

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

**BHS-DSC04**

**CORE-IV: HISTORY OF TAMIL NADU 850 – 1565 CE**

Instr.Hrs.: 5  
Credits : 4

Year : I  
Semester: II

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Students will acquire**

**a) adf**

**b) dfa**

**Objectives:**

- To understand the condition of medieval Tamilagam.
- To know about the contributions of Vijayanagar, Nayak and Maratha rule in Tamilagam.
- To understand the advent of the Europeans in Tamil Nadu and how trade and commerce developed in Tamil Nadu.
- To familiarize the students about the early resistance to the British by Tamilagam.

**Course Outcome:**

- This course will make the students understand the political scenario of Medieval Tamil Nadu.
- It will make them know about the political and economic conditions of Tamilagam.
- This course will enhance the knowledge of the establishment of British rule in Tamil Nadu.
- It would ensure that what the early resistances were made by the Tamils against the British.

**Contents**

**UNIT - I**

[20 Hrs]

Sources for the study of Medieval Tamilagam – Literary - Foreign Accounts - Inscriptions - Establishment of the Vijayanagar Empire and its Impact in Tamilagam.

**UNIT - II**

[20 Hrs]

Tamilagam under the Nayaks - Nayaks of Madurai, Nayaks of Thanjavur, Nayaks of Senji – Political, Social, Economic and Cultural conditions – Contribution of Nayaks to Art and Architecture

**UNIT - III**

[20 Hrs]

Marathas in Thanjavur – Development of Art and Literature under the Marathas – Civil War in Arcot – Battle of Tiruchirappalli – Rebellion of Khan Sahib - Sethupatis of Ramnad.

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**UNIT - IV**

[20 Hrs]

Advent of the Europeans – Portuguese, Dutch, French and the British – The Anglo-French Conflict – The Carnatic Wars - The Expansion of the British Rule – Development of Trade and Commerce in the 19<sup>th</sup> century Tamil Nadu.

**UNIT - V**

[15 Hrs]

The Revolt of Poligar – Pulithevan – Kattabomman – Velu Nachiar and Maruthu Brothers – South Indian Confederacy and Rebellion – Fall of Poligars.

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3. [https://www.tamilnadu.ind.in/tamilnadu\\_history/nayak\\_madurai/nayaka\\_of\\_tanjore.php](https://www.tamilnadu.ind.in/tamilnadu_history/nayak_madurai/nayaka_of_tanjore.php)
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mWT84jyiT6w>
5. <https://www.thebetterindia.com/126570/kattabomman-legendary-chieftain-didnt-bow-british/>
6. <https://learn.culturalindia.net/velu-nachiyar.html>