

Semester	1
Course ^{*1}	Minor
Paper Code	B1HS230111T
Paper Title	INDIAN HISTORY FROM 6th Century.B.C.E. to C.E 1500
No. of Credits ^{*2}	4
Theory / Practical / Composite	Theory
Minimum No. of preparatory hours per week a student has to devote	4 hours per week
Number of Modules	2
Syllabus	<p><u>Module:1—(24 Lectures)</u></p> <p>1.Statecraft in Ancient India: 16 Mahajanapadas, the Magadhan Empire, ;Satavahanas, Kushanas and the Mauryas, Southern Powers: 4 Lectures</p> <p>2.The Age of the Imperial Guptas & Contemporaries - Post Gupta Polities: Pallavas,Chalukyas, Cholas and Vardhanas -The Age of Harsha-4 Lectures</p> <p>3.Society and Religion of Ancient and Early Medieval India, (A Broad Overview) WithSpecial Reference to the Position of Women, -4 Lectures</p> <p>4.Economic Life: Trade and Commerce, Crafts and Guilds Transition to Indo-RomanTrade; Feudalism Debate -4 Lectures</p> <p>5.Social Life: Social Structure from Varna to Jati -Family Life and Status of Women. - 4lectures</p> <p>6.Art, Architecture, Science, Literature and Culture of Ancient and Early MedievalIndia. - 4 Lectures</p> <p><u>Module: 2: 24 Lectures</u></p> <p>7.Interpreting the Delhi Sultanate: Sources, Traditions: Intellectuals like Al-Biruni &Al Hujwiri, Vernacular Histories and Epigraphy; History Writing in the Sultanate Era: - 4 lectures</p> <p>8.A Brief Overview of the Sultanate Polity and Administration. (Foundation ,Expansion and Consolidation , Theories of Kingship; Ruling Elites , Saints , Ulamas (Muslim Jurist and Clergymen) , Imperial Monuments and Coins. 6 lectures</p> <p>9.Emergence of Provincial Dynasties and Consolidation of Regional Identities: 4Lectures</p>

	<p>10. Central and Regional Art, Architecture, Literature and Culture - 4 Lectures</p> <p>11. Society and Economy: Iqtas, Technologies, Monetization, Market - Regulations. 3 lectures</p> <p>12. The Nature and Impact of Islam on Indian Society -Sufi Syncretism and the Bhakti Movement (A Broad Overview); - New Developments in Medicine: 3 Lectures</p>
Learning Outcomes * ³	The paper will enable students to have a basic and clear idea of Indian History from the ancient period to the 16 th century.
Reading/Reference Lists * ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • R.S. Sharma, India's Ancient Past, New Delhi, OUP, 2007 • Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, 2008. • R. S. Sharma, Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India, 1983. • L. Basham, The Wonder that Was India, 1971. • H. C. Raychaudhuri, Political History of Ancient India, Rev. ed. with Commentary by B. N. Mukherjee, 1996 • Romila Thapar, Early India from the Beginnings to 1300, London, 2002. • R. Champakalakshmi, Trade. Ideology and urbanization: South India 300 BC- AD 1300, 1996. • D. D. Kosambi, An Introduction to the Study of Indian History, 1975. • D. Chattopadhyaya, The Making of Early Medieval India, 1994. • D. P. Chattopadhyaya, History of Science and Technology in Ancient India, 1986. • S. K. Maity, Economic Life in Northern India in the Gupta Period, 1970. • B. P. Sahu (ed), Land System and Rural Society in Early India, 1997. • K. A. N. Sastri, A History of South India. • R. S. Sharma, Indian Feudalism, 1980. • R.S.Sharma, Urban Decay in India,c.300-C1000,Delhi,Munshiram Manohar Lal,1987 • Romila Thapar, Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas, 1997. • Susan Huntington, The Art of Ancient India: Buddhist, Hindu, and Jain, New York, 1985. • Hermann Kulke, ed., The State in India (AD 1000 - AD 1700)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Romila Thapar, Somanatha: The Many Voices of a History. • John S. Deyell, Living Without Silver: The Monetary History of Early Medieval North India. • Vijaya Ramaswamy, Walking Naked: Women, Society, and Spirituality in South India. • Burton Stein, Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India. • Mohammad Habib and K.A. Nizami, eds, Comprehensive History of India, Vol. V, The Delhi Sultanate. • Satish Chandra, Medieval India I. • Peter Jackson, The Delhi Sultanate. • Catherine Asher and Cynthia Talbot, India Before Europe. • Tapan Raychaudhuri and Irfan Habib, eds, Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. I. • K.A. Nizami, Religion and Politics in the Thirteenth Century. • W.H. McLeod, Karine Schomer, et al, Eds, The Sants. • S.A.A. Rizvi, A History of Sufism in India, Vol. I. • Mohibul Hasan, Historians of Medieval India. • Burton Stein, New Cambridge History of India: Vijayanagara. • Richard M. Eaton, ed., India's Islamic Traditions. 	
Evaluation	Theory CIA: 5(CIA)+20(Mid-Sem)+5 (Attendance)=30 Semester Exam: 70	
Paper Structure for Theory Semester Exam	Total Marks: 70 Two modules of 35 marks each. (5 questions of 2 marks from 7 options: 2X5=10 3 questions of 5 marks from 5 options: 5X3=15 1 question of 10 marks from 2 options: 10x1=10)	