**M.Phil (AIHCA) – Objective and Outcome :**

**Objectives:**

The M.Phil course in AIHCA has been designed with an idea to capacitate the student to have specialised knowledge in Ancient Indian Historiography, Research Methods, Concepts in Archaeology and in writing a Dissertation using the above the factors. The objective of the curriculum is to enhance his understanding of the subject. Here the effort is to give him scope to develop his skills, his proficiency and his research perspective.

**Outcome :**

After completion of the M.Phil Course it is seen that the student definitely is a much enlightened person in his field of study i.e. Ancient Indian History, Culture and Archaeology.

**Paper – I**

The result of studying this paper gives him a holistic idea of ancient Indian literature. Starting from what was the historical sense of the then people - to the idea of Bharatavarsa. It enlightens him on the traditional history of India from the Vedas to the Puranas. He knows about Jaina and Buddhist writings. His idea on ancient Indian literature including those of modern historians who have written on ancient India is deeply enhanced. His overall understanding of ancient Indian historiography is developed**.**

**Paper – II**

The outcome of this particular paper is very significant. He knows about sources, its merits and demerits. Comes to understand research methodology – like Preliminary, Analytical and Synthetic operations. His understanding on archaeological methods gets enhanced and his reasoning to reconstruct past life is rationalized.

**Paper – III**

This paper again enhances his concepts on archaeology. He better understands his subjects’ links with other subjects like anthropology and pure sciences. His understanding of archaeological theories is achieved. He knows in a much better manner how he can use his knowledge thus attained in practical form.

**Paper IV**

This paper is very important as he submits a Dissertation under the guidance of a teacher on a specific topic. Here his knowledge enhancement, his comprehension of what he has learnt during the course, his understanding of the field in practical form and his writing style is evaluated.

The overall outcome of the course is very satisfying as the student comes out transformed in his outlook and understanding of archaeology and its methods.