

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN HISTORY

ALLIED COURSE PAPER - I History of India I (upto c. 300 B.C. E.)

1. Survey of sources and Historiographical Trends; Regions, Environment and People and their significance for understanding early India **(10 Lectures)**
2. Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Cultures: Sequence and Geographical distribution rock-art **(10 Lectures)**
3. Advent of food-production; Neolithic Cultures **(05 Lectures)**
4. Harappan Civilization: Origin and extent, political and economic organization art and religion. Decline and Late Harappan Cultures; Chalcolithic cultures outside and Harappan distribution zone **(15 Lectures)**
5. Society, polity, economy and Religion as reflected in Vedic Literature. The Arya Problem; Iron Age Cultures with special reference to PGW and Megaliths **(10 Lectures)**
6. Development from sixth to fourth centuries B.C. : rise of territorial states emergence of cities, social and material life, new religious movements. **(10 Lectures)**

Essential Readings:

Sharma R.S, *India's Ancient Past, India's Ancient Past*, Oxford University Press, 2006 (in Hindi also)

Basham, A.L. ,*The Wonder That was India*, Calcutta, 2001

RomilaThapar, *Early India from the Beginnings to 1300*, London, 2002 (in Hindi also)

Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, New Delhi 2009.

Jaiswal, Suvira, *Caste: Origin, Function and Dimensions*, Delhi, 2000

Suggested Readings:

Sharma, R.S. *Perspective in Social and Economic History of Early India*, Delhi, 2003