

**II. SKILL ENHANCEMENT COURSE- SEC 1:  
INDIAN HISTORY, CULTURE &  
AN INTRODUCTION TO ARCHEOLOGY**

Marks: 75 (ESE: 3Hrs) = 75

Pass Marks: Th (ESE) = 30

(Credits: Theory-03) **Theory: 45 Lectures**

**Course Objectives:**

To equip students with a very basic understanding of Indian History in terms of environment issues, urbanization, culture, heritage, and archaeology.

**Course Content**

**Indian History & Culture**

- i. Environment; Culture, Tradition and Practices of environmental preservation and traditional use of medicinal Plants, Water and Water Bodies - Historical overview - Oral and codified sources of information, Fieldwork
- ii. Urbanization and Urbanism: -Issues of settlements & Landscapes -Social differentiations - Communication networks
- iii. Social inequality and Gender: -Status within Households: An overview -Present context -Issues of Violence -Employment, distribution of resources
- iv. Cultural Heritage: -Main components -Built Heritage -Historical Tourism
- v. Cultural Forms and Cultural Expressions: - Performing Arts -Fairs and Festivals -Fieldwork

**An Introduction to Archaeology**

- i. Definition and Components of Archaeology
- ii. Historiographical Trends in Indian Archaeology
- iii. Definition of Historical Sites and Explorations
- iv. Field Work & Tools of research

**Suggested Readings:**

1. Indu Banga, ed. The City in Indian History: Urban Demography, Society & Polity, Delhi, Manohar,,1991
2. Koch, E. Mughal Art & Imperial Ideology
3. Radha Kumar, History of Doing: An Illustrated Account of Movements for Women's Rights & Feminism in India 1880-1990, Zubaan, 2007
4. V.Vasudev, Fairs & Festivals, Incredible India Series, 2007
5. V.Singh, The Human Footprint on Environment: Issues in India, New Delhi, and Macmillan, 2012
6. B. Parikh, Composite Culture in a multicultural Society, Delhi, NBT, 2007
7. N. Mehta, Introduction: Satellite Television, Identity & Globalization in Contemporary India in N.Mehta, ED, Television in India, New York, Routledge, 2008
8. R.C. Thakran & Sheo Dutt, ed Bhartiya Upmahaduip ki Sanskritiyan, University of Delhi
9. John.A. Bintliff, A Companion to Archaeology
10. D.R. Chakrabarti, A History of Indian Archaeology: From the Beginning to 1947, Delhi, Manohar, 1988
11. M. Hall & WS.W. Silliman, Historical Archaeology, USA, Blackwell, 2006
12. Mathew Johnson, Archaeological Theory: An Introduction, Blackwell Publishing, New Edition,2010 Published Works by ASI