



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B A Hons History
Paper Title:	History of India–III: 750-1200 Core (DSC1)
Unique Paper Code:	2312102301
Semester:	III
Faculty:	Dr. Mekhala Chakma
Year:	2026-2027

Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
	This course enables students to trace the patterns of change and continuities in the economic, political, social and cultural aspects of life during the early medieval period (c. 750-1200 CE) of Indian History with its focus on multiple historiographical approaches to various issues of historical significance during this period.	1	Sources: texts; inscriptions; coins
I	Studying Early Medieval India 1. Sources: texts; inscriptions; coins 2. Perspectives on the early medieval	2	Sources: texts; inscriptions; coins
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II	Political Structures and processes	13	Evolution of Political Structures: Rajput Polities; Chola State; Odisha
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		21	Issue of 'Foreign and Indian': Arabs and Ghaznavids in the north-west, Cholas in Southeast Asia
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		30	Trade and urbanization
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IV	Religious and visual cultures	34	Bhakti, Puranic Hinduism; Tantra; Buddhism and Jainism
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S. No.	Name of Authors/Books/Publishers
1.	Jha, D. N. 2000 'The Feudal Order: State, Society and Ideology in Early Medieval India, Delhi: Manohar Publisher
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3.	Mukhia H. 1999. The Feudalism Debate (ed), Manohar Publishers and Distributors, New Delhi
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6.	Stein, Burton, 1977. The Segmentary State in South Indian History. New Delhi: Vikas
7.	Thapar, Romila, 2005. Somnath: The Many Voices of a History, Penguin
8	Champaklakshmi, R. 1995. State and Economy: South India, Circa AD 400-1300. In Romila Thapar (ed) Recent Perspectives of Early Indian History. Bombay, Popular Prakashan
9.	Sharma, R. S. 1969. Social Changes in Early Medieval India. Oxford
10.	Champaklakshmi, R. 1996. Trade, Ideology and Urbanization: South India 300BC to AD 1300, New Delhi, Oxford University Press.
11.	Chakravarti, Ranabir, 2004 (ed). Trade in Early India. Delhi, Oxford University Press

	Paper Components		
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
	3	1	0

Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment		30
	• Assignment	12	
	• Class Test	12	
	• Attendance	6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial)		40
	• Activity 1	20	
	• Activity 2	15	
	• Attendance	5	
3.	Practical		NA
	• Continuous Assessment		
	• End Term Written/Practical Exam		
	• Viva		
4.	End Semester Examination		90