

Fourth Semester

Paper No: HSS. 553

Soft Core

SOCIETY, ECONOMY AND POLITY UNDER VIJAYANAGARA

Learning Objectives:

1. To understand the nature and contributions of Indian Empires.
2. To understand the historiographical sketches of the great South Indian Empires.
3. To understand the nature and ideology of the state under the empire.
4. To understand the process of social and economic evolution and its contributions to Indian civilization.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the paper, students will come to know the following:

1. Understand the process of Indian Empires and causes of their origins.
2. Understand the perceptions of various historians about the origins, characters and contributions of the empire.
3. Understand the political, social, economic and military interactions between the foreign and Indian empire.
4. Understand the forms of knowledge, education and Bhakti tradition during this period.

1. .Historiography and Sources: Robert Sewell and the “discovery” – S.Krishnaswamy Iyengar – Venkataramanayya and the Telugu claims – Father Heras, Saleore and the Kannada claims - K.A.N Sastri – recent works – Stein and the segmentary state – Karashima and the computational analysis – recent archaeological enterprises - the “cosmic city” - Sources.

2. Nature of State: The territorial factor - The king – Council of ministers – administrative divisions – provincial administration – Nayankara system – The Mahanadu and Nadu-Village administration – interpretations.

3. Economy – Agriculture: The Agrarian set up- Crops – Regional variations - Irrigation system- Land tenures – Taxation

4. Craft organizations - Growth of Artisanal activities – industrial activities – potentials of change - Trade, local and foreign - the Arab and Portuguese elements - trade organisations - Urban centres - Process of urbanization - types of urban centres – town assembly – the Pattanaswami – town administration- transport and communication - markets.

5. Society: social stratification – castes – *idangai-valangai* divisions - Socio-religious groups - mathas - Education - forms of knowledge - centres of education - State patronage to education - the Dasa movement - Literature as enabled by society.

Select Reading List:

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