

BA PROGRAMME HISTORY  
SEMESTER I

Paper 1: History of Ancient India Up to AD 800

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Credits: 04

**UNIT I**

1. Prehistoric Cultures in India: From Hunting Gathering to Agriculture
2. Harappan Civilization: Ecological Setting, Town Planning, Trade and Commerce, Society and Culture
3. The Indo-Aryans: Images from Texts and Archaeology

**UNIT II**

4. Changes in Material Culture and Society; the Emergence of Shramanic Traditions
5. The Mauryan Empire: Political Economy and Administration; Ashoka and his Dhamma
6. Polity in the post-Mauryan Period

**UNIT III**

7. Crafts, Commerce and Urban Development (c. 200 BC to AD 500)
8. Society and Culture (c. 200 BC to AD 500)
9. The Making of Regional Identities: Historical Process in Peninsular India, Bengal and Rajasthan.

**READING LIST:**

1. D.N.Jha, *Early India: A Concise History*, Manohar, Delhi, 2008 (Also in Hindi)
2. R.S.Sharma, *India's Ancient Past*, OUP, Delhi, 2005 (Also in Hindi)
3. Ranbir Chakravarti, *Exploring Early India Up to C AD 1300*, Macmillan, Delhi, 2009
4. Romila Thapar, *Early India: From the Origins to AD 1300*, Penguin, Delhi, 2002. (Also in Hindi).
5. Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, Pearson Longman, Delhi, 2009.