

**BACHELORS WITH HISTORY AS MAJOR (DUU)**  
**8<sup>th</sup> SEMESTER**

**HISTORY \_ SOURCES OF MEDIEVAL INDIA**

**CREDITS: THEORY: 4; TUTORIAL: 2**

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**COURSE OVERVIEW**

The medieval period is rich in literary and archaeological. The paper introduces the learner to medieval historical literature in several of genres, and languages. The paper not only emphasizes the literary sources to construct dynastic histories but also highlights the importance of numismatics and epigraphy. The paper explores the social and devotional history of medieval India. Some of the travel accounts included in the paper will help the learner to understand the trade and commercial patterns of the time.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

- To understand the significance of various categories of archival sources in the construction and reconstruction of the past.
- Introduce learners to devotional literature, and outline its importance in historical research.
- To point out the importance of vernacular sources.

**UNIT I.**

- Archeological Sources of Medieval India
  - Numismatics: A Brief Survey
  - Epigraphy: Major Inscriptions

**UNIT II.**

- Prominent Chroniclers of Delhi Sultanate: Barani, Khusru, Minhaj and Isami
- *Malfuz* Literature: Significance

**UNIT III.**

- Major Chronicles of Mughal India: Abul Fazl, Badauni and Bhim Sen
- Autobiographies: Tuzuk-i-Babri, Humayunnama and Tuzuk-i-Jehangiri

**UNIT IV.**

- Vernacular Sources of Medieval India; Prem Akhyan, Bhakkhar and Janam Sakhi
- Major Travelogues: Ibn-i Batuta, Fernao Niniz, Monserrate, Manucci and Bernier
- Understanding Medieval India: Colonial, Nationalist and Marxist.

**TUTORIAL (2 CREDITS)**

- Guided Visit to any local museum/ Archives and report writing on Medieval Sources
- Reading and Moderated Discussion on any prominent literary source of Medieval India

**SUGGESTED READINGS:**

- Ali Athar, *Exploring Medieval India Through Persian Sources*, DK Print, 2020
- Harbans Mukhia, *Historians and Historiography During the Reign of Akbar*, Aakar Books, 2007.
- K. A. Nizami, *On History and Historians of Medieval India*, Manohar, Delhi, 1983.
- Muhibbul Hasan, *Historians of Medieval India*, Aakar Books, Delhi.
- Peter Hardy, *Historians of Medieval India*, Manohar, Delhi, 1987