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A Five Days Multidisciplinary Value Added Course On An Introduction to Indology

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**Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Center
For Studies of Maratha History**

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An Introduction to Indology

About the Course

An Introduction to Indology is designed to create a comprehensive awareness of ancient to early medieval Indian history and culture. The curriculum sheds light on diverse academic approaches, emphasizing a multidisciplinary perspective. By bridging the gap between history, linguistics, and science, the course provides students with a holistic understanding of India's rich heritage through a structured framework.

Scope & Outcomes

This course is specifically curated to broaden the academic horizons of history and culture students, as well as any enthusiast eager to explore India's past.

Enhanced Understanding: Develop a deeper perspective on the multifaceted aspects of ancient Indian civilization.

Analytical Skills: Gain the ability to critically interpret historical data from various sources.

Practical Knowledge: Acquire foundational skills in identifying ancient scripts and understanding archaeological contexts.

Research Orientation: Empower participants to apply interdisciplinary methods to their own historical or cultural studies.

What This Course Will Cover

1. Foundations of Indology & Archaeology

- Definitions and basic concepts of Indology & Archaeology
- The history and evolution of Indological and Archaeological studies.
- Understanding how we rediscover the past through scientific methods.

2. Literary Sources

- In-depth exploration of ancient Indian texts.
- Focus on Sanskrit and Prakrit literature as primary historical sources.

3. Epigraphy & Scripts (Practical Training)

- Study of ancient inscriptions (writing on stone, metal, etc.).
- Hands-on training in reading the Brahmi script.
- Analysis of Devanagari inscriptions.

4. Cultural & Case Studies

- Analysing cultural evolution through an interdisciplinary lens.
- Special Case Study: A detailed look at the history and culture of Ancient Kolhapur.

Course Content

- Introduction to Indology and Archaeology
 - Introduction to Indology
 - History of Indology
 - Introduction to Archaeology
 - History of Archaeology
- Importance of Texts in Indology
 - Importance of Texts Part I
 - Importance of Texts Part II
 - Introduction to Sanskrit Texts
 - Introduction to Prakrit Texts
- Study of Inscriptions
 - Study of Inscriptions
 - Ancient Brahmi
 - Devanagari Inscriptions
 - Learning Brahmi Script
- Cultural Aspects through Indological Studies
 - Cultural Aspects through Indological, Archaeological Studies Part I
 - Cultural Aspects through Indological, Archaeological Studies Part II
 - Cultural Aspects through Indological, Archaeological Studies Part III
 - Case Study of Ancient Kolhapur
- Case Study of Kolhapur
 - Case Study of Medieval Kolhapur Part I
 - Case Study of Medieval Kolhapur Part II
 - Case Study of Colonial Kolhapur Part I
 - Case Study of Colonial Kolhapur Part II

Who Can Register?

- Current PG Students: Currently enrolled in a Post Graduate program in any stream.
- PG Graduates: Those who have already completed their Post Graduation in any stream.

Participant Registration

- Registration at the Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Center for Studies for Maratha History, Department of History, Shivaji University, Kolhapur from 15th January 2025 to 19th January 2025.

Please note: To receive a certificate of completion, 100% attendance is mandatory.