

SYLLABUS FOR
VAC - Understanding India FOUR YEAR
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM (FYUGP)
(As per NEP 2020)

VAC - UNDERSTANDING INDIA

UNIT I

- i. Physical Features of India: Landscape, Mountains and Rivers
- ii. Population, its growth, distribution and migration
- iii. People and Culture of India: Major Festivals, Culinary traditions and Costumes

UNIT II

- i. Religious Tradition of India: Vedic Age, Buddhism, Jainism, Bhakti, Sufi, Social Reform Movement and Revivalism.
- ii. Art and Architecture of India: Indus Town Planning, Rock Cut Architecture, Styles of Temple of Temple Architecture, Indo-Islamic Architecture, Colonial Architecture, Ajanta Painting and Bengal School of Art.

UNIT III

Freedom Struggle: Revolt of 1857, Formation of Indian National Congress, Swadeshi Movement, Gandhian Movements, Subhas Chandra Bose and INA, Independence and Partition of India.

UNIT IV:

Constitution of India

- i. Preamble
- ii. Salient Features
- iii. Fundamental Rights
- iv. Fundamental Duties

UNIT V

Indian Economy

- i. Mixed Economy
- ii. Planning Commission
- iii. Liberalization after 1991

Suggested Readings

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