

**INDIAN HISTORY**  
**(FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN PERIOD)**  
**(P.G DEGREE STANDARD)**

**SUBJECT CODE: 316**

**UNIT- I: ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY OF INDIA**

Races - Geographical diversity - Sources - Indigenous and foreign accounts - Archaeological Discoveries of Early India - Paleolithic and Neolithic sites in India - Indus Valley culture - Emergence of urban civilization- Production and Exchange – Trade - Decline of Harappan civilization - Rig Vedic Society- Expansion of agriculture - Later Vedic Culture - Formation of States - The Rise of Mahajanapadas - New agnostic faiths - Jainism and Buddhism – Principles – Spread – Decline.

**UNIT - II: CONTACT WITH OUTSIDE WORLD**

Invasions from Persia - Alexander of Macedonia - Mauryan Empire: Nature of polity, society and economy - Implications of Ashoka's Dhamma - Post Mauryan India - The Age of Guptas - Issue of land grants and the laws relating to land - Genesis of caste system – Satavahanas - Birth of Feudal Order - Harsha Vardhana – Administration - Religion Post Harsha Period - Rajputs – Origin - Politics and culture.

**UNIT- III: ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL TAMIL NADU**

Sangam Age: Political, social, economic and religious conditions - Kalabhras – Significant contributions - The Pallavas - Pallava's contribution to art and architecture - Imperial Cholas - Village administration - Debates on Segmentary State.

**UNIT – IV: RISE OF ISLAMIC STATE IN INDIA**

Arabs invasion of Sindh - Turkish invasions - Muhammad Gazini and Muhammad -The foundation of Delhi Sultanate - Sources - Qutb- ud –din Aibak to Giaz-ud-din Balban - Khilji Imperialism - Alauddin Khilji — Tugluqs - Mohammad-bin-Tughlaq – Feroz Tughlaq – Houses of Sayyid and Lodi - Administration of the Sultanate - Social,

economic and cultural conditions - Bhakti Movement - Adi Sankara – Ramanuja – Kabir  
- Guru Nanak - Chaitanya, Ramananda - Vallabha.

### **UNIT- V: THE DECCAN KINGDOMS**

Bahmini Kingdom - Muhammed Gawan - Vijayanagara Empire - Krishna Deva Raya -  
The decline of Vijayanagara - Battle of Talaiakotta and its aftermath - Social, economic,  
religious and cultural conditions of Vijayanagara period - Nayak rule in Tamil Nadu -  
Politics and culture.

### **UNIT - VI :THE MUGHAL EMPIRE**

Babur – Humayun - Shershah,- Akbar – Jahangir - Shajahan - Aurangzeb - Mughal  
administration - Religious policy - Contribution to literature, Music, Art and architecture  
- Decline of Mughal Empire – Rise of the Marathas - Shivaji's military conquests and  
administration.

### **UNIT –VII: COMPANY'S RULE**

The Advent of Europeans - Trade settlements in India-Anglo-French Rivalry -  
Establishment of the rule of English East India Company - Bengal affairs - Robert Clive -  
Warren Hastings to Dalhousie – Administration - Economic exploitation - Drain of  
Wealth - Social and educational reforms.

### **UNIT- VIII: RESISTANCE TO THE BRITISH RULE**

Early Resistance - South Indian Rebellion - Vellore Revolt of 1806 - The Sepoy Mutiny  
of 1857 - Queen's Proclamation - Administration from Lord Canning to Lord  
Mountbatten - Birth of nationalism - Socio-religious movements of 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup>  
centuries - Social reforms in Tamil Nadu - Dravidian Movement - Justice  
Party - E.V.R. Periyar - Self Respect Movement - Temple entry movement - Devadasi  
abolition - Upper garment agitation.

## **UNIT – IX: INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT**

The first Phase of Congress (1885-1905) - Moderates - The Extremist phase of the congress (1905-1919) - Partition of Bengal - Surat split - Swadesi Movement - Home Rule Movement - Gandhian era - Non-cooperation Movement, Civil disobedient Movement and Quit India Movement- Events leading to partition and independence - Role of Tamil Nadu in the Indian Freedom struggle - Role of religious minorities in the struggle.

## **UNIT – X: INDIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE**

Making of the Constitution and integration of the princely states - Reorganization of States on linguistic basis - India Post Independence - The Congress Regime - Jawaharlal Nehru - Lal Bahadur Shastri - Indira Gandhi – Emergency - Coalition Politics - Morarj Desai - V.P.Singh - I.K.Gujral - Five Year Plans- India in world affairs - Non-Alignment - Peace keeping role - Panch Sheel - Assistance to the UNO - SAARC- BRICS - Nuclear and Space research - Human rights issues in India – Bhopal Tragedy - Narmada Pachao Andolan - Keela Venmani – Reservation – Issue of OBCs.- Media and its role.