

Medieval INDIA

Syllabus

Lecture: 1 Delhi Sultanate

- Establishment of the Delhi Sultanate
- The Ghurian invasions - factors behind Ghurian success
- Economic, Social and cultural consequences
- Foundation of Delhi Sultanate and early Turkish Sultans- Aibak
- Consolidation: The rule of Iltutmish and Balban
- Nature of State

Lecture: 2 The Fourteenth Century

- Alauddin Khalji: Conquests and territorial expansion, agrarian and economic measure, Theory of Kingship
- Muhammad Tughluq Major projects, agrarian measures, bureaucracy of Muhammad Tughluq

- Firuz Tugluq: Agrarian measures, achievements in civil engineering and public works, decline of the Sultanate, foreign contacts and Ibn Battuta's account.
- Society, Culture and Economy in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries
- Society: composition of rural society, ruling classes, town dwellers, women, religious classes, caste and slavery under the Sultanate

Lecture: 3 Bhakti movement, Sufi movement

- Culture: Persian literature, literature in the regional languages of North India, literature in the languages of South India, Sultanate architecture and new structural forms, painting, evolution of a composite culture
- Economy: Agricultural Production, rise of urban economy and non-agricultural production, trade and commerce.

Lecture: 4 The Fifteenth and Early Sixteenth Century

- Political Developments and Economy:
- Rise of Provincial Dynasties

Lecture: 5 Sur Empire

- SherShah Suri
- Administrative Policy

Lecture: 6 Mughal Empire

Establishment of the empire- Babur & Humayun

Akbar

- Conquests and consolidation of empire
- Establishment of jagir and mansab systems
- Rajput policy
- Evolution of religious and social outlook
- Theory of Sulh-i-kul and religious policy
- Court patronage of art and technology
- Administrative Policy

- Land Revenue

Lecture: 7 Mughal Empire in the Seventeenth Century

- Major administrative policies of Jahangir, Shahjahan and Aurangzeb
- Deccan Policy of Mughals
- The Empire and the Zamindars
- Religious policies of Mughals
- Nature of the Mughal State
- Economic Policies

Lecture: 8 Late Seventeenth Century crisis and the revolts

- The Ahom kingdom
- Shivaji and the early Maratha Kingdom

Lecture: 9 Culture during Mughal Empire

- Persian histories and other literature Hindi and religious literature
- Mughal architecture
- Mughal painting
- Classical music
- Science and technology

Lecture: 10 18th Century Debate