



SEMESTER-III
HISDSM201
HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 650 TO 1206 CE

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

Course Objectives:

To enable the students to learn and analyze the transition from historic centuries to the early medieval period of India. They'll be able to outline changes in the realm of polity and culture; about the Islamic invasion of India and its resistance.

Unit I

- a) **Chalukyas:** Political achievements – Pulakesin II, Cultural Achievements
b) **Rashtrakutas:** Political history, Administration (12 Lectures)

Unit II

- a) **Pallavas:** Political History : Mahendravarman I, Narasimhavarman, Administrative system,
b) **Cholas:** Political History: Rajaraja the Great, Rajendra Chola, Administrative system (12 Lectures)

Unit III

- a). Political Achievements of Dharmapala & DevaPala
b). Cultural Contribution of the Palas
c). Sena dynasty – Ballal Sen & Lakshman Sen (12 Lectures)

Unit IV

1. Pratiharas— Mihirabhuja, Administration
2. Tripartite Struggle- Pratihara-Pala-Rashtrakuta
3. The Gahadavalas – political achievements. (12 Lectures)

Unit V:

1. Arab invasion of Sind and its effects.
2. Indian invasion of Sultan Mahmud of Ghazni
3. Prithviraj Chauhan
4. Battles of Tarain. (12 Lectures)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to understand about the transition from historic centuries to the early medieval period of India and will be able to understand about the changes in the realm of polity and culture, about the Islamic invasion of India and its resistance.

Suggested Readings:

1. A.K Majumdar, Bhakti Renaissance, Bhartiya Vidyabhawan, Calcutta.
2. C.V Vaidya, Early History of Rajputs (750 to 1000 A.D), Reprint, Gyanbooks, New Delhi, 2019.
3. C.V Vaidya, History of Medieval Hindu India, Reprint, Gyanbooks, New Delhi, 2018.
4. H.C Raychaudhury, Political History of Ancient India, Oxford University Press, 1997
5. K.A Nilkanta Shastri, History of South India: from Prehistoric times to the Fall of Vijaynagar, IV Edition, 1975
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7. P Maita, Studies in Ancient India, Sridhar Prakashani, Calcutta, 1993
8. R.C Majumdar and Pusalkar A.D (ed): The History of Indian People, vol. V, The Struggle for Empire
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10. R.C Majumdar, The Arab Invasion of India, digitized. 1931
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12. R.S Tripathi, History of Kannauj to the Moselm conquest, 1986.
13. Rekha Pande, Religion movement in Medieval India, Gyan book, New Delhi.
14. S N Sen, The Senas of Bengal: A Political and Cultural History
15. S N Sen. Ancient Indian History and Civilisation, New Central Book Agency (P) Ltd., Kolkata, 2017
16. Upinder Singh, A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India, from Stone Age to Early Medieval India, a Pearson pub. 2008.