

Semester	One
Paper Code	<b>MHIS4103</b>
Paper Title	INDIA IN THE MEDIEVAL PERIOD (From the 13th to the 18th Century)
No. of Credits	Six
No. of periods assigned	Theory: Six Practical:
Course description/objective and Outcome	The paper emphasizes on broadening students' critical approach towards different facets of the Delhi Sultanate and Mughal history. They will study how aspects of power relation and economy were intrinsically related with the growth and fall of the empires; how new and syncretic socio-cultural and religious patterns made the medieval phase distinctive from the earlier phases. Students will learn significant changes and developments took place in the field of medieval Indian historiography.
Syllabus	<p><b>MODULE- I</b></p> <p>1. Sources– Archaeological (Epigraphic and Numismatic) and Literary; Readings and Interpretations</p> <p>2. <b>The Delhi Sultanate-</b></p> <p>i. State: Delhi Sultanate and Regional Polities</p> <p>ii. The Ruling Class, The Nobility and The Ulema</p> <p>iii. Impact of Central Asian institutions on the state and society</p> <p>iv. Society- Rural and urban classes; Position of women.</p> <p>v. Bengal: Polity, Economy and Society</p> <p>3. <b>The Mughals-</b></p> <p>i. Theories regarding the nature of the Mughal State; Concept of imperial authority</p> <p>ii. Evolution of the Mughal ruling class and its administrative practices; Crisis in the late 17th and early 18th centuries</p> <p>iii. State and religion.</p> <p>iv. War and Military Technology in Mughal India.</p> <p>v. Gender Relations</p> <p><b>MODULE-II: Sultanate and Mughal Periods</b></p> <p>1. <b>Economy-</b></p> <p>i. Agrarian Relations and Productions during the Sultanate and Mughal Periods</p> <p>ii. Urbanization and Development of Industries.</p> <p>iii. Trade, Commerce and Mercantile activities</p> <p>iv. Coinage and Monetary system.</p> <p>2. <b>Religious Traditions-</b></p> <p>i. Spread of the Bhakti movement.</p> <p>ii. Growth of the Sufi movement</p> <p>iii. Interaction between Bhakti and Sufi movements.</p> <p>3. <b>Development of a syncretic culture: Regional Variations and Evolutions.</b></p> <p>i. Architecture</p> <p>ii. Painting</p>

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