



SARDAR PATEL UNIVERSITY
Vallabh Vidyanagar, Gujarat
(Reaccredited with 'A' Grade by NAAC (CGPA 3.25)
Syllabus with effect from the Academic Year 2021-2022

Master of Arts: History
M. A. History: Semester I

Course Code	PA01EHIS53	Title of the Course	Ancient Indian Political Thought and Institutions
Total Credits of the course	4 + 1	Hours per Week	5

Course objectives:	This course covers some central aspects of ancient Indian political thought and institutions. It shows how during freedom movement, some Indian historians interpreted Indian institutions as having modern democratic character and how they built their argument. It also deals with various theories of origin of state, of kingship, and of administration.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage (%)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Historiography of Political Thought in Ancient India• Survey of Sources: Archaeological and Textual• Theories of Origin of State	25%
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kingship: Status and Power• Kingship and Popular Institutions (Sabha, Samiti, and later Institutions)• Republics	25%
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Judicial Administration• Revenue and Taxation• Inter-state Relations: Mandala Theory	25%
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maurya Polity and the Arthashastra• Gupta Polity• Village Administration	25%

Teaching-learning Methodology	Direct lectures, quizzes, seminars, tutorials, home assignments, audio-visual media (serials, documentaries, ppts, slides, etc.)
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Evaluation Pattern		
Sr. No.	Details of Evaluation	Weightage
1.	Internal Written Exams (as per CBSC R. 6.8.3)	15%
2.	Internal Continuous Assessment in the form of Practical, Viva-voce, Quizzes, Seminars, Assignments, Attendance (as per CBSC R.6.8.3)	15%
3.	University Exams	70%





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Course outcomes: Having completed this course, the learner will be able to	
1.	have a fairly good idea of ancient Indian political thought and institutions
2.	understand the connection between political ends and history-writing
3.	understand how judiciary, revenue collection, etc. functioned in ancient India
4.	have a clear idea of two main polities of ancient India

Suggested References:	
Sr. No.	References
1.	Altekar, A. S. 1958. <i>State and Government in Ancient India</i> . Delhi: Motilal Banarasidass.
2.	Devahuti, D. 1969. <i>Harsa: A Political Study</i> . New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
3.	Jayaswal, K. P. 1915. <i>Hindu Polity: A Constitutional History of India in Hindu Times</i> . Calcutta: Butterworth & Company. (several reprints)
4.	Saletore, B. A. <i>Ancient Indian Political Thought and Institutions</i> . Bombay.
5.	Sharma, R. S. 1958. <i>Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India</i> . Delhi.
6.	Vidyalankar, Satyaketu Prachin Bharatiya Shasan Vyavstha aur Rajyashastra. Missouri.
7.	ધારૈયા, રમણભાઈ કકલભાઈ. પ્રાચીન ભારતીય રાજ્યવ્યવસ્થા અને સંસ્થાઓ. અમદાવાદ: સી. જમનાદાસ એન્ડ કું.
8.	જાયસ્વાલ, કે. પી. હિન્દુ રાજ્યવ્યવસ્થા.
9.	સોમપુરા, કે. એફ. હિન્દુ રાજ્યપદ્ધતિઓનો ઇતિહાસ. અમદાવાદ: યુનિવર્સિટી ગ્રંથનિર્માણ બોર્ડ.

On-line resources to be used if available as reference material
On-line Resources
Relevant entries in Wikipedia (https://www.wikipedia.org/) and Encyclopaedia Britannica (https://www.britannica.com/)
Relevant books available on archive.org
Relevant articles on Jstor (https://www.jstor.org/), Project Muse (https://muse.jhu.edu/)

