

FOUR-YEAR UNDER GRADUATE COURSE (FYUGP) 2023
GAUHATI UNIVERSITY

HISTORY SYLLABUS



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Course Name: History of India (Up to 1206 CE)

Credit : 4
Course level: 100-199

Course Outcome: Upon completion of this course, a student will be able to:

- explain the emergence of state system in North India as well as development of imperial state structure and state formation in South India in the early period.
- They will be able to relate the changes and transformations in polity of early India and the linkages developed through contacts with the outside world.

Unit: I	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- [a] Sources for reconstructing Ancient Indian History: archaeological; literary
- [b] Harappan Civilization: origin, extent, characteristics; first urbanization; decline.
- [c] Vedic Culture-Early and Later Vedic periods: Tribal Polity, economic developments; social stratification; religion and philosophy;

Unit: II	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- [a] Second Urbanization; Rise of territorial states: *Mahajanapadas*
- [b] Religious movements in North India: Jainism; Buddhism
- [c] The Mauryas: Administrative system, Society and Economy; Asoka's Dhamma; Decline.
- [d] Greek Invasion and its Impact.

Unit:III	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- [a] Political developments in Post-Mauryan period with special reference to Sungas, Kushanas, Kharavelas, Satavahanas.
- [b] Sangam Age: Literature, Society and Culture.

Unit:IV	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- [a] The Gupta Empire: administrative system, economy, society, art and architecture, cultural developments.
- [b] Post-Gupta Period: Land Grant Economy and Early Feudalism.
- [c] Harshavardhana; Samanta system

Unit: V	Contact Classes : 9	Non-contact classes : 3	Marks : 20
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- [a] Emergence of Rajputs in North India
- [b] Political developments in South India with special reference to Cholas, Rashtrakutas, Chalukyas of Badami.
- [c] Arabs; Ghaznavids and Ghorids.

Readings :

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