

TELANGANA STATE
B.A. (HISTORY) SYLLABUS
Semester - I
History of India (From Earliest Times to c.700 CE)
(BA-104) Discipline Specific Course - Paper - 1A
(With Effect from 2019-2020)

- Module-I: Definitions - Nature and Scope of History - History and Its Relationship with other Social Sciences - Geographical Features of India - Sources of Indian History: Pre-History - Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic, Chalcolithic and Megalithic Cultures.
- Module-II: Indus Valley Civilization - Its Features & Decline; Early Vedic and Later Vedic Civilizations - Vedic Literature - Society - Economy - Polity - Religion.
- Module-III: Rise of New Religious Movements - Charvakas, Lokayathas, Jainism and Buddhism; Mahajanapadas - Rise of Magadha; Alexander's Invasion and Its Impact.
- Module-IV: Foundation of the Mauryan Dynasty; Ashoka and His Dharma - Polity - Administration - Society - Economy - Religion - Literature - Art and Architecture; Disintegration of the Mauryan Empire; Post-Mauryan Kingdoms - Indo-Greeks - Kushanas and Kanishka - Society - Economy - Literature - Art and Architecture; The Satavahanas; Sangam Age - Literary Development.
- Module-V: Gupta Empire: A Brief Political Survey - Polity and Administration, Social and Economic Conditions, Agriculture and Land Grants - Feudalism, Caste System, Position of Women, Education, Literature, Science and Technology, Art and Architecture - Harshavardana and His Achievements.

Recommended Books:

- A.L. Basham, The Wonder that was India, Rupa & Co., New Delhi, 2001.
- Allchin, Bridget & Raymond, The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan, CUP, New Delhi, 1996.
- E.H. Carr, What is History? Penguin Books, England, 1990.
- Majumdar, R.C., History and Culture of the Indian People, Vols. I, II & III.
- Romila Thapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas, OUP, New Delhi, 1995.
- Romila Thapar, Early India (From the earliest to AD 1300).
- Romila Thapar, A History of India, Vol. I, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 1990.
- Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Medieval India.