

Course Code	Course Name	Credits
26AE107	Understanding India	02

Course Objectives

This course aims to:

- Develop a foundational understanding of India's cultural heritage, social diversity, economic structure, and governance systems.
- Promote awareness of India's identity, constitutional values, and cultural richness.
- Equip learners with practical skills in fieldwork, survey methods, documentation, and report writing.
- Enhance employability by introducing basic concepts of entrepreneurship, tourism, and local livelihood opportunities and foster civic responsibilities.

Learning outcomes

After the completion of the course, the students will be able to

- Demonstrate knowledge of India's cultural heritage, social structure, political rights and economic systems.
- Understand constitutional values, rights, and duties, and apply them in everyday life.
- Conduct basic field work, surveys, documentation and prepare reports related to local communities and heritage.
- Identify business opportunities and prepare simple business plans based on local resources and needs.
- Effectively present ideas, work in teams, and participate in discussions and community activities.

UNIT-I – Heritage (9 Hr)

Defining Heritage: Tangible and Intangible, Earliest settlers in India; First civilization in India, Heritage sites; Ajanta and Ellora caves, Mahabalipuram monuments, monuments of Khajuraho, Sunderbans National Park and Heritage animal of India; Elephant.

UNIT-II - Cultural Heritage (9 Hr)

Oldest religion: Hinduism; origin and beliefs, Classical languages in India: Tamil, Sanskrit, Telugu, Kannada- queen of all languages, Malayalam, Odia, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali and Classical dances of India; Bharatnatyam, Kathak, Kuchipudi, Mohiniyattam, Manipuri Raas Leela, Sattriya.

Unit-III - Philosophy and Basic Features of Indian Constitution, Preamble (9 Hr)

Objectives Resolution and Philosophy, Fundamental Rights and Duties: Nature and Features and Directive Principles of State Policy: Classification, Nature and Scope

Unit- IV: Legislative Procedure and Amendment of Indian Constitution (9 Hr)

Stages of Bill in Indian Parliament, Amendment Procedure and Powers of the Parliament to amend the constitution.

Unit-V: Indian Economy (9 Hr)

Features of Indian economy, Human development Index, New Economic Reform 1991- Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation and Niti Aayog- objectives and functions.

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