

Ramakrishna Mission Vidyamandira

Department of History

Multidisciplinary Basic History

Objective:

- To provide the non-arts background students a basic idea about Indian history
- To provide an idea about the socio-political evolution of India

Module 1

- 1.1 Basic idea of history and historiography
- 1.2 An introduction to the sources of history

Module 2

- 2.1 Indian pre-history: social evolution from food gathering to crops producing economy—basic idea of Paleolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic
- 2.2 Village formation to the ‘first’ urbanization—socio-cultural evolution
- 2.3 The Vedic Age and the transition from *gopati* to *bhupati*
- 2.4 Change in Socio-political and cultural structure— ‘second’ urbanization and the formation of the first empire

Module 3

- 3.1 Mauryan Empire—nature and the idea of kingship and state patronage
- 3.2 Regional empires and the socio-cultural changes in the post Mauryan period
- 3.3 Rise of the Guptas and the ‘threshold’ time in Indian history
- 3.4 Fragmentation of state—rise of the regional powers—concept of the ‘third’ urbanization and ‘early medieval’ in Indian history

Module 4

- 4.1 Spread of Islam in India and the change in socio-political structure
- 4.2 The Delhi Sultanate
- 4.3 Changing nature of state in the Mughal period—rise of regional powers and formation of new relationship
- 4.4 Confrontation & collaboration—rise of British power

Module 5

- 5.1 Nature of British Colonialism
- 5.2 Idea and growth of Indian nationalism
- 5.3 Nationalist movement
- 5.4 Independence and the new possibilities