



**SALTORA NETAJI CENTENARY COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**

**U.G.HISTORY -HONOURS
SEMESTER- I
COURSE CODE: AHHST101 C-1**

HISTORY OF INDIA (PREHISTORIC TIMES – 600 BC.)

Topic

**Sources of Ancient Indian History:
Archaeological sources**

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Sources of Ancient Indian History

Types of sources

Archaeological sources

Literary sources

Foreign Accounts

Archaeological Sources:

Inscriptions

Coins

Seals

Architecture

Sculptures

Monuments

Caves

Potteries

Inscriptions

Most authentic and reliable

Ashokan inscriptions

Alahabad Prashasti of Samudragupta,

Hathigumpha inscription of Kharvela,

Aihole inscription of Pulakeshin,

Satvahanas- Nasik Prashasti , Naneghat.

the inscription of rulers of 'Pallavas', 'Chalukyas', 'Pandyas', 'Cholas'

ASHOKA : EDICTS



COINS

The dates inscribed on the coins -the chronology of the kings.

the religious ideologies of the rulers.

trade and commercial activities

economic and technological development

Gold coins- Indo-greek, Kushanas, Guptas.



COINS OF ANCIENT INDIA

FROM THE EARLIEST TIMES DOWN
TO THE SEVENTH CENTURY A.D.

A. CUNNINGHAM



Monuments

Temples, architecture, buildings

Viharas-Sarnath,

Hastinapur, Koushambi, Atranjikhera

Ankorbhat, Barobudur

technical skills, living standard, economic
condition of the time

Sculpture

- Gandhara style
- Mathura style
- Amravati style.

Paintings:

Ajanta, Ellora cave Paintings.

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