

Semester: I Dept. of History  
Basirhat College  
Session: July-December 2023-2024

**Lesson Plan for Course: DS-1 (Minor)**  
**Credit: 5 (4+1)**

**Paper 1: History of India-I (From Earliest Times to c.300 BCE)**

**Course Coordinator:** *Dr. Sukanya Majumdar*

**Course Outcomes:**

CO1. Students get a glimpse of ancient Indian history.

CO2. Early Indian notions of history and different historical interpretations are introduced to students.

CO3. It enables the students to have a vivid view of sources and tools of historical reconstruction in ancient Indian history.

CO4. It provides the students in understanding socio-economic, political and cultural history of the said period.

CO 5: Students get knowledge and understanding of our ancient Harappan civilization as well as Vedic civilization.

**Course planner**

Month	Course Topic	Teacher	Class-hour	Remarks*
August	Sources & Interpretation of Indian History	SA	4	<b>Theoretical-24</b> <b>Tutorial-03</b>
	A broad survey of Palaeolithic, and Mesolithic Cultures.	NSG	5	
		DB	9	
	A broad survey of Neolithic Culture	RB	9	

<b>September</b>	Harappan Civilization : Extent and Dominant Features	DB	3	<b>Theoretical-06 Tutorial-03</b>
	Harappan Civilization: Decline and Post Harappa  Conditions for the Rise of Mahajanapadas	NSG  RB	3  3	
<b>October</b>	Causes of the Rise of Magadha	NSG	3	<b>Theoretical-08 Tutorial-03</b>
	Iranian and Macedonian Invasions	SA	2	
	Jainism doctrines	DB	3	
	Jainism Spread and Contribution	RB	3	
<b>November</b>	Buddhism spread and Contribution	RB	4	<b>Theoretical-09 Tutorial-03</b>
	Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire	NSG	3	
	Maurya Empire-State, Economy and Administration	SA	2	
	Ashoka's Dhamma, Art and Architecture	DB	3	

<b>December</b>	The Satavahana Phase-Political History, Administration and Religion	RB	4	<b>Theoretical-13 Tutorial-03</b>
	The Age of Shakas, Parthians and Kushanas-Polity and Society	NSG	4	
	The Age of Shakas, Parthians and Kushanas- Religion. Art and Crafts, Commerce	SA	3	
	The Sangam Age- Literature and the Three Early Kingdoms	DB	5	
<b>Assessment : Internal Assessment &amp; Assignment</b>	<b>Total = 80 Hours</b>	<b>Theoretical-60 Tutorial-15</b>		

**Reference Books:**

- D.P. Agrawal, The Archaeology of India
- A.L. Basham, The Wonder That was India
- D.K., Chakrabarti, Archaeology of Ancient Indian Cities
- Suvira Jaiswal, Caste: Origin, Function and Dimensions
- N. Subramanian, Sangam Polity
- Romila Thapar, History of Early India
- F.R. Allchin and Bridget Allchin, Origins of a Civilization: The Prehistory and Early Archaeology of South Asia
- A.L. Basham, The Wonder That was India
- D.N. Jha, Ancient India in Historical Outline
- D.D. Kosambi, Culture and Civilization of Ancient India
- H.P. Ray, Monastery and Guild India in Historical Outline
- K.A.N. Sastri, A History of South India
- R.S. Sharma, India's Ancient Past
- Niharanjan Ray, Maurya and Post Maurya Art
- R.S. Sharma, Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India
- G. Yazdani, Early History of Deccan Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India
- Romila Thapar, Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauryas
- G. Yazdani, Early History of Deccan
- Ranabir Chakraborty, Bharat Itihas Adiparba (in Bengali)

- Dilip Kumar Chakraborty, BharatbarsherPrakritihas
- Narendranath Bhattacharya, PrachinBharatiyaSamaj
- Narendranath Bhattacharya, Prachin Bharat; Rashtrachinta o Rashtrabyabastha
- Bhaskar Chattopadhyay, Bharat Artha-samajik o Rashtriyabyabastha
- Bhaskar Chattopadhyay, Gour Banger itihās o sanskriti (vol1)
- Niharanjan Ray, BangalirItihas
- RomilaThapar, Bharater Itihas