

**Dr. V. S. Krishna Govt. Degree College(Autonomous)**  
**Visakhapatnam**  
**Department of History**  
**Semester-II**

**4. Age of Enlightenment and State Formation in India (23HISM22)**

**Course Outcomes:**

After successful completion of this Course, the student will be able to:

- Know the philosophies of Indian religions.
- Learn about the formation of states and their growth.
- Know the causes of the rise of Magadha and its political history.
- Understand the Mauryans history and Ashoka Dhamma policy.
- Will know the significance of post-Mauryan conditions

**Syllabus:**

**Module-I**

New Religious Philosophy- Ajivikas, Charvakas-Jainism and Buddhism

**Module-II**

State formation: Sixteen Mahajanapadas - Rise of Magadha - Nandas- Foreign Invasions - Darius I and Alexander.

**Module-III**

Mauryan Empire: Archaeological and Literary Sources-Chandra Gupta Maurya-Bindusara and Ashoka - Ashoka's Dhamma Policy

**Module-IV**

The Mauryan Administration-Society, Economy, Art and Architecture - Decline of Mauryan Empire-Sangam Literature - the Satavahana Administration-

**Module-V**

Post Mauryan Period-Invasions from Central Asia-Indo Greeks-Sakas-Parthians and Kushans-Growth of Trade and Urban centers-Coins and Guilds-Gandhara and Mathura Art.