



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	PA01EHIS54	Title of the Course	Social and Economic History of Ancient India
Total Credits of the course	4 + 1	Hours per Week	5

Course objectives:	This course covers some central themes of Indian social and economic history from the earliest times and how they changed over a period. Instead of treating conceptual categories like varna, jati, untouchability, slavery, and urbanisation as static, it shows how these were fluid, porous, and always open to interpretations. It also underlines how these concepts were construed at different times by scholars depending upon their own predilections and also shows how sources can be misused in history writing.
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Course Content		
Unit	Description	Weightage (%)
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">India: Concept, Geography, and EnvironmentImportance of Study of History of Society and Economy in Ancient IndiaScrutiny of Sources: Archaeological and Literary	25%
2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Agriculture and HusbandryCrafts and IndustriesTrade: Maritime and Internal	25%
3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Varna and JatiPosition of Women and Forms of MarriagesSlavery and Untouchability	25%
4.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MonetisationUrbanisationDeurbanisation	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.	know how literature and archaeology help reconstruct ancient Indian society and economy
2.	have a good idea of the main characteristic features of ancient Indian society and economy
3.	understand how the categories like varna, jati, untouchability, slavery, internal trade, (de)urbanisation were not static but changeable.
4.	know that history depends less on sources and more interpretations.

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

