



Indraprastha College for Women University of Delhi

Work Plan for ODD SEMESTER – 2026

Course Name:	B.A.P
Paper Title:	PERSPECTIVES ON SOUTH INDIAN PAST: THE CHOLAS
Unique Paper Code:	
Semester:	VII
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Work Plan			
Unit No.	Learning Objective	Lecture No.	Topics to be Covered
I	Understand the role of political, economic, social and cultural institutions and their different modes of integration in Chola state formation.	1	Kingship and state Formation
		2	Kingship and state Formation
		3	Kingship and state Formation
		4	Kingship and state Formation
		5	Forms of legitimation: Royal temple policy and role of genealogies
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		7	Forms of legitimation: Royal temple policy and role of genealogies
		8	Forms of legitimation: Royal temple policy and role of genealogies

		9	Hegemonic expansion: Sri Lanka and South East Asia
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		12	Hegemonic expansion: Sri Lanka and South East Asia
		13	Hegemonic expansion: Sri Lanka and South East Asia
II	Trace the trajectory of the enormous changes sweeping South Indian history during the four hundred years of Cholas	1	Agrarian Economy and Society
		2	Agrarian Economy and Society
		3	Agrarian Economy and Society
		4	Agrarian Economy and Society
		5	Agrarian Economy and Society
		6	Trade, Urbanization and Monetization
		7	Trade, Urbanization and Monetization
		8	Trade, Urbanization and Monetization
		9	Trade, Urbanization and Monetization
		10	Trade, Urbanization and Monetization
III	Analyze the role of temples, genealogies, and rituals in royal legitimation	1	Women and Their Role in the Chola Empire
		2	Women and Their Role in the Chola Empire
		3	Women and Their Role in the Chola Empire
		4	Women and Their Role in the Chola Empire

		5	Religious and Political symbolism
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		7	Religious and Political symbolism
		8	Religious and Political symbolism
IV	explore the rise of trade, use of coins, development of market centers, and the importance of merchant guilds in inland and overseas trade.	1	Diplomatic and warfare strategies
		2	Diplomatic and warfare strategies
		3	Diplomatic and warfare strategies
		4	Diplomatic and warfare strategies
		5	Diplomatic and warfare strategies
		6	Diplomatic and warfare strategies
		7	Diplomatic and warfare strategies
		8	Cross-cultural Interface.
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		12	Cross-cultural Interface.
		13	Cross-cultural Interface.

Unit	Contents/Syllabus
I	The Imperial Cholas a) Kingship and state Formation

	b) Forms of legitimation: Royal temple policy and role of genealogies c) Hegemonic expansion: Sri Lanka and South East Asia
II	Economic Structures and Social Transformations a) Agrarian Economy and Society, b) Trade, Urbanization and Monetization
III	Visual Culture and Gender Role a) Women and Their Role in the Chola Empire b) Religious and Political symbolism
IV	Warfare and Cross-Cultural Interface a) Diplomatic and warfare strategies b) Cross-cultural Interface.
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3.	Veluthat, K., "Temple and the State: Religion and Politics in Early Medieval South India" in State and Society in Pre-Modern South India edited by R. Champakalakshmi, Kesavan Veluthat, T.R. Venugopalan, Cosmo Books, Thrissur, 2002.
4.	Karashima, Noboru. 2001. History and Society in South India : The Cholas To Vijayanagara, University Press. (Chapter 2 Integration of Society in Chola Times.)
5	Hall, Kenneth R, 2014. Networks of Trade, Polity and Societal Integration in Chola- Era South India C. 875-1279., New Delhi, Primus. (Chapter 4 Coinage , Trade and Economy in Early South India and its Bay of Bengal neighbours)
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7	Kulke, Hermann. Kahuja, Kesavapany and Sakhuja, Vijay. Nagapattinam to Su-varnadvipa: Reflections on the Chola Naval Expeditions to Southeast Asia. Singapore: Institute of Southeast Asian Studies. 2009.

8	Subbarayalu, Y. 'A Note on the Navy of the Chola State". In Nagapattinam to Su-varnavdipa: Reflections on the Chola Naval Expeditions to Southeast Asia, edited by Hermann Kulke, K Kesavapany and Vijay Sakhuja, PP 76-90. bypp 91-95.
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Paper Components			
Credits	Lecture (L)	Tutorial (T)	Practical (P)
4	3	1	0
Assessment Scheme			
S.No.	Component	Marking Scheme	Total Marks
1	Internal Assessment - Assignment - Class Test - Attendance	12	30
		12	
		6	
2.	Continuous Assessment (Tutorial) - Activity 1 - Activity 2 - Attendance	20	40
		15	
		5	
3.	Practical - Continuous Assessment - End Term Written/Practical Exam - Viva	NA	NA
4.	End Semester Examination		90