



**SEMESTER – III**  
**HISDSC201T**  
**HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1526 TO 1707 CE**

Contact Hours: 60  
Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

*Course Objectives:*

*The course, History of India from 1526 to 1707 CE, aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of the political and social dynamics of the period and their impact on society and politics. It identifies how political power was exercised and contested in medieval India. It analyses the key historical events, including invasions and resistance that shaped the political landscape of medieval India.*

**Unit I:**

1. Sources of Mughal Indian History
2. Political condition of India on the eve of Babur's invasion.
3. 1<sup>st</sup> Battle of Panipat: Causes and its significance.
4. Mughal-Afghan contest for supremacy. (13 Lectures)

**Unit II.**

1. Conquests of Sher Shah Suri
2. Sher Shah's administration and land revenue system.
3. Re-establishment of Mughal rule: Hemu Vikramaditya, Rana Pratap (12 Lectures)

**Unit III**

1. Akbar's administration: Central & Provincial
2. Land Revenue system, Mansabdari system,
3. Akbar's religious policy.
4. Akbar's Rajput policy. (12 Lectures)

**Unit IV**

1. Expansion of Mughal Empire: Jahangir & Sahajahan.
2. Aurangzeb- Religious Policy
3. Expansion of Mughal Empire: Aurangzeb
4. Causes of the downfall of the Mughal Empire. (11 Lectures)

**Unit V**

1. Resistance of Mewar and Marwar
2. Rise of Maratha Power under Shivaji
3. Shivaji's administration.
4. Resistance of Sikhs, Jats, Bundelas and Satnamis (12 Lectures)

*Expected learning outcomes:*

*After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about political and social dynamics of the period and their impact on society and politics of Medieval India. The students will also understand about the historical events, about foreign invasions and their resistances that shaped the political landscape of medieval India.*

**Suggested Readings:**

1. A.L. Srivastava: The Mughal Empire, Shiv Lal Agarwal & Co, 2017
2. G. N Sharma: Mewar and the Mughal Emperors, Shiv Lal Agarwal, Agra, 1962
3. Herman Kulke (ed.) The State in India (1000-1700), OUP, 1995
4. Irfan Habib: The Agrarian System of Mughal India 1556-1707, Oxford University Press, 2014



5. Ishwari Prasad: A Short History of Muslim Rule in India, Surjeet Publications, 2018
6. J. N. Sarkar, History of Aurangzib: Reign of Shah Jahan, Palala Press, 2015
7. J. N. Sarkar, Studies in Mughal India, Alpha Edition, 2020
8. J. N. Sarkar, The Mughal Administration Six Lectures, Hard Press, 2012
9. J. N. Sarkar: Life and Times of Shivaji, Orient Blackswan Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2010
10. K.A. Nilkantha Shastri: A History of South India, Oxford, 1997
11. K.N Chitnis: Socio-Economic History of Medieval India, Atlantic Publishers, 2018
12. Majumdar, Raychaudhary & Dutta: An Advanced History of India, Laxmi Publications, 2016
13. R. C. Majumdar, The History and Culture of Indian People Vol 8: The Maratha Supremacy, Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, 2001
14. R. C. Majumdar, The Mughul Empire: The History and Culture of the Indian People (Volume 7), Bhartiya Vidya Bhavan, 2007
15. R.C.Majumdar & others (ed.): The History and Culture of the Indian People Vol. 6, the Delhi Sultanate, Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, 2006
16. R.K Bhardwaj, Hemu: Life and times of Hemchandra Vikramaditya, Hope India Publications, Gurgaon, 2004
17. R.P Tripathi: Rise and fall of the Mughal Empire (English or Hindi), Surjeet Publications, 2012
18. S.R. Sharma: The Crescent in India: A Study in Medieval History, Bhartiya Kala Prakashan, 2005