

## **PAPER V: HISTORY OF INDIA III (c. 750 -1206)**

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### **Module 1**

#### **I. Studying Early Medieval India:**

Historical geography Sources: texts, epigraphic and numismatic data Debates on Indian feudalism, rise of the Rajputs and the nature of the state

#### **II. Political Structures:**

- (a) Evolution of political structures: Rashtrakutas, Palas, Pratiharas, Rajputs and Cholas
- (b) Legitimization of kingship; brahmanas and temples; royal genealogies and rituals
- (c) Arab conquest of Sindh: nature and impact of the new set-up; Ismaili dawah
- (d) Causes and consequences of early Turkish invasions: Mahmud of Ghazna; Shahab-ud-Din of Ghur

### **Module 2**

#### **III. Agrarian Structure and Social Change:**

- (a) Agricultural expansion; crops
- (b) Landlords and peasants
- (c) Proliferation of castes; status of untouchables
- (d) Tribes as peasants and their place in the Varna order

#### **IV. Trade and Commerce:**

- (a) Inter-regional trade
- (b) Maritime trade
- (c) Forms of exchange
- (d) Process of urbanization
- (e) Merchant guilds of South India

#### **V. Religious and Cultural Developments:**

- (a) Bhakti, Tantrism, Puranic traditions; Buddhism and Jainism; Popular religious cults
- (b) Islamic intellectual traditions: Al-Biruni; Al-Hujwiri
- (c) Regional languages and literature
- (d) Art and architecture: Evolution of regional styles

### **ESSENTIAL READINGS**

R.S. Sharma, Indian Feudalism (circa 300 - 1200).

B.D. Chattopadhyaya, The Making of Early Medieval India.

R.S. Sharma and K.M. Shrivastava, eds, Comprehensive History of India, Vol. IV (A & B).

Mohammad Habib and K.A. Nizami, eds, Comprehensive History of India, Vol. V, The Delhi Sultanate

Hermann Kulke, ed., The State in India (AD 1000 - AD 1700).

M. Karashima, South Indian History and Society (Studies from Inscriptions, AD 850 -1800)

Derryl N. Maclean, Religion and Society in Arab Sindh. Irfan Habib, Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization.

### **SUGGESTED READINGS**

Richard Davis Lives of Indian Images.

Romila Thapar, Somanatha: The Many Voices of a History.

John S. Deyell, Living Without Silver: The Monetary History of Early Medieval North India.

Vijaya Ramaswamy, Walking Naked: Women, Society, and Spirituality in South India.

Burton Stein, Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India.

R. Champakalakshmi, Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India, 300 BC to 1300 AD.

Al. Beruni's India, NBT edition.

Ali Hujwiri, Kashful Mahjoob, tr. R.Nicholson.

S C Mishra, Rise of Muslim Communities in Gujarat.

J. Schwartzberg, Historical Atlas of South Asia