

SEMESTER I

I. MAJOR COURSE –MJ 1: IDEA OF BHARATVARSHA

Marks: 25 (5 Attd. + 20 SIE: 1Hr) + 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 100

Pass Marks: Th (SIE + ESE) = 40

(Credits: Theory-04) Theory: 60 Lectures

Course Objectives & Learning Outcomes:

Students will acquire knowledge regarding the primitive life and cultural status of the people of Ancient India. They can gather knowledge about the society, culture, religion and political history of Ancient India. They will also acquire the knowledge of changing socio-cultural scenarios of India. The glory of Indian Literature: *Ved*, *Vedanga*, *Upanishads*, Epics, Jain and Buddhist Literature, *Smriti*, *Puranas*

Course Content:

UNIT- I: Concept of *Bharatvarsha*:

1. Understanding of *Bharatvarsha*
2. Eternity of synonyms Bharat
3. Indian concept of time and space
4. The glory of Indian Literature: *Vedas*, *Vedanga*, *Upanishads*, Epics, Jain and Buddhist Literature, *Smriti*, and *Puranas* etc.

UNIT- II: Indian Knowledge Tradition, Art and Culture

1. Evolution of language and Script: Brahmi, *Kharoshthi*, Pali, Prakrit, Sanskrit and Tamil.
2. Salient features of Indian Art and Culture.
3. Indian educational system
4. The Ethics of Indian Valour.

UNIT- III: Dharma, Philosophy and *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* :

1. Indian perception of *Dharma*
2. The concept of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam*: Man, Family, Society and World
3. Polity and governance
4. *Janpada* and Gram *Swarajya*

UNIT- IV: Science, Environment and Medical Science:

1. Science and Technology in Ancient India
2. Ancient system of Environment Management
3. Traditional system of medicine in ancient India -Yoga and Naturopathy
4. Indian Numeral System and Mathematics

UNIT- V: Indian Economic Traditions

1. Concept of land, Forest and Agriculture
2. Industry, inland trade Commerce
3. Maritime Trade

Suggested Readings:

1. Altekar, A.S, *Education in Ancient India*, Varanasi
2. Basham, A. L. *The Wonder that Was India*, Sidgwick & Jackson, London, 1971. (Also in Hindi)
3. Chattopadhyaya, D. P. *History of Science and Technology in Ancient India*, Firma KLM 1986.
4. Chattopndhyaya, B.D.; *The Concept of BharatVarsha and other Essays*, Oxford University Press
5. Jayshankar Mishra: *Prachin Bharatik Samajik itihis*, Patna
6. Govind Chandra Pandey, *BharatiyaSanskriti*
7. Jyoti Prashad Jain- *Bhartiya itihis ek Drishti*