

AEC 2: Course A: Advance Ancient Indian Economy

Credit distribution, Eligibility and Pre-requisites of the Course

Course title & Code	Credits	Credit distribution of the course			Eligibility criteria	Pre-requisite of the course	Department Offering the Course
		Lecture	Tutorial	Practical/ Practice			
	02	02	00		12 th Pass	Nil	Sanskrit

Learning Objectives

The aim of this course is to make the students acquainted with various aspects of economic thought and Indian economy as propounded in the ancient Sanskrit texts from Vedic Samhita to later texts in the Dharamśāstra and Arthaśāstra traditions.

Learning outcomes

This course will enable the students to appreciate the fundamental concepts of Indian economic thoughts discussed in ancient Sanskrit texts such as Vedic Samhita, Kauṭilya's Arthaśāstra, Manusmṛiti etc. This session deals with the economic model of ancient India and financial growth of the state's thought through Sanskrit literature. Students will be able to understand various aspects of the taxation model in ancient India and they should be able to compare ancient and contemporary models.

SYLLABUS OF AEC-2 Course A

Unit: 1

Introduction to Ancient Indian Economy

Credit: 1

Early and Later Vedic Period
Buddhist Period
Centralized Economy of Mauryan Period
Post Mauryan Period
Gupta and Post Gupta Period

Unit: 2

Readings in Indian Economy:

Credit: 1

Manusmṛiti- Chapter 7, Verse No- 123-138, Arthaśāstra- Second Adhikaraṇa,
Sannidhātṛṇicayakarma and Samāhrtṛsamudayaprasthāpanam

Essential/recommended readings

1. R.P Kangle (ed.) Arthaśāstra of Kauṭilya, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 1965
2. P. Olivelle (ed. & trans), Manu code of law: A Critical Edition & translation of the Manava- Dharmasastra, UUP, New Delhi, 2006
3. R. S. Sharma, Aspects of Political Ideas & Institutions in Ancient India, Delhi, 1996
4. A. S. Altekar, State and Government in Ancient India, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi, 2011
5. कपिलदेव द्विवेदी, वैदिक साहित्य एवं संस्कृति, वाराणसी, विश्वविद्यालय प्रकाशन, षष्ठ संस्करण, 2015
6. शर्मा, उमाशंकर ऋषि, संस्कृत साहित्य का इतिहास, चौखम्भा भारती अकादमी, वाराणसी

Suggested readings

1. कैलाशचन्द्र जैन, प्राचीन भारतीय समाजिक और आर्थिक संस्थाएं, मध्यप्रदेश हिन्दी ग्रन्थ अकादमी, भोपाल, 1976
2. शशि तिवारी, संस्कृत साहित्य में राष्ट्रवाद एवं भारतीय राजशास्त्र, विद्यानिधि प्रकाशन, दिल्ली, 2013
3. सहाय, शिवस्वरूप, प्राचीन भारत का सामाजिक एवं आर्थिक इतिहास, मोतीलाल बनारसीदास, दिल्ली, 2012

Examination scheme and mode: Subject to directions from the Examination Branch/University of Delhi from time to time

Basic Structure of Question Paper & Division of Marks

Questions - 03 (from Unit 1)	03 x 15 = 45
Explanations 03 (from unit-2)	03 x 08 = 24
Short Notes 02	02x3 = 06
Total Marks: (I+II)	75