

**BACHELOR OF ARTS 5th SEMESTER
GENERIC ELECTIVE COURSE (GE)**

HS520G: HISTORY: THEMES IN HISTORY-I

**Credits: Theory-4, Tutorial: 02
Hours: 60+30=90**

Theory: (4 Credits: 60 hours; Maximum Marks: 60; Minimum Marks: 24)

Objectives/ Expected Learning Outcomes:

This course aims at making the students understand the evolution of Indian political, social and economic structures from ancient to medieval times. The course intends to provide a holistic understanding of various dimension of India's Ancient and Medieval past.

After the completion of course the students are expected to critically engage with issues like caste and communal disharmony.

Unit-I

- I. Prehistory: An Introduction
- II. Indus Valley Civilization- Main Features
- III. Vedic Age: An Introduction

Unit-II

- I. Mauryan Empire: Polity
- II. Post Mauryan Polities- An Overview
- III. Gupta Empire Polity
- IV. Buddhism under Harshavardhana

Unit -III

- I. Foundation of Delhi Sultanate
- II. Administration: Central, Provincial
- III. Economic Reforms under Allauddin Khilji and Mohammad Tughluq

Unit-IV

- I. Foundation of Mughal Empire
- II. Consolidation under Akbar with special reference to Rajput and Religious Policies.
- III. Decline of Mughal Empire

TUTORIALS (2 CREDITS; 30 MARKS)

Tutorial-I: Report on any Ancient/Medieval monument of Kashmir.

Tutorial-II: Review of any prominent work on Ancient/Medieval history of India/Kashmir

SUGGESTED READINGS:

- Singh, Upinder. 2009. A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India from the Stone Age to the 12th century. Delhi: Pearson Longman.
- Jha, D. N., 1998, Ancient India: A Historical Outline, New- Delhi.
- Sharma, R. S., 2005, India's Ancient Past, Oxford University Press.
- Chandra Satish, 2003, Medieval India, Orient Blackswan, New Delhi.
- Stein, Burton, Vijayanagara, Cambridge University Press.
- Richards, J.F, The Mughal Empire, Oxford University Press

SUPPLEMENTARY READINGS:

- Thapar, Romila, Interpreting Early India, Delhi, 1999. Oxford University Press.
- Rizvi, S.A AA; 1993, The Wonder That was India, Delhi.