

**ANNAVARAM SATYAVATHI DEVI DEGREE COLLEGE FOR WOMEN  
(AUTONOMOUS) KAKINADA (E.G)**

**SYLLABUS**

**First Year B.A Course-CBCS**

**Code: 1611101- HISTORY Paper-I First Semester**

**ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY & CULTURE (from earliest times to 600 A.D)**  
*(Indian History and Culture from Earliest Times to 647 A.D)*

**Unit-I: 20 Periods**

Survey of Sources: Literary & Archaeological Sources; Influence of Geography on History; Unity in Diversity; Traces of Stone Age Cultures (Circa 3,50,000 B. C to 3,000 B. C); Indus Valley Civilization (Circa 3000 B. C to 1,500 B. C): Origin, Extent, Salient Features.

**Unit-II: 20 Periods**

Vedic Age & Religious Reform Movements (Circa 1500 B. C to 600 B. C): Society, Polity, Economy, Culture during early and later Vedic period; Jainism and Buddhism: Causes, Doctrines, Spread, Importance and Impact.

**Unit-III: 20 Periods**

Transition from Territorial States to Emergence of Empires (Circa 600to Century to 300 B. C): Rise of Mahajanapadas – Causes for Magadha’s Success; Persian and Macedonian Invasions; Mauryan Empire: State, Imperial Administration, Economy, Ashoka’sDhamma, Art & Architecture, Significance & Downfall.

**Unit-IV: 15 Periods**

Conditions during 200 B. C to 300 A. D.: Central Asian Contacts – Kushanas – Aspects of polity, society, Economy, Religion, Art& Architecture; The Age of Satavahanas: Pattern of Administration – Social, Economic, Religious & Cultural Developments; Sangam Age: The Three Early Kingdoms (Chola, Chera& Pandya) – Society, Language & Literature.

**Unit-V: 15 Periods**

India between 300 A. D & 600 A. D. - The Rise and Growth of Guptas: Administration, Society,Economy, Religion, Art, Literature and Science & Technology – Decline

**Books for Reference:**

A.L. Basham, The Wonder That Was India
D.N.Jha, Ancient India
D.D.Kosambi, An Introduction to the Study of Indian History
D.P.Chattopadhyay, Science and Society in Ancient India
B.N.Mukherjee, The Rise and Fall of the Kushana Empire
K.A. NilakanthaShastri, A History of South India
R.C.Majumdar, K.K.Dutta&H.C.RoyChowdhuri (ed.), Advanced History of India
Kumkum Roy, The Emergence of Monarchy in North India: eighth to fourth centuries BC
RomilaThapar (et. al). India: Historical Beginnings and the Concept of the Aryan
M.L.K. Murthy, <i>Pre-and Protohistoric Andhra Pradesh upto 500 B.C.</i> , New Delhi, 2003

**Text Books:**

1. *Indian History and Culture up to 1526 AD*, Telugu Academy.
2. *Bharata Desa Charitra Samskriti*, Vol.I, Telugu Academy
3. K Neelakanta Sastry, *History of India* Vol.I & II, Telugu Academy.
4. Ray Chodhary, Majundar & Datta, *Advanced History of India* Vol.I & II , Telugu Academy.
5. Puri, Chopra & Das, *Economic Social and Cultural History*, Telugu Academy.

