

**B.A. History: Semester I**  
**BAHIH 101: ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY**  
**(From Indus Valley to the Kushana's)**

Sub Code: BAHIH 101	No. of Lecture Hours per week : 04
Total Credit =04	Internal Marks : 30 and Exam Marks : 70 = 100

**Objectives:**

- ➡ Students will learn through this paper the Geographical features and sources of the ancient Indian history.
- ➡ This Paper also deals with the continuity and change in socio-cultural life of the Indus Valley Civilization and Vedic Culture, the impact of Alexander's Invasion and the interactions of Jainism and Buddhism. Further it highlights the career and achievements Maurya and Kushana rulers.

<b>Module I:</b>	<b>Geographical features and Sources of Ancient India</b>	<b>12 Hours</b>
	Geographical features of Ancient India- Sources for the study of Ancient Indian History - Archaeological Sources- Literary Sources	
<b>Module II:</b>	<b>Indus valley Civilization and Vedic Culture</b>	<b>14 Hours</b>
	Salient features of Indus valley Civilization - Town Planning, Social-Political, Economic & Religious conditions and its Decline - Early Vedic period & Later Vedic period Social, Political, Economic & Religious conditions - Alexander's Invasion on India- Its importance Causes & Effects.	
<b>Module III:</b>	<b>Jainism and Buddhism.</b>	<b>12 Hours</b>
	6 <sup>th</sup> century. B .C.- Causes for the rise of new religions in India - Life & Teachings of Mahaveera and Goutama Buddha - Consternations of Jainism and Buddhism and their decline.	
<b>Module IV:</b>	<b>The Mauryan Empire - The Kushanas</b>	<b>12 Hours</b>
	Sources, Origin – The life and achievements of Chandragupta Maurya Ashoka life and achievements – Mauryan Administration and Decline of Mauryan Empire- The Kushanas Kanishka - Life and achievements.	
<b>Module V:</b>	<b>Map Work.</b>	<b>10 Hours</b>
	Spread of Harrapan Civilization- Edicts of Ashoka.	

## **BOOKS FOR REFERENCE**

1. Basham, A.L. 1975. *A Cultural History of India*, Clarendon, London.
2. Sarkar Jadunath. 1993. *India through the Ages*. Orient Longman: Delhi.
3. Altekar, A. S. 1959. *Report on Kumrahar Excavations 1951-1955*. K.P. Jayaswal Research Institute: Patna.
4. Chakrabarti, D. K. 1997. *Colonial Indology, Socio-politics of the Ancient Indian Past*. Munshiram Manoharlal: Delhi.
5. Chattopadhyaya, S. 1955. *Early History of North India: Sakas in India*. Visva-Bharti Prakashan: Calcutta.
6. Kosambi, D.D. 1970. *Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline*, Vikas Publ: Delhi.
7. Thapar, Romila.1985. *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*. OUP: Delhi.
8. Mukherji, R.K. 1966. *Chandragupta Maurya & His Times*. Motilal Banarsidass: Delhi.
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10. Thapar Romila, 1984. *From Lineage to State: Social Formations in the Mid-First Millennium BC in the Ganga Valley*, OUP: Delhi.

## **Suggested Reading:**

01. Sharma, R.S. 1996. *The State and Varna Formation in the Mid-Ganga Plains: An Ethnoarchaeological View*, Manohar: Delhi.
02. Sarkar, Jadunath. 1993. *India through the Ages*. Orient Longman: Delhi.
03. Chakrabarti, D. K. 1997. *Colonial Indology, Socio-politics of the Ancient Indian Past*. Munshiram Manoharlal: Delhi.
04. Raichoudhari, H. C. 1953. *Political History of Ancient India*. OUP: Calcutta,
05. Shrimali, K.M. 2007. *The Age of Iron and the Religious Revolution (c.700 – c.350 BC)*. Tulika Books: New Delhi.
06. Jha D N *History of ancient India*
07. Irfan Habib ; *People's History Series*

## **Select E-resources:**

1. [http://www.uri.edu/mua/?gclid=CNLRuZ6UoLwCFW964god\\_UUAGA](http://www.uri.edu/mua/?gclid=CNLRuZ6UoLwCFW964god_UUAGA)
2. [http://www.saa.org/publicftp/public/educators/04\\_gathering.html](http://www.saa.org/publicftp/public/educators/04_gathering.html)
3. [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient Indian History](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Indian_History)