

**FIRST SEMESTER**  
**MDC1: HIST-112**  
**Ancient History of India**

**Credits- 3**

**Marks: 75 (IA: 25+TH: 50)**

**Course Description**

This course provides an overview of Ancient Indian History from the Indus Valley civilization to the beginning of the Turkish invasions. The course examines urban features of the Indus Valley civilization, socio-religious conditions of Vedic society, and socio-political development during the Mauryan rule. It investigates the administration of different dynasties during this period and its impact on Ancient Indian society and culture.

**Course Objectives**

1. To understand history as a discipline.
2. Examine the causes and effects of the significant developments in Indian history.
3. To provide an overview of the political and social dynamics.
4. To survey of new political scenario of ambitious regional powers with shifting and overlapping boundaries.

**Course Outcomes**

1. To familiarize students with state theories, feudalism, political structures, and periodization in history.
2. To analyze the significance of socio-political and cultural transformation.
3. To gain the ability to express a knowledgeable perspective on the intricacies of Indian civilization.
4. The evolution of social and political institutions in study period.

**Section 1**

- a. Understanding History and its relevance
- b. Harappan civilization: Major sites, town planning and decline
- c. Vedic civilization: Society & religion
- d. Teachings of Jainism and Buddhism

**Section 11**

- a. The ascendancy of Magadha and the Alexander's invasion of India.
- b. Rise of the Mauryan Empire under Asoka and his administration
- c. Art of the Kushan and the Satavahana administration.
- d. The Tamils and Sangam Age.

**Section-III**

- a. The Gupta polity and the advancement in science & technology
- b. The Pushyabhutis and the rise of Harsha and his administration
- c. The Imperial Cholas and local self-government
- d. The Arabs and the Turks in Indian politics: Ghaznavids and the Ghorid invasions

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**SECOND SEMESTER**  
**MDC 2: HIST-122**  
**Medieval History of India**

**Credits- 3**

**Marks: 75 (IA: 25+TH: 50)**

**Course Description**

This course aims to introduce students to the intriguing historical era that connects ancient and modern India. The primary focus will be on exploring the significant events and developments of the medieval period. The course will delve into the socioeconomic, political, and religious aspects of these events and analyze the sources that provide insights into the crucial invasions, the rise of new powers, and decline. By the end of the course, students will have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the rich history and culture of India, and how it has evolved.

**Course Objectives**

1. To gain an understanding about the political and social transformations in medieval Indian history.
2. To recognize the advancements in agriculture, industry, trade, and commerce.
3. To understand the socio-religious development.
4. To understand how political power was wielded and challenged during medieval period in India.

**Learning outcomes**

1. The establishment and territorial consolidation of the Delhi, Mughal and Vijaynagar.
2. Know the socio-economic and religious aspects of the Medieval period.
3. Gain a deep understanding of the intricate political and social dynamics of this historical period
4. Provide an overview of the resistance movements that influenced the politics of medieval India.

**Section-1**

- a. Sources of Medieval Indian History and understanding Medieval as a period.
- b. Foundation, expansion & consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate: Qutubuddin Aibak, Iltutmish, and Balban theory of kingship.
- c. Alauddin Khalji's economic policy.
- d. Muhammad-bin-Tughluq's various schemes.

**Section-II**

- a. Vijaynagar Empire: Achievements of Krishnadevaraya
- b. Rise of the Bahamani Empire
- c. Salient features of the Bhakti & Sufi movement
- d. Foundation of the Mughal Empire and the administration of Sher Shah Suri.

**Unit -III**

- a. Akbar's religious policy and Mughal *mansabdari* and *jagirdari* system
- b. Aurangzeb's religious policy and the Mughal relation with Rajputs
- c. Shivaji and his administration.
- d. The downfall of the Mughal Empire.

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