

## MEDIEVAL HISTORY DETAILED SYLLABUS

### MAJOR DYNASTIES (750-1200) OF EARLY MEDIEVAL INDIA

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- The Pratiharas (8th to 10th Century)
- The Palas (8th to 11th Century)
- The Tripartite Conflict
- The Senas (11th to 12th Century)
- The Rajaputas
- Pallavas
- Chalukyas
- Rashtrakutas
- Indian Feudalism
- Administration
- Society and Culture
- Economy and the decline of Trade

### CHOLAS AND OTHER SOUTH INDIAN KINGDOMS

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- Chola Rulers and Political History
- Chola Administration
- Socio-Economic Life
- Education and Literature
- The Cheras (9th to 12th Century)
- The Yadavas (12th to 13th Century)
- Contact with South-East Asia

### EARLY MUSLIM INVASIONS

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- The Arab Conquest of Sindh
- Mahmud of Ghazni
- Muhammad Ghori

### THE DELHI SULTANATE (1206-1526 AD)

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- Slave Dynasty
- Khalji Dynasty (1290-1320 AD)
- Tughlaq Dynasty (1320-1414 AD)

- Provincial Kingdoms and Resistance by Indian Chiefs
- Sayyid Dynasty
- Lodi Dynasty
- Attacks by Mongolas and other Turks
- Administration
- Economy
- Urbanization
- Society and Culture
- Scientific Knowledge and legal System
- Challenges leading to the decline of the Sultanate

### **STRUGGLE FOR EMPIRE IN NORTH INDIA (AFGHANS, RAJPUTS AND MUGHALS)**

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- Struggle between Ibrahim Lodi and Babur
- The Battle of Panipat
- Babur's problems after the Battle of Panipat
- Struggle with RanaSanga
- Problems of the Eastern Areas and the Afghans
- Babur's Contribution and Significance of his Advent into India
- Humayun and the Afghans
- Early Activities of Humayun, and the Tussle with Bahadur Shah
- The Gujarat Campaign
- The Bengal Campaign, and Struggle with Sher Khan

### **THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NORTH INDIAN EMPIRE**

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- Social and Political Background of Bihar and the Rise of Sher Shah to Power
- The Sur Empire (1540-56)
- Contributions of Sher Shah
- Coinage
- Architecture

### **CONSOLIDATION AND EXPANSION OF THE EMPIRE – AKBAR**

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- Conflict with the Afghans - Hemu
  - 2nd Battle of Panipat
- Struggle with the Nobility: Bairam Khan's Regency; Revolt of Uzbek Nobles

- Early Expansion of the Empire (1560-76) - Malwa, Garh-Katanga, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Eastern India
- Relations with the Rajputs - Growth of a Composite Ruling Class
- Rebellions, and Further Expansion of the Empire in the North West

## STATE AND GOVERNMENT UNDER AKBAR

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- Akbar's Concept of Suzerainty
- Structure of Government, Central and Provincial -the Vikalat, the Central Ministries, Provincial
- Government, District and Local Government
- The Working of Government - the Ruler, Land-Revenue System, the Dahsala System, the Mansabdari System and the Army

## AKBAR'S RELIGIOUS VIEWS

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- Relations with the Ulama and Social Reforms
- The Early Phase (1556-73)
- The Second Phase (1573-80) - the Ibadat Khana
- Debates - the Mahzar - Breach with Orthodox
- Ulama - Re-organisation of Madadd-i-Maash Grants
- Third or Final Phase - Din-i-Ilahi - State
- Policies and religious toleration

## THE DECCAN AND THE MUGHALS (UP TO 1657)

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- The Deccani States up to 1595
- Mughal Advance towards the Deccan
- Mughal Conquest of Berar, Khandesh and Parts of Ahmadnagar
- Rise of Malik Ambar Mughal Attempt at Consolidation (1601-27)
- Extinction of Ahmadnagar, Acceptance of Mughal
- Suzerainty by Bijapur and Golconda
- Shah Jahan and the Deccan (1636-57)
- Cultural Contribution of the Deccani States

## FOREIGN POLICY OF THE MUGHALS

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- Akbar and the Uzbeks
- The Question of Qandahar and Relations with Iran
- Shah Jahan's Balkh Campaign

- Mughal - Persian Relations - the Last Phase

### **INDIA IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY**

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- Jahangir's Accession - his Early Difficulties
- Territorial Consolidation and Expansion of the Empire - Mewar, East India and Kangra
- NurJahan, and the NurJahan 'Junta' The Rebellions of Shah Jahan, and the coup de main of Mahabat Khan
- Jahangir as a Ruler
- State and Religion in the First Half of the Seventeenth Century
- Shah Jahan - Consolidation and Expansion of the Empire
- Evolution of the Mughal Ruling Class and the Mansabdari System

### **CLIMAX AND CRISIS OF THE MUGHAL EMPIRE: THE MARATHAS AND THE DECCAN**

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- Rise of the Marathas - Early Career of Shivaji
- Treaty of Purandar - the Agra Visit
- Aurangzeb and the Deccani States (1658-87)
- Marathas and the Decean (1687-1707)
- Assessment of Aurangzeb and the Jagirdari Crisis

### **THE MARATHA AND OTHER INDIAN STATES AND SOCIETY IN THE 18TH CENTURY**

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- The Marathas and their Policy of Expansion
- The Marathas and Nizam-ul-Mulk
- The Maratha Advance into Gujarat and Malwa
- The Maratha Advance into Doab and Punjab:
- First Phase (1741-52); Second Phase (1752-61);
- Third Battle of Panipat
- Shivaji (1627-1680)
- Shivaji's administration
- Successors of Shivaji
- The Peshwas (1713-1818)
- Other Indian States ( The Bhonsles The Gaikwads Holkars Sindhias)
- Economic Condition in 18th Century
- Social and Cultural Life

### **VIJAYANAGAR EMPIRE**

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- Sources

- Political History
- Administration
- Social and Cultural Life
- Economic Condition
- Conflicts with the Bahmani Kingdom

#### **REGIONAL STATES IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD**

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- Regional States of North and South India (Bahmani, Bengal, Avadh, The Sikhs, Rajput States Jats Hyderabad Mysore)
- Social and Cultural Conditions
- Economic Conditions
- Military Conditions

#### **NORTHERN INDIA IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY**

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- Bahadur Shah I, and the Beginning of the Struggle For Wizarat
- Rajput Affairs
- Marathas and the Deccan – Accentuation of the Party Struggle
- Struggle for 'New' Wizarat: Zulfiqar Khan and Jahandar Shah (1712-13)
- The Saiyid Brothers' Struggle for 'New' Wizarat
- The Saiyid 'New' Wizarat
- The Wizarat of M. Amin Khan and Nizam-ul-Mulk
- Rise of Regional States, Beginning of Foreign Invasions of India (1725-48)

#### **SOCIETY-STRUCTURE AND GROWTH**

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- Rural Society
- Towns and Town Life
- Artisans and Master-Craftsmen
- Women
- Servants and Slaves
- Standard of Living
- The Ruling Classes - Nobility, Rural Gentry
- The Middle Strata
- The Commercial Classes

#### **ECONOMIC LIFE-PATTERNS AND PROSPECTS**

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- Inland Trade

- Overseas Trade - Role of Foreign Trading
- Companies - Position of Indian Merchants Over-land Trade
- The Mughal State and Commerce
- Trend of India's Economy and Prospects during the First Half of the Eighteenth Century

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