



SEMESTER - II
HISDSC151T
HISTORY OF EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA

Contact Hours: 45
Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

Course objective:

Students will learn and analyse the transition from historic centuries to the early medieval period. They'll be able to delineate changes in the realm of polity and culture, about the invasion by the Arabs from the northwest and the resistance.

Unit I: Dynasties of Deccan

1. Chalukyas:

- a) Political achievements – Pulakesin II
- b) Cultural Achievements

2. Rashtrakutas:

- a) Political history
- b) Cultural Contribution.
- c) Administration

(9 Lectures)

Unit II: Dynasties of South India

1. Pallavas:

- a) Political History: Mahendravarman I, Narasimhavarman
- b) Administrative system,

2. Cholas:

- a) Political History: Rajaraja the Great, Rajendra Chola
- b) Administrative system

(9 Lectures)

Unit III Bengal under the Palas and Senas

- 1. Political Achievements of Dharmapala & Deva Pala
- 2. Cultural Contribution of the Palas
- 3. Sena dynasty : Ballal Sen & Lakshman Sen
- 4. Significance of the Sena rule.

(9 Lectures)

Unit IV Rise of the Rajputs

- 1. Origin of Rajput
- 2. Pratiharas : Mihirabhuja, Administration
- 3. Tripartite Struggle: Pratihara-Pala-Rashtrakuta
- 4. The Gahadavalas: political achievements.

(8 Lectures)

Unit V: Arab Invasion

- 1. The Political Condition of Sind on the Eve of the Arab Invasion.
- 2. Arab invasion of Sind and its effects.
- 3. Indian invasion of Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni,
- 4. Prithviraj Chauhan
- 5. Battles of Tarain.

(10 Lectures)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the political achievements of various dynasties of the early medieval period about the polity and culture, about the invasion by the Arabs from the northwest and the resistance made by the Indian rulers.



Suggested Readings:

- Majumdar R.C and Pusalkar A.D (edited): The History of Indian People, Vol. V
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- Maiti, P, Studies in Ancient India, Sridhar Prakashani, Calcutta, 1993
- Raychaudhary, H.C.: Political History of Ancient India.
- Sastri, K.A. Nilkanta: a History of South India, from Prehistoric times to the fall of Vijaynagar, 1955
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- Sen S N. Ancient Indian History and Civilisation, New Central Book Agency (P) Ltd., Kolkata, 2017
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