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MA History

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Soft Core

SOCIETY, ECONOMY AND POLITY UNDER VIJAYANAGARA

Learning objective: This paper aims to give an insight in to the various economic activities which led to the formation of state and society during Vijayanagara period and there by to know the nature of society, economy and polity of the period

Learning outcome; After the completion of course the student comes to know about the existence of historical writings on Vijayanagara and also the nature of state, society and economy of Vijayanagara period.

1.Historiography and Sources: Robert Sewell and the “discovery” – S.Krishnaswamy Iyengar – Venkataramanayya and the Telugu claims – Father Heras, Saletore and the Kannada claims - K.A.N Sastri – recent works – Stein and the segmentary state – Karashima and the computational analysis – recent archaeological enterprises - the “cosmic city” - Sources.

2.Nature of State: The territorial factor - The king – Council of ministers – administrative divisions – provincial administration – Nayankara system – The Mahanadu and Nadu-Village administration – interpretations.

3.Economy – Agriculture: The Agrarian set up- Crops – Regional variations - Irrigation system- Land tenures – Taxation -

4.Craft organisations - Growth of Artisanal activities – industrial activities – potentials of change - Trade, local and foreign - the Arab and Portuguese elements - trade organisations - Urban centres - Process of urbanization - types of urban centres – town assembly – the Pattanaswami – town administration- transport and communication - markets.

5.Society: social stratification – castes – *idangai-valangai* divisions - Socio-religious groups - mathas - Education - forms of knowledge - centres of education - State patronage to education - the Dasa movement - Literature as enabled by society.

Select Reading List:

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