

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN HISTORY

Semester – V

Paper No – 11: HISTORY OF INDIA (c. 1520s - 1600)

- 1. Sources and Historiography:** (12 lectures and Presentations)
 - [a] Akbar's chancellery, Persian literary culture, translations into Persian
 - [b] The *Munshis*, *Karanams* and *Kayasthas*; *insha*, *dastur al-amal*
 - [c] Sanskrit and vernacular literary traditions

- 2. Contexts and Milieus:** (12 lectures and Presentations)
 - [a] Afghan diaspora and Sher Shah
 - [b] Deccan Sultanates
 - [c] Chaghatayid traditions of Kingship; Abu'IFazl's interventions

- 3. Expansion, Consolidation of Mughal rule:** (12 lectures and Presentations)
 - [a] Military resources and technology
 - [b] Recasting administrative structures: *zabt*, *mansab*, *jagir*, *madad-i-ma'ash*
 - [c] Incorporation of Rajputs and other warrior groups in the Mughal regime
 - [d] Architecture, Painting and Rituals of power

- 4. Society and Economy:** (12 lectures and Presentations)
 - [a] Understanding 'Agrarian Environments' – Forests, Tribes, Migrant Communities
 - [b] Land rights and revenue system; *Zamindars* and peasants
 - [c] Extension of agriculture; agricultural production
 - [d] Towns, trade and commerce

- 5. Political and religious ideals:** (12 lectures and Presentations)
 - [a] *akhlaqi* traditions, *sulh-i-kul*
 - [b] Sufi inclusiveness – Shattaris and Chishtis
 - [c] Revivalist trends in Indian Islam :Shaikh Ahmad Sirhindi

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Satish Chandra, *Medieval India*, Part-II, Delhi, 2005

J.F. Richards, *The Mughal Empire*, (New Cambridge History of India), 1996

Irfan Habib, *Agrarian System of Mughal India, 1526-1707*, Delhi 1999

Catherine Asher and Cynthia Talbot, *India Before Europe*, Cambridge 2006

SUGGESTED READINGS

Athar Ali, *Mughal India: Studies in Polity, Ideas, Society, and Culture*, Delhi 2006.

Muzaffar Alam, *The Languages of Political Islam in India*, Delhi 2004

Iqtidar Alam Khan, *Gunpowder and Fire Arms: Warfare in Medieval India*, Delhi 2004;.

Shireen Moosvi, *Economy of the Mughal Empire, c.1595*, Delhi 1987;