

NeHCA - 551

Ancient Polity and Political History of Ancient Nepal

Semester- IST
Paper - I
Cr-3
Teaching Hours - 48

Course Objective

The objective of this course is to provide a comprehensive knowledge of ancient polity and history that is required as a background for learning archaeology, palaeography, art, architecture and other related areas of history and culture of Nepal.

Unit I Comprehensive and critical study of the sources of the Hindu polity and political History of Ancient Nepal. 8

1. Literary Sources
2. Archaeological Sources
3. Foreign Accounts .

Unit II Ancient Polity. 6

1. Hindu monarchical state: origin, aim and functions of monarchy; Mechanism of check and balance upon the king
2. Republic or Oligarchic states: origin and development, Legislative and judicial mechanism

Unit III Nepal and Ancient India. 6

1. The Mauryan empire in India and the contributions of Ashoka. Relation with Nepal.
2. Kushana rule in India : contributions in the development of art and culture.
3. The foundation of the Gupta empire in India; contributions in the development of art and culture. Relation with Nepal.

Unit IV The foundation of organized political system in Nepal 10

1. Nepal: its origin, etymology and antiquity; geo-graphical diversity and extent of the country in different periods
2. A Brief Survey of the Videha of Janakpur, the Shakyas of Kapilvastu and the Koliyas of Devadaha.
3. The Gopalas, Mahispalas (Abhiras) and the Kiratas of Kathmandu Valley.

Unit V History of the Lichchhavis 18

1. Foundation of the Lichchhavi rule in Nepal and a brief history of the Lichchhavis before the rise of Manadeva Ist.
2. Critical Study of the following Lichchhavi rulers of Nepal:- Manadeva I, Shivadeva I, Anshuvarma, Narendradeva and Jayadeva II,
3. The historicity of Bhrikuti
4. The Role of the Samantas in the Lichchhavi polity.
5. Administrative system of the Lichchhavi period
6. Critical Study of the Eras prevalent during the Lichhavi period.
7. Nepal's political and cultural ties with India, Tibet and China .
8. The Contributions of Lichhavi dynasty to the development of Nepalese art and culture
9. Decline of the Lichchhavis.

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