

  
**MANGALORE UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of History**  
**MA History**

**First Semester**

**Paper No. HSS. 405 (Soft Core)**

**ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROCESSES IN MEDIEVAL KARNATAKA**

**Learning objective:** This paper aims to know the evolution of Socio-economic institutions in ancient Karnataka.

**Learning outcome:** After the completion of the course the students will understand the emergence of various socio-economic intuitions in ancient Karnataka.

- I. Historiography and Sources:** B.L Rice, Appadorai, William Coelho, J.D.M.Derrett and later works. Inscriptions-their character and purpose. Literature: Indigenous and foreign-functions and usefulness- Monuments and historical archaeology-Numismatics.
- II. Historical background:** Nature of society and economy prior to 7<sup>th</sup> c AD: Social groups- nature of land relationship –trade- trade routes - trade centres - exchange system.
- III. Economy:** Proliferation of agrarian settlements - Irrigation system - Land revenue system - Land tenures - agrarian surplus production - agro-based industries - other artisanal activities - growth of craft guilds - status of the artisanal classes- surplus artisanal production- growth of trade - trade routes -trade organisations - regional and long-distance trade - coinage system - weights and measures.
- IV. Society:** Social stratification- proliferation of castes, status of women-property relations- inheritance-educational ideas and institutions – Basava and Virashaivism – modes of social protest – literature – the vachanas.
- V. Problem of Urbanisation:** Process of Urbanization- characteristic features of urban centers- types of urban centers- administration of towns and cities.

**Select Reading List:**

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9. G.R.Kuppuswamy, *Economic Conditions in Karnataka*, (Dharwar, 1975)
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11. Burton Stein, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*, (New Delhi, 1980)
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14. R.N.Nandi, *Social Roots of Religion in Ancient India*, (New Delhi, 1986)
15. B.Lrice, *Mysore and Coorg from inscriptions*, Reprint, (New Delhi, 1986)
16. K.A.Nilakanta Sastri, *A History of South India*, IV edition, (New Delhi, 1996)
17. K.S.Shivanna, *A Critique of Hoysala polity*, (Mysore, 1988)
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