

**DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY, OSMANIA UNIVERSITY**  
**Pre.Ph.D. History Syllabus 2014 onwards**

**Paper-I Historiography and Historical Method**

- I Ancient Methods of History Writing:
1. History as Social Science.
  2. Greek Historians, their times and writing, Herodotus, Thucydides, Polybius.
  3. Roman Historians Livy, Tacitus, etc.
  4. Indian Historians – Times and Writings:
    - a. The Indian sense of History.
    - b. Purana, Itihasa, Buddhist and Jain Traditions - Themes and Treatment.
    - c. Bana, Kalhana – Their times and narrations.
- II Medieval Historical Methods:
1. Arab Historians – Thought and practice; Ibn-Khaldun, Alberuni.
  2. Christian Historiography – St. Jerome, St. Augustine and others.
  3. Indian Historians: Abul Fazal, Badauni and others.
  4. Recording History in the regions - Chand Bardai, Ekamranatha, Bilhana.
- III Modern Historical Methods and Techniques:
1. Colonial Trends - Utilitarian, Orientalists.
  2. Nationalist Concerns - R.C. Majumdar, Nilakanta Sastri.
  3. Marxist Methods - Bipan Chandra, Sumit Sarkar, Barunde.
  4. Subaltern and Post-Modern Trends.
  5. Adivasi - Dalit and Gender Histories.
- IV Thesis Drafting:
1. Selection of Topic
  2. Method of collection of source material, data collection, processing and organization of the facts.
  3. Hypothesis, Internal and External Criticism.
  4. Preparing Bibliography and Authentic Foot Notes, Annexures.
  5. Reaching Objectivity - Methods of Conclusions and Interpreting the data and arriving at Generalisations.

**Suggested Readings:**

- A.K. Warden, *Ancient Indian Historiography*.
- Arthur Maverick, *Nature of History*.
- Bilhana, *Vikramankadeva Charita* (Telugu).
- C.H. Philip, *Historians of India*.
- Chand Bardai, *Prithvi Raja Raso*.
- E.H. Carr, *What is History*.
- Ekamunatha, *Pratapa Charitramu* (Telugu)
- G.R. Elton, *The Practice of History*.
- Gottashalk, *Generalisation of History*.
- H.E. Barnes, *A History of Historical Writings*.
- Harbans Mukhia, *History and Historians of Medieval India*.
- Hobsbaum, *On History*.
- Irfan Habib, *Essays in Indian History*.
- Irfan Habib, *Medieval India-1 Researches in the History of India 1200-1750*.
- Irfan Habib, *Religion in Indian History*.
- Irfan Habib, *Researcher Medieval India*.
- Irfan Habib, *Technology in Medieval India c.650-1750*.
- Irfan Habib, *The Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol.I, 1200-1750*.
- Marc Bloc, *Historians Craft*.
- P. Gardener, *Theories of History*.
- R.G. Collingwood, *Idea of History*.
- Romila Thapar, *Interpreting India*.
- Romila Thapar, *Ancient Indian Social History*.
- Romila Thapar, *Past and Prejudice*.
- S.P. Sen, *Historians of India*.
- Shaik Ali, *History - Its Theory & Methods*.

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## **Broad Field**

### **Paper-II (a) History of Medieval India and Telangana**

#### **I Kakatiyas of Warangal:**

1. Origin and early Kakatiya Rulers.
2. Ganapatideva and His Achievements.
3. Rudramadevi and Prataparudra-II.
4. Nature of the State: Nayankara System.
5. Society, Caste System, Position of Women.
6. Economy – Irrigation and Agricultural Development.
7. Trade and Commerce
8. Art, Architecture, Culture and Religion under Kakatiyas.

#### **II Velama and Bahmani Rule:**

1. Muslim Conquests of Telugu Region – Its Results.
2. Rachakonda & Devarakonda Velamas.
3. Expansion of Bahmani Rule into Telangana Region.
4. Society, Economy and Culture.

#### **III Qutub Shahis of Golkonda:**

1. Political History.
2. Society and Economy: Irrigation, Agriculture, Trade and Commerce.
3. Growth of Literature – Persian, Urdu and Telugu.
4. Qutub Shahi Culture: Art & Architecture.

#### **IV Mughal Rule in Golkonda, 1687-1724:**

1. Revenue Administration.
2. Taxation and Monetary Reforms.
3. Political Instability: Popular Protest Movements.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Burton Stein, *Peasant, State, Society in Medieval South India*.
- Burton Stein, *Vijayanagara, New Cambridge History*, Vol. VI.
- Cynthia Talbot, *Pre-Colonial India in Practice – Society, Region and Identity in Medieval Andhra*.
- G. Yazdani, *Early History of Deccan – 2 vols*.
- Harbans Mukhia, *Was there Feudalism in India*.
- Irfan Habib, *Medieval India – The Study of Civilization*.
- Irfan Habib, *The Agrarian System under Mughals*.
- K. Sarojini Devi, *Religion in Vijayanagara Empire*.
- K. Sundaram, *Economic Conditions in Medieval Andhra, 1000 A.D. to 1600 A.D.*
- K.N. Chitnis, *Socio-Economic History of Medieval India*.
- M. Somasekhara Sarma, *History of Reddi Kingdom*.
- P.V. Parabrahma Sastry, *The Kakatiyas*.
- P.M. Joshi & A.R. Kulkarni (Eds.), *History of Medieval Deccan*.
- Prof. R. Soma Reddy, *Religious Institutions in Andhra Desa, 1300-1600*.
- R. Narasimha Rao, *Corporate Life in Medieval Andhra*.
- R.S. Sharma, *Indian Feudalism*.
- Sanjay Subramaniam, *Merchants, Markets and State in Early Modern India*.
- Satish Chandra, *Medieval India*.
- Suravaram Pratapa Reddy, *Andhrula Sanghika Charitra* (Telugu).
- T.V. Mahalingam, *Administration and Social Life under Vijayanagar*.
- Tapan Raychoudhari & Irfan Habib, *The Cambridge Economic History of India*, Vol. I.
- W.H. Moreland, *Agrarian System of Muslim India*.

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### **Paper-II (b) History of Modern Hyderabad State: Telangana**

#### **I Political History of Region - Dynastic Studies**

1. Formation of Hyderabad State and Its Legacy.
2. Consolidation and Subordination under Nizam-I and Nizam-II.

#### **II Hyderabad State: Political Instability**

1. Hyderabad Contingent – Palmar and Company, Role of Chandulal and Economic Ruin - Wahabi Movement – Tussle between the Company and the Ruler - Treaty of Berar of 1853, 1857 Mutiny and Its Implications.
2. Salarjung Reforms.
3. Chanda Railway Scheme, Growth of Press – Beginning of Political Mobilization.

#### **III Hyderabad State: Political Unrest**

1. Hyderabad and Paramountacy – Process of Modernization.
2. People's Movement - Origin of Political Movements and Cultural Awakening - Andhra Mahasabha.
3. Socio-Religious Organizations and Movements – Arya Samaj, Itihad-ul-Muslimeen and others.
4. Autocracy to Integration: Hyderabad from 1938-48 - Hyderabad State Congress – Peasant Armed Struggle in Telangana - Question of Lapse of Paramountacy – Join India Movement – Razakars and Police Action.

#### **IV Hyderabad from 1948 to 1956:**

1. Hyderabad under Civilian Rule.
2. First Popularly Elected Government (1952) and Its Work.
3. States Re-Organization Commission and Its Recommendations.
4. Gentlemen's Agreement – and Its Implications.

**Suggested Readings:**

- Barry Pavier, *Telangana*.
- Benchow, *Autocracy to Democracy*.
- Bharati Ray, *Hyderabad and British Paramountacy*.
- C.J. Baker, *Politics of South India*.
- Eaton, *Social History of Deccan*.
- Gribble, J.D.B., *A History of the Deccan*, 2 Vols.
- K.V. Narayana Rao, *Emergence of Andhra Pradesh*.
- Margret Pernau, *Passing of Patrimonialism*.
- P. Sundarayya, *Telangana People's Struggles and Its Lessons*.
- Ramesan, *History of Freedom Struggle in Hyderabad State*, Vols. I, II & III.
- Sarojini Regani, *Highlights of Freedom Movement in Andhra Pradesh*.
- Sarojini Regani, *Nizam-British Relations*.
- Sheela Raj, *From Medievalism to Modernism*.
- Tirumali, I., *Against Lord and Dora*.
- V.K. Bawa, *Hyderabad under Salarjung-I*.
- Y. Vaikuntham, (ed.), *People's Movement in Princely States*.
- Y. Vaikuntham, *Economic History of Hyderabad State*.
- Yusuf Hussain, *Nizam-ul-Mulk Asaf Jah-I*.

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