

## Paper II: MEDIEVAL INDIA (CE 700 – 1700)

- I. Origin and growth of Feudalism – land grants – expansion of agriculture – Chalukyas, Pallavas and Pandyas – Rashtrakutas – Gurjara Pratiharas – Palas and Senas – the tripartite struggle to control the Gangetic valley – Art and Architecture – the Tamil Bhakti Movement.
- II. The Cholas – Rise of the Cholas – Early conquests of Aditya and Parantaka – Rajaraja and Rajendra – the expansion of the Empire – reorganization of the political structure – local bodies : *Ur, nadu, sabha* and *nagara* – Nature of the Chola State – Architecture and Cultural contributions.
- III. Conflicts in North India – Rajput States – the Ghazni inroads – Ghorian conquests – expansion to the Gangetic valley – the establishment of a strong monarchy.
- IV. The Delhi Sultanate – External danger and the problem of the north-west – internal rebellions and territorial consolidation – the Turko-Afghan nobility – the revival of trade and urbanism – early experiments in revenue administration – beginnings of the Indo-Saracenic Architecture.
- V. The Khaljis and Tughluqs – Expansion of the Delhi Sultanate – Rajasthan – Deccan and South India – Internal Reforms and Experiments – Market regulation and agrarian policy – Muhammed Tughluq's experiments and their political impact – Firuz Tughluq – state under the Sultanate – the decline of the Sultanate.
- VI. Society and Culture – Social stratification – new racial elements – the influence of Islam – the Bhakti and Sufi tradition – literature, art, architecture and music.
- VII. Vijayanagara and the Bahamanis – Foundation and early history – the struggle to control the Raichur doab – administration and economic life – the Portuguese advent and fortunes – the disintegration of the Deccan powers – cultural expressions.
- VIII. The Imperial Mughals – Battles of Panipat and Kanwah – significance of Babar – Humayun – the Sur interregnum – Sher Shah's contribution – The restoration of the Mughal power. The Age of Akbar – expansion of the empire – restructuring administration – contest with nobility – *Mansabdari* system – Todarmal's revenue reforms – Rajput policy – Akbar's religious policy and its socio-political implications. Jahangir and Nur Jahan – Mughal relations with West Asian and Central Asian powers – European presence in India – Shah Jahan and the imperial glory – contest for succession – Aurangzeb – political developments – religious policy – "the Deccan Ulcer" – internal weaknesses and the decline of the Empire.
- IX. The Marathas – Shivaji and his times – the support base – *Swarajya* and *Swadharm*a – the expansion of the Marathas – the military strategies and administrative innovations.
- X. Society and Culture – Economic developments – Persian literature – painting – indigenous literature – architecture and other expressions of culture.

### Books for Study :

1. R.C. Majumdar (Ed.) *History and Culture of Indian Peoples*, volumes, *Struggle for Empire, Delhi Sultanate and the Mughal Empire*.
2. Muhammad Habib and K.M. Nizami, *The Delhi Sultanate* (Comprehensive History of India)
3. A.B.M. Habibullah, *Foundations of Muslim Rule in India*.
4. Ishwari Prasad, *A History of Medieval India*.
5. A.L. Srivastava, *History of India (1000 – 1707)*
6. S.R. Sharma, *The Crescent in India*.
7. Tarachand, *Influence of Islam on Indian Culture*.
8. Edwardes and Garratt, *The Mughal Rule in India*
9. Streusand, *Mughal Empire*.
10. Irfan Habib, *Agrarian System of Mughal India*.
11. Irfan Habib, *Atlas of the Mughal Empire*.
12. Irfan Habib, (Ed.) *Akbar and his Age*.
13. Muhammad Habib, *Society and Politics in Medieval India*.
14. Harbans Mukhia, *Mughal India*.
15. Jadunath Sarkar, *A Short History of Aurangzeb*,
16. Jadunath Sarkar, *Shivaji and his Times*.
17. Nilakanta Sastri, *A History of South India*.
18. Nilakanta Sastri, *The Cholas*.
19. T.V. Mahalingam, *Administration and Social Life under Vijayanagar* (2 vols.)
20. T.V. Mahalingam, *South Indian Polity*.
21. Burton Stein, *Peasant State and Society*.
22. Robert Sewell, *A Forgotten Empire*.
23. Burton Stein, *Vijayanagara*.
24. Ghulam Yazdani, *A History of the Dekhan*.
25. Muzaffar Alam, *Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India*
26. Andre Wink, *Al Hind* (2 vols.)
27. Sunil Kumar, *The Emergence of the Delhi Sultanate*.
28. Salma Farooqui, *A Comprehensive History of Medieval India*.

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