

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021

BHS-DSC02

CORE-II: HISTORY OF TAMIL NADU UPTO 850 CE

Instr.Hrs.: 5
Credits : 4

Year : I
Semester: I

Learning Outcomes:

Students will acquire

- a) adf**
- b) dfa**

Objectives:

- To provide an understanding about the importance of Tamil history, culture and civilization.
- To inculcate the importance of administration of the ancient Tamil society
- To understand the contributions of Pallavas, Cholas and Pandyas.
- To get acquainted with the Muslim invasions and the establishment of Madurai Sultanate.

Course Outcome:

- This course will provide an understanding of the cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu.
- Will give an understanding about the socio-political and cultural conditions from *Sangam Age* to A.D.1336.
- They will get an acquaintance about the invasions in Tamil Nadu.

Contents

UNIT I

(20 Hrs)

Geographical features of Tamil Nadu – Sources for the study of Ancient Tamilagam – New Excavations: Adichchanallur, Keezhadi – Sangam Age – The Cheras – Cholas – Pandyas – Sangam Polity – Society – Economy – Religion.

UNIT II

(15 Hrs)

The Kalabhras – The Pallavas of Kanchi – Origin – Pallava Administration – Society – Economy – Religion – Bhakthi Movement – Art and Architecture – The First Pandyan Empire.

UNIT III

(20 Hrs)

The Imperial Cholas – Vijayalaya – Rajaraja I – Rajendra I – Kulotunga I – Chola Administration-- Local Self Government – Uttiramerur Inscription – State – Society – Economy – Religion – Literature – Art and Architecture.

UNIT IV

(20 Hrs)

The Second Pandyan Empire – Maravarman Sundara Pandya – Jatavarman Sundara Pandya – Pandya Administration – Art and Architecture – Political, Social and Economic Conditions – Fall of Second Pandyan Empire.

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UNIT V

(15 Hrs)

The Muslim Invasions – Malik Kafur’s Invasion – Establishment of Madurai Sultanate – The Impact of the Muslim Invasion – Fall of Madurai Sultanate.

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