

**KRISHNA UNIVERSITY, MACHILIPATNAM**

**CLASS: I B.A**

**SEMESTER – I(CBCS) PAPER-I**

**SYLLABUS: HISTORY Title of the Paper: ANCIENT INDIAN HISTORY & CULTURE**

**(From Earliest Times to 600 A.D)**

**(W.e.f. 2015-2016)**

**No. of Hours per week: 5**

**No. of Credits : 4**

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**UNIT -1**

Survey of Sources –Literary Sources – 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 of the Civilization.(20 Hrs)

**UNIT -II**

Vedic Age & Religious Reform Moments(Circa 1500 B.C to 600 B.C) Vedic and later Vedic Period – Political, Economic and Religious Conditions in the Society – Rise of New Religious Movements: Jainism – Buddhism –Casus, Doctrine, Spread, Importance and Impact. (15 Hrs)

**UNIT-III**

Transition from Territorial States to Emergence of Empires (Circa 600 to 300 B.C) –Rise of Mahajanapadas – Causes for Magadha’s Success – Persian, Alexander’s Invasions – Causes and its effects on India – The Mauryan Empire: Origin –, It’s nature and propagation – Mauryan Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art and Architecture – Downfall of Mauryan Empire.

(20 Hrs)

**UNIT-IV**

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 , Socio Economic Religious Cultural Developments. Sangam Age; Three Early Kingdoms (Chola,Chera&Pandya) – Society, Language & Literature.(15 Hrs)

**UNIT-V**

India between 300 A.D.- 600 A. D. The Rise and Growth of Guptas – Administrative System, Economy, Art, Architecture, Literature, Science and Technology – Golden Age of Guptas – decline. (20 Hrs)