## BA PROGRAMME SEMESTER II

# PAPER 2: HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA (800-1750)

Credits: 04

#### UNIT I

## EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA (8<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

- 1. Transition from Ancient to Medieval Indian History-interpreting Early Medieval India
- 2. The political processes and structures of the north and south Indian Kingdoms-Rajput States and Chola polity
- 3. Rural society and economy, trade and urbanization, artisans and merchants
- 4. Art, Culture and Religion-south Indian *bhakti*, socio-economic and political role of the temples.
- 5. Early Muslim Communities in India, Arab Conquest of Sind, Turkish invasions and Ghorian Conquest of Northern India

#### UNIT II

## THE DELHI SULTANATE, VIJAYANAGAR KINGDOM AND REGIONAL STATES (13<sup>TH</sup> TO 16<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

- 6. The emergence of Delhi Sultanate: Early Turkish Sultans, the role of Iltutmish and Balban.
- 7. Delhi Sultanate under the Khaljis and the Tughlqs: Expansion under Alauddin Khalji and his military, administrative and economic measures, Muhammad bin Tughlaq's measures and the beginning....., the reign of Firoz Shah Tughlaq.
- 8. Political ideas and institutions under the Delhi Sultanate-kingship, ruling elites, *ulema* and the *Iqta* system.
- 9. The Vijayanagara Empire and the nature of polity, regional kingdoms of the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Centuries.

#### UNIT III

#### THE MUGHAL EMPIRE AND THE SUCCESSOR STATES (16<sup>TH</sup> TO 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY)

- 10. Babur's conquest of northern India and the formation of the Mughal Empire, Mughal-Afghan conflict and Sur interregnum.
- 11. The Mughal Empire under Akbar-expansion and consolidation, administrative centralization, *mansab*, *jagir* and land revenue system, composition of the Mughal nobility and Akbar's religious policy.

- 12. The Mughal Empire under Jahangir and Shahjahan; religious, Rajput and Deccan policies of Aurangzeb; the rise of the Marathas, Sikhs, and Jats; Maratha state under Shivaji and the Peshwas.
- 13. Decline and disintegration of the Mughal Empire, the successor states in the eighteenth century.
- 14. Rural Society and Economy, urban economy and trade, artisans and merchants, advent of European trading companies.
- 15. Religion, fine arts, science and technology in Mughal India.

### **Reading List:**

- 1. Romila Thapar, *Early India: From Origins to AD 1300*, Delhi, Penguin Books, 2002, (Chapter 11, 12 and 13)
- 2. R.S. Sharma, *Early Medieval Indian Society: A Study in Feudalization*, Sangam Books, Kolkata, 2001.
- 3. R.S. Sharma, India's Ancient Past, OUP, Delhi, 2005 (last chapter). Also in Hindi
- 4. Herman Kulke and Dietmar Rothermund, *A History of India*, Routledge, London, 1998. (Relevant Chapters)
- 5. D.N.Jha, Early India: A Concise History, Manohar Delhi, 2008 (chapter 9). Also in Hindi
- 6. Irfan Habib, Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization, UBT, Delhi, 2007
- 7. Satish Chandra, *Medieval India* Vol. I and II. Har-Anand Publications, Delhi, 1999. Also in Hindi
- 8. Catherine B. Asher and Cynthia Talbot, India Before Europe, Cambridge, 2006.
- 9. John F. Richards, The Mughal Empire, Cambridge, 1993.
- 10. IGNOU Reading Materials for BA Programme, EHI-03 and EHI-04. Also in Hindi