

**INDIAN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE
[PRE HISTORY TO 1206 A.D]**

Unit I. PRE-HISTORY AND PROTO-HISTORY OF INDIA:

Physical features of India; Effects of Geography on history.-Sources of the -Ancient Indian History-Pre-historic and proto-historic archaeology- Indus Valley -Beginning of Iron and the Transition to history.

Unit II. POLITICAL IDEAS AND INSTITUTIONS:

Approaches to the study of Polity-Origin of the State.-Vedic Assemblies-Oligarchies-Republic-Councillors and officials.-Post Vedic&Pre mauryan-The Saptanga theory of Kautilya.-Nandas-Mauryas;Paternal despotism-Asoka's welfare state. Kingship-Army-Judiciary, Interstate relations. Post Mauryan period;Satavahanas, Kushans and Guptas their Political Institutions.

Unit III. DEVELOPMENT OF INDIAN RELIGIONS:

Approaches to the Study of religions-Pre-historic religions: Religion of the Harappans.-Development of religious thought in Vedic and epic literature.-Religious ideas and practices in the 6th century B.C. Rise of Buddhism and Jainism.Bhagavathism-Growth of Saivism-Vaishnavism in gupta period.

Unit IV. SOCIO-ECONOMIC LIFE

Primitive man-Urban Harappa.-Society and Economy in the Early Vedic Period. Formation of Caste and classes in the Post Vedic Period.-Mauryan Economy - Post-Mauryan economy-Land system, Trade.-Position of women-Guilds and social change. Feudalism in the post Gupta period.

Unit V. ART AND EDUCATION

Primitive art-Terracottas-minor arts-mauryan art-Kushans, Gandhara, Mathura, Sarnath, Amravati and other schools-Gupta art-Vedic education and Educational Centres.Nalanda,Vikramashila University - Vallabi-Kanchipuram. Literature in Gupta period.

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