

**U.G. 3<sup>rd</sup> SEMESTER SYLLABUS**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY**  
**COTTON UNIVERSITY**

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**PAPER : HST301C**

**HISTORY OF INDIA (7<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AD)**  
**(Credits: 4+1+0=5)**

This course intends to examine the administrative set-up, socio economic structure of the early medieval period.

**Total No. of lectures: 64**

<b>Unit – 1</b>	<b>North India : Post Gupta Period</b>	<b>16</b>
1.1	Early Medieval States : Legitimation of Kingship, Brahmanas and Temples, Royal Genealogies and Rituals	
1.2	Emergence of Major Political Dynasties : Gurjaras-Pratiharas, Rashtrakutas and Palas	
1.3	Eastern India : Political Structure in the Post Gupta Period	
1.4	Arab and Turkish Invasion	
<b>Unit – 2</b>	<b>Peninsular India</b>	<b>16</b>
2.1	Pallavas and the Chalukyas : Polity	
2.2	Cholas : Society and Polity	
2.3	Trade and Commerce : Chola Maritime Network	
2.4	Debates on the nature of South Indian States : Segmentary States	
<b>Unit – 3</b>	<b>Society and Culture in the Post Gupta Period</b>	<b>16</b>
3.1	Proliferation of Jatis, Rajputanisation	
3.2	Royal Land Grants and Agrarian Expansion	
3.3	Changing Urban Patterns & Currency Problem	
3.4	Debates of Feudalism in Indian History	
<b>Unit – 4</b>	<b>Culture</b>	<b>16</b>
4.1	Languages and Literature : Sanskrit, Tamil	
4.2	Islamic Intellectual Tradition : Al-Biruni	
4.3	Temple Architecture and Sculpture : Regional Variations	
4.4	Religious Practices and Ideas : New Patterns in Buddhism and Jainism, Trantricism and Bhakti Movement in Southern India	

**Essential Readings :**

1. Singh, Upinder : *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*, 2008, Pearson and Longman.
2. Thapar, Romila : *Early India*, 2004, University of California Press.
3. Chakravarty, Ranabir : *Exploring Early India up to AD 1300*, 2010, Macmillan.
4. Sharma, R.S. : *India Feudalism*, 2009, Macmillan.
5. Sharma, R.S. : *Early Medieval India Society*, 2003, Orient Blackswan.
6. B.D. Chattopadhyaya : *The Making of Early Medieval India*, 2012, Oxford University Press.
7. Mukhia, Harbans : *The Feudalism Debate*, 1999, Manohar Publishers
8. Kesavan Veluthat: *The Political Structure of Early Medieval South Indian 1993*, Orient Blackswan.

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**PAPER : HST302C**

**HISTORY OF EUROPE (14<sup>TH</sup> TO 17<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY AD)**  
**(Credits: 4+1+0=5)**

Course Objectives: The chief objective of the paper is to familiarize the students with the rise of modern Europe, and the accompanying political, economic and social transformations:

**Total No. of lectures: 64**

<b>Unit-I:</b>	<b>16</b>
1.1	Renaissance: Meaning, Background, Impact.
1.2	Reformation & Counter Reformation
1.3	Scientific Revolution
1.4	Enlightenment
1.5	Condition of Commons People: Peasants, Villages, Markets and Urban Life
<b>Unit-II: Political Patterns</b>	<b>16</b>
2.1	Warfare, Crisis and Absolutism: France, England and Spain
2.2	Enlightened Despotism: Russia, Prussia, Austria
<b>Unit-III: Economic Transition</b>	<b>16</b>
3.1	Colonies, Enterprises and Wealth, Slave Trade
3.2	Growth of Mercantilism
3.3	Transition from feudalism to capitalism
<b>Unit-IV: Cultural History of Modernity</b>	<b>16</b>
4.1	Print Capitalism: Printing and Printing Technology, Books as Commodity, Books as Factor for Change
4.2	Women : Changing Patterns of Patriarchy
4.3	Religion and Natural Philosophy: Magic and Witchcrafts
4.4	Popular Protests: Jacqueries and Food riots

**Essential Readings:**

1. Euan Cameron: *Early Modern Europe*, Oxford University Press, 2001
2. Elton, G.R.: *Reformation Europe, 1517-1559, 1966*, Harper and Row
3. Bloch, Marc, *Feudal Society*, 1965, Routledge
4. Hale, J.R: *Renaissance Europe*, University of California Press, 1978
5. Phukan, Meenakshi: *Rise of the Modern West: Social and Economic History of Early Modern Europe*, 2000, Macmillan

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**PAPER : HST303C**

**HISTORY OF INDIA (1200 TO 1500 CE)**  
**(Credits: 4+1+0=5)**

**Course Objective:**

This course will primarily focus on three core areas of 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> century India.

- Developments preceding the establishment of the Delhi Sultanate and political ideas, institutions and experiments carried out during the Sultanate period.
- Economic transactions and trade interaction within India and outside of it.
- Socio- Cultural developments in the form of the Bhakti and the Sufi movement and the emergence of Indo- Islamic art and architectural traditions.

**Course Outcome:**

The course will apprise the students with the various nuances of the political, socio- economic and cultural transitions that India witnessed during the aforesaid period.

**Total No. of lectures- 64**

<b>Unit-I : Sources and Interpretation</b>	<b>16</b>
1.1 Persian, Tarikh Tradition : Chachnama, Tabaqat-i-Nasiri, Tarikh-i-Firoz Shahi, Amir-Khusroo	
1.2 Accounts of Foreign Travellers.	
1.3 Epigraphic Numismatics and Architectural Sources.	
<b>Unit-II: Political Structure and Institutions</b>	<b>16</b>
2.1 Establishment and Expansion of Delhi Sultanate	
2.2 Theories of Kingship and Legitimization of authority	
2.3 State and Administration	
2.4 Decline of the Sultanate and rise of Provincial Kingdom – Vijaynagar, Bahmani, Gujrat, Malwa, Jaunpur	
<b>Unit-III: Economy in the Sultanate Period</b>	<b>16</b>
3.1 Agriculture – Technology, Irrigation, Crops	
3.2 Agrarian Relations – Peasants and Rural Intermediaries	
3.3 Land Ownership – Survey and Measurements, Revenue Free Grants	
3.4 Trade and Commerce	
3.5 Urbanization and Urban Centres	
<b>Unit-IV Religion, Society and Culture</b>	<b>16</b>
4.1 Sufi silsilas – Chisti and Surhawardis	
4.2 Bhakti Saint Traditions – Kabir, Nanak, Warkari and Jagannath Cult	
4.3 Gender Roles	
4.4 Art and Architecture	

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**Essential Readings :**

1. Satish Chandra : *From Sultanate to the Mughals*, Har Anand Publication, 1999.
2. Tapan Roy Choudhury and Irfan Habib : *Cambridge Economic History of India*, Volume-I, Orient Blackswan, 1982.
3. R.M. Eaton (edit), *India's Islamic Traditions -711-1750 AD*, Oxford University, New Delhi.
4. M. Juneja (edited) – *Architecture in Medieval India, Forms, Context, Histories*, New Delhi, Permanent Block.
5. Peter Hardy : *Historians of Medieval India Luzac and Company Ltd.*, London, 1996.

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**(Generic Elective)**

**PAPER : HST304G**

**ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF INDIA**

**(Credits: 4+0+0=4)**

**Objectives:**

- Introduction to the concept of environment as factor in historical processes
- Providing a broad outline of environment centric history of the subcontinent from ancient to modern period.

**Total No. of lectures- 64**

<b>Unit – 1</b>	<b>Introduction</b>	<b>16</b>
(a)	Definition and Concept.	
(b)	Human – Environment Interface in India Pre-History to Modern Times.	
<b>Unit – 2</b>	<b>Pre – Colonial India</b>	<b>16</b>
(a)	Ecology and Decline of Harappa Civilisation.	
(b)	Deforestation in Ancient India.	
(c)	Economy and Environment.	
<b>Unit – 3</b>	<b>Colonial India</b>	<b>16</b>
(a)	Colonial Forest Legislations : Indian Forest Act. 1865, 1878 and 1927.	
(b)	Colonial Forest Policy : Debates and Categorisation of Forest (Renewed, Protected and village Forest.	
(c)	Impact of Colonial Forest Policy : Hunting – Food – Gathering, Economy, Shifting Agriculture and Plough Agriculture.	
<b>Unit – 4</b>	<b>Post-Colonial India</b>	<b>16</b>
(a)	Development and Environmental Conflicts : Chipko Movement, Narmada Bachao Andolan.	
(b)	Forest Policy and its impact.	

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- (c) Floods, Dams and Displacement.  
(d) Environment and Globalisation : Bhopal Gas Tragedy and Green Revolution.

**Outcome:**

Ability to understand the role played by environmental factors in the human history and the impact of human civilisation on nature

**Essential Readings :-**

- Arnold, D and R Guha : *Nature, Culture, Imperialism : Essays and Environmental History of South Asia, 1996.*
- Rangaraj, M : *Environmental Issues in India, Pearson, 2007.*
- Gadgill, M and R. Guha : *This Fissured Land : Ecological History of India, OUP, 1992.*
- Guha, R. : *The Unquiet Woods, Ecological Change and Peasants Resistance in the Himalaya, 2000, Oxford University Press.*
- Guha, R. : *Environmentalism A Global History, 2000, Longman.*
- Sangwar, S. : *Nature and the Orient : The Environmental History of South and South-East Asia, 1998. Oxford University Press.*
- Martinez-Alies, J and Guha, R : *Varieties of Environmentalism : Essays North and South, 1998. London : Earthscan.*
- Sivaramkrishnan, K. (ed.) : *Ecological Nationalisms, 2006. University of Washigton Press.*

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