

SEMESTER – 2nd
MINOR COURSE

HST222N: HISTORY (MEDIEVAL INDIAN HISTORY/ MEDIEVAL KASHMIR HISTORY)

Credits: Theory-04, Tutorial: 02

Objectives/ Expected Learning Outcomes:

The course discusses the establishment and expansion of Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire in India. The engagement of the state with the people and functioning of administration has been accorded due space. The changes and regulations of socio-economic structures by these regimes are expected to be brought out. The paper attempts to showcase rich indo-Islamic heritage and devotional movements of medieval India which are described as the bedrock of composite culture of India. The study of working of Maratha government makes paper diverse. The socio- cultural effloresces of Kashmir under Sultan Zain-ul-Abidin are highlighted. The role played by Sufis and Rishis in medieval Kashmir has been discussed. The Mughal conquest of Kashmir and its economic consequences have been incorporated. The foundation of Afghan and Sikh rule in Kashmir has been highlighted. The paper attempts to offer a holistic view of rich history of medieval India.

The students are expected to:

- a. Engage with the medieval period in Indian history.*
- b. Develop an understanding of the existing power relations and administrative structure.*
- c. Appreciate the role played by Sufis and Bhaktas in the making of composite culture of India.*
- d. Understand changes and continuities in Kashmir history.*
- e. Move from courts and kings to socio-economic forces that shaped the medieval way of life.*

Unit I

- I.** Foundation and Expansion of Sultanate: An overview.
- II.** Administration: Central and Provincial.
- III.** Sufi Bhakti tradition: Main Teachings.

Unit II

- I.** Foundation and Consolidation of Mughal Empire.
- II.** Administration: Central and Provincial.
- III.** Maratha Administration under Shivaji.

Unit III

- I.** Agrarian Economy under Sultans.
- II.** Agrarian Reforms under Akbar.
- III.** Architecture under Sultans and Mughals: Features.

Unit IV

- I.** Foundation and Consolidation of Sultanate in Kashmir.
- II.** Contribution of Zain-ul-Abadin.
- III.** Emergence of Islam: Role of Sufis and Rishis.
- IV.** Mughals in Kashmir: Changes in Economy.
- V.** Afghan and Sikh rule: An Appraisal.

TUTORIAL (2 CREDITS)

Unit V (Tutorial-I)

Guided tour and report writing on any prominent monument of medieval Kashmir.

Unit VI (Tutorial II)

Essay on any one of the following:

- a. Medieval Craft.
- b. Heritage Product.
- c. Primary Source

Suggested Readings

- Majid Matoo, Kashmir Under Mughals 1586-1752, New-Delhi.
- D. Chattopadhyay, 1998, The Making of Early Medieval India, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- J. F. Richards, The Mughal Empire, Oxford University Press, New Delhi.
- J. L. Mehta, reprinted 2015, Advanced Study of the Medieval India Vol. I, II, III, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi.
- M. Ishaq Kahan, Kashmir's Transition to Islam: The role of Muslim Rishi's 15th to 18th century, Manohar Publishers, New Delhi.
- Mohammad Ashraf Wani, Islam in Kashmir: 14th to 16th century, Oriental publishing House, 2004.
- Mohib-ul-Hassan, Kashmir Under Sultans, New-Delhi
- S. A. Rizvi, 1993, The Wonder that was India, New-Delhi.
- Satish Chandra, 2003, Medieval India, Orient Blackswan, New Delhi.