# CHANAKYA NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, PATNA B.A., LL.B. (H) 2022-23; YEAR - Ist (SEMESTER- I)

**Course Title: Indian History** 

## **Course Overview**

The curriculum is designed to focus on the -

- Module 1. HISTORY AND LAW
- Module 2. ANCIENT INDIA NOTIONS OF KINGSHIP (BRAHMANICAL, BUDDHIST AND KAUTALYAN)
- Module 3. MEDIEVAL INDIA THEORY OF KINGSHIP (KINGS AND THEIR COURTS)
- Module 4. MODERN INDIA (POLITICAL MOVEMENTS)
- Module 5. SOCIETY AND ECONOMY
- Module 6. CONCEPT OF LEGAL SYSTEMS AND JUDICIAL INSTITUTIONS IN ANCIENT AND MEDIEVAL INDIA
- Module 7. ADMINSTRATION OF JUSTICE IN ANCIENT INDIA

### **List of Topics/ Modules**

# **Learning Outcomes**

**The course aims:** To cover features of institutions and administrative structures in Ancient Medieval and Modern India in terms of Polity State and Governance. The study of Law in historical context categorically describes History as a core subject.

On completion of the course, students will be able to: It provides a rich foundation for both practice and as well as for those who are interested in more sustained exposure to the academic study of legal history and interdisciplinary approach.

- 1. <u>Understand</u> To ascertain parameters closely connected with the development of civilization in close proximity with the technical evolutions of how these Laws evolved is very much needed with the view to have a glimpse of better understanding.
- 2. <u>Analyse</u> Our present circumstances with the past and to understand the long path of of development.
- 3. <u>Critically analyse</u> The origin of various legal concepts in context to as certain jurists and historians consider history as a branch of Intellectual History in terms of Law.

Topic/Module	Contents/ Concepts	Sessions/Lectures
Module I:	<ul> <li>History-Its subject matter and purpose</li> </ul>	01-12
	Relationship between History and Law	
	Sources of Indian History	
	<ul> <li>Interdisciplinary Approach</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Indian Historiography-A glimpse</li> </ul>	
Module II:	<ul> <li>Vedic Polity, Mauryan State and Gupta Polity</li> </ul>	13-22
	<ul> <li>Brahmanism</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Buddhism</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Jainism</li> </ul>	
<b>Module III:</b>	<ul> <li>Cholas-Local Self Government</li> </ul>	23-32
	<ul> <li>Delhi Sultanate: Theory of Kingship (Balban)</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Mughals: Theory of Sovereignty</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Judicial Reforms of Akbar</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Sher Shah: Administration</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Peasant Zamindars and the State: Agrarian Reforms of Allauddin Khilji</li> </ul>	
Module IV:	<ul> <li>Origin of Indian National Congress</li> </ul>	33-42
	<ul> <li>Rise of Moderates and Extremists</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Non Co-operation Movement</li> </ul>	
	Civil Disobedience Movement	
	<ul> <li>Quit India Movement</li> </ul>	

Module V:	<ul> <li>Social Structure -Varna, Jati, Gotra, Family and Position of women</li> <li>Economic Structure- Feudalism, Post Mauryan Economy, Gupta Economy</li> <li>Drain of Wealth</li> <li>Mansabdari, Jagirdari, Ryotwari and Mahalwari</li> </ul>	43-52
Module VI:	<ul> <li>Sources of Law in Ancient India - Vedic Texts, Dharmasutra, Dharmashastra and Arthashastra</li> <li>Legal Thinkers of Ancient India - Manu, Brihaspati, Yajnavalkya, Narada and Katyayana</li> <li>Sources of Islamic law - Quran, Hadis, Ijma and Qiyas</li> <li>Salient features of Islamic Criminal law, hanafi School of Law, Ahmadiya School of Law</li> </ul>	53-58
Module VII:	Courts - Judges, Trial, Witness, Pleaders Panchayats - Spies and Punishments	59-62

# Recommended/Reference Text Books and Resources:

#### Text Books

- 1. E.H.Carr, What is History, Penguin, 2008 Edn
- 2. M.Habib, K.A. Nizami (eds), Comprehensive History of India, Vol.V & VI, The Delhi Sultanate & Mughal Empire, reprint, New Delhi, 1970
- 3. Romilla Thappar, Early India: From the origins to A.D. 1300, University of California Press, 2004
- 4. N.Mani Tripathi, Jurisprudence the Legal Theory, 2013
- 5. A.L.Basham, The Wonder that was India, Part-1, Rupa & Comp., 1993 (20th Edn)

#### References

- H.V.Sreenivasa Murthy, History of India, Eastern Book Company, 2011
- Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (Ed), Approaches to History: Essays in Indian Historiography, Primus Books, 2013
- S.A.A. Rizvi, The Wonder that was India, Part-II
- Satish Chandra, Medieval india, Vol.I, Har Anand, 2000, (2<sup>nd</sup> Edn)
- Satish Chandra, Medieval india, Vol.II, Har Anand, 2004, (3rd Edn)

Web Resources https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/E. H. Carr

https://penguin.co.in/book/the-penguin-history-of-early-india

https://www.rarebooksocietvofindia.org/book archive/196174216674 10154892021366675.pdf http://www.jbdcivilengineeringbooks.com/

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