

### 3<sup>RD</sup> SEMESTER

Course Code: HIS-200

Credit- 4

#### ✓ History of Early Medieval India (650-1206 C.E.)

**Course Objective:** This course covers the broad socio-economic, political and cultural developments of early medieval India.

**Learning Outcome:** Students will know about the sources relating to early medieval Indian history. They will also understand political, social, economic, and cultural developments which crystallized into distinct regional formations and patterns.

#### **Unit I: Introduction to Early Medieval India**

Conceptualizing early Medieval India-Debates on Feudalism; Sources; disintegration of India during post-Harshavardhana period and emergence of regional kingdoms with reference to Salasthamba and Pala of Kamarupa, Pala of Bengal, Chalukyas of Vatapi, Gurjara-Pratiharas of Central India and Karkota of Kashmir.

#### **Unit II: Political Developments**

Origin of Rajputs: Various theories; political history of Chahmana, Chandela, Parmara, Pallava, Rashtrakuta and Chola; Tripartite struggle for supremacy.

#### **Unit III: Society, Economy and Culture**

Agrarian structure- land grants and its importance; Village administration in South India under the Cholas; religion- rise of Bhakti, Alvars and Nayannars, art and architecture under the Pallava, Rashtrakuta, Chandela and Cholas; maritime trade under the Cholas.

#### **Unit IV: Foreign invasions**

Nature, causes, and consequences—Arab invasion of Sindh; invasions of Mahmud of Ghazni and Muhammad of Ghor.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

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### ✓ History of World Civilizations

**Course Objective:** To introduce students to the socio-cultural developments that characterized Bronze and Iron Age Civilizations up to the rise of the medieval world

**Learning Outcome:** Students will be able to comprehend the socio-cultural transformations that marked the Bronze and Iron Age civilizations of ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, China, Greece, Persia and Rome. They will be familiar with the broad socio-economic features and cultural developments that characterized the ancient society under study.

**Unit I:** An overview of Bronze Age Civilizations: Mesopotamia, Egypt and China; Political developments, society, economy, administration, religion, law, art and architecture during the period.