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MA History

Paper No : HSH. 453 (Hard Core)

STATE, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY IN MEDIEVAL INDIA – c. A.D 1206 - 1757

Learning objective: This paper makes an attempt to shed light on the nature of state, economy and society of medieval India.

Learning outcome; After the completion of the course the students will come to know the emergence of various institutions and their functions in medieval India. It also helps the students to analyse the nature of state, society, and economy of medieval India.

1. Historiography and Sources: Colonial writings – Moreland and Vincent Smith - Nationalist writings – Irfan Habib and Sanjay Subramanyam – sources – Archaeology and literature.
2. The structure and Composition of State under the Sultans of Delhi: Institutions and Practices of Administration – Nature of the Government – the Influence of Religion, Trade and Urbanism on the State – nature of the State
3. The Mughal State: Forces of Centralisation and Decentralisation – institutions and Organisations – Bureaucracy and the Nobles – the nature of the State – influence of race, religion, trade and agriculture on the State – nature of the State.
4. The Maratha State: The Composition of the Maratha State – the Institutions and Organisations – Influence of Agriculture and trade – nature of the Maratha State.

Reading List:

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