

CORE COURSE III - HISTORY OF TAMIL NADU UPTO 1801 A.D.

Unit I

Age of the Sangam – Sources – Political, social, economic and cultural conditions – Post-Sangam: Kalabhras.

Unit II

Tamil Nadu between 600 A.D and 900 A.D.; Origin of Pallavas; Mahendra Varman – Narsimhavarman – Pallava – Chalukya conflict – contribution of Pallavas to art, architecture and literature – Bhakthi movement.

Unit III

The age of Imperial Cholas – Rajaraja I, Rajendra I, Kulottunga I – Chola administration – Literature, art, architecture and religion.

Unit IV

Later Pandyas – Their relationship with the Cholas and Sri Lanka – Advent of Islam in Tamilnadu – Sultanate of Madurai – Tamil country under Vijayanagar rule – Kumara Kampana – Nayaks of Madura – Marathas of Tanjore.

Unit V

The advent of the Europeans – Carnatic wars – Kattabomman – Polygar revolts and Maruthu brother – Fall of the Polygars.

Books Recommended

1. K.A.Nilakanta Sastri - History of South India
2. K.A.Nilakanta Sastri - The Pandiyan Kingdom
3. K.K. Pillai - Tamilaga Varalarum Panpadum (in Tamil)
4. M. Rajamanickam - Cholar Varalaru (in Tamil)
5. M. Rajamanickam - History of Tamilnadu
6. A. Krishnaswamy - Topics in South Indian History
7. A. Krishnaswamy - The Tamil Country under Vijayanagar
8. T.V. Sadasiva Pandarathar - Cholar Varalaru (in Tamil)
9. T.V. Sadasiva Pandarathar - Pandiyan Varalaru (in Tamil)
10. N. Subramanian - The Sangam Polity
11. K. Rajayyan - History of Tamilnadu, I & II
12. K. Rajayyan - Early Tamilnadu History; society and culture