

Unit II: Iron Age Civilizations:Greece, China and Persia; Archaic and Classical Greece: growth of state and society, cultural developments, legacy of ancient Greece; Chinese Civilization: polity, society, science and technology; Persian Civilization: polity, society and economy.

Unit III: Ancient Rome:From Republic to Empire; disintegration of the Western Roman Empire; Rise of Byzantine.

Unit IV: Christianity: Rise, establishment and growth; Islam: origin, expansion and its impact; The Arab civilization and its contribution.

Suggested Readings:

Anderson, Perry, *Passages from Antiquity to Feudalism*, Verso, London, 1978.

Childe, V.G., *What happened in History*, Penguin Pub, 1967.

Durant, Will, *An Age of Faith*, 1950, reprint 1980.

Durant, Will, *Our Oriental Heritage: The Story of Civilization*, II Volume.

Frankfort, Henri, *The Birth of Civilization in the Near East*, Indians Uni. Press, 1951.

Nicholas, David, *The Evolution of the Medieval World, Society, Government and Thought in Europe, 312-1500*, Routledge, 1992.

Sharma, Manoj, *History of World Civilization*, Anmol Pub, New Delhi, 2005

Swain, J.E., *A History of World Civilization*, McGraw Book, New York, 1938, reprint, S. Chand, New Delhi, 2000.

Toynbee, Arnold J., *A Study of History, Vol I to XII*, 1934-1961, Reprint; OUP USA, 1988

Trevelyan, A. Albert, *History of Ancient Civilization*, Harcourt, Brace, 1936.

Wells, H.G., *The Outline of History*, George Newness Revised Edition 1971.

4th Semester

Course Code: HIS-250

Credit- 4

History of Medieval India (13th-18th century C.E.)

Course Objective: To familiarise the students with ideas and institutions, policies and broad developments in the fields of polity, society, religion and economy; and to acquaint students with its main developments from the rise of the Turko-Afghan rule to the downfall of the Mughals.

Learning Outcome: Students will be acquainted with the sources of information on medieval Indian history and also on the political, economic and cultural developments in India during the later medieval period.

Unit I: Sources of medieval Indian history (literary and archaeological); Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal empire; Expansion and consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate (Qutb-uddin Aibak to Alauddin Khilji); Emergence of Bahmani and Vijayanagar kingdoms.

Unit II: Iqta system; Reforms of Alauddin Khilji and Muhammad-bin-Tughlaq; Growth of urban centres – Delhi, Agra and Surat; Art and architecture under the Delhi Sultanate.

Unit III: Foundation of the Mughal Empire. Mughal-Afghan contest for supremacy over northern India (1526-1556); Reforms of Sher Shah; Mughal administration (Survey of Revenue, Mansabdari and Jagirdari systems); Shivaji's administration; Overview of Art and architecture under the Mughals.

Unit IV: Akbar's religious policy; Mughal policy towards the Rajputs, Sikhs and the Deccan kingdoms; Growth of Bhakti and Sufi movements with reference to Chishti and Suhrawardi Schools, Kabir, Mirabai and Guru Nanak; Decline of the Mughal Empire.

Suggested Readings:

Ali, M. Athar, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society and Culture*, Oxford University Press, 2006.

Aquil, Raziuddin, *Sufism, Culture and Politics*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2012.

Aquil, Raziuddin, *The Muslim Question: Understanding Islam and Indian History*, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 2017.

Chandra, Satish, *Medieval India, Part Two, Mughal Empire, (1526-1748)*, Har-Anand Publications, Delhi, 1999.

Chandra, Satish, *Medieval India: From Sultanate to the Mughals- Delhi Sultanate (1206-1526)* Part One, Har -Anand Publications, Delhi, 1997.

Farooqui, Salma Ahmed, *A Comprehensive History of Medieval India: From the Twelfth to the Mid Eighteenth Century*, Pearson, New Delhi, 2011.

Habib, Irfan, *The Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1556-1707*, 2nd revised Edition., Oxford University Press, 1999.

Habib, M & K.A. Nizami (eds), *Comprehensive History of India, Vol. V, A.D. 1206-1526: The Delhi Sultanate*, PPH, Delhi, 1987.

Habib, Irfan, *Interpreting Indian History*, NEHU, Shillong, 1985.

Jackson, Peter, *The Delhi Sultanate: A Political and Military History*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1999.

Moreland, W.H., *Agrarian System of Mughal India*, D.K. Publishers (Low price edition, New Delhi, 2003).

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Sewell, Robert, *A Forgotten Empire (Vijayanagar): A Contribution to the History of India*, Asian Publication Services, New Delhi, 1986.

Shastri, Nilakanta K.A., *History of South India*, OUP, Delhi, 1996.

Spear, Percival, *Pelican History of India, Vol. II*, Penguin, Harmondsworth, 2011.

Tripathi, R.P., *Rise and Fall of Mughal Empire*, Central Book Depot, Allahabad, 1990.

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