTURE, JMI

Course Type (Please tick appropriate box):

Major	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discipline Specific Core	<input type="checkbox"/>	Ability Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Minor	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Multidisciplinary	<input type="checkbox"/>	Skill Enhancement	<input type="checkbox"/>
Value Added	<input type="checkbox"/>	Any other	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>

Course Title: HISTORY OF INDIA: PREHISTORY TO 8TH CENTURY CE

Semester: II

Total Credits : 4 **Lecture-Tutorial-Practical (LTP) breakup** : 4+1

Maximum Marks : 75 UE+25 IA =100 **No of seats** : 60

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Prerequisites: Student must be admitted in a BA (H) course under FYUP

Special Requirements (if any): NA

Expected Learning Outcomes: On completion of the course the students will be able to:

- understand the basics of early Indian political formations.
- grasp the social and economic transitions pertaining to the period of study.
- comprehend the genesis and progression of religious cults.
- analyse the growth of aesthetic cultures and material heritage.

Course Syllabus (Unit wise):

UNIT-I

PRE-HISTORIC AND PROTO-HISTORIC INDIA

1. Historical Geography. The importance of Sources.
2. Transformations from hunting gathering to food producing communities.
3. Chalcolithic Cultures and facets of Harappan Urbanization.

UNIT-II

SOCIAL, POLITICAL AND RELIGIOUS FORMATIONS

1. Aryan Migrations. Early Vedic Society. Later Vedic Transformations.
2. Iron Age and growth of Territorial State Formations.
3. Emergence of heterodox sects.

UNIT-III

RISE OF NEW POWERS

1. Mauryan Empire.
2. Post-Mauryan political powers.
3. Socio-economic and Cultural transformations during post Mauryan period.
4. South India in Sangam Age

UNIT-IV

SOCIETY AND CULTURE DURING 300 CE-800 CE

1. The Imperial Guptas.
2. The Feudalism Debate.
3. Political and Economic Developments in South India.

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Unit-III

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