



**MANGALORE UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of History**  
**MA History**

**Paper No. HSE: 457 (Open Elective)**

**Science and Technology of Pre-Modern India**

**Learning objective:** This paper's main objective is to provide an insight into the prevalence of the aspects of science and technology from pre-historic period to medieval period. Further it also attempts to know the ancient Indians contributions to science and technology and medicine etc

**Learning outcome;** After completing the course, the students will come to know about the evidence for understanding the aspects of science and technology during pre-historic period and also the persons who contributed to the field of medicine, mathematics, science and technology.

**Unit. I** – Science and Technology of Harappan period-pottery technology-Copper/bronze metallurgy-Post-Harappan metallurgy-Iron technology-megaliths-iron age ceramics-polished ware technology:RCPW,PGW,NBPW- Agricultural science and technology.

**Unit. II-** Developments in Astronomy and mathematics- Bhaskara-Aryabhata-Varahamihira- medicine and surgery- Ayurveda:Vriksha, Hasti and Asva-Samhitas of charaka, Susrutha and Bhela.

**Unit. III-** Maritime technology, port construction technology- shipping technology-navigational technology.

**Unit. IV-** Science and Technology in the age of the Delhi Sultans- agricultural technology- textile technology-Development of science and technology in the age of the Mughals- Agricultural technology - maritime technology- medical systems-and technology- bio sciences and bio-technology.

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