

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
B.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
 SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

FIRST YEAR – SEMESTER- I
CORE II – HISTORY OF TAMIL NADU UPTO 850 CE

Subject Code	Subject Name	Category	L	T	P	S	Credits	Inst. Hours	Marks		
									CIA	External	Total
106C1B	HISTORY OF TAMIL NADU UPTO 850 CE	Core					5	5	25	75	100
Course Objectives											
C1	To provide an understanding of the importance of Tamil history, culture and civilization.										
C2	To inculcate the importance of administration of the ancient Tamil society										
C3	To understand the contributions of the Imperial Pallavas, and The First Pandyan Empire.										
C4	To provide an understanding of the cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu.										
C5	To understanding of the Prehistoric culture, Sangam and the Pallavas										
UNIT	DETAILS										No. of Hours
I	Geographical features of Tamilaham – Sources for the study of Ancient Tamilagam – Prehistory of Tamil country – Palaeolithic – Mesolithic – Neolithic and Megalithic culture- Recent Excavations.										15
II	Age of Sangam – The Cheras – The Cholas – The Pandyas – Sangam Polity – Society – Economy – Religion - Minor Chieftains of Tamilaham..										15
III	The Kalabhras – The advent of Jainism and Buddhism – Various Theories of the Origin of the Pallavas – Early Pallavas – The Imperial Pallavas - Pallava Administration – Society – Economy – Religion - Development of Literature – Art and Architecture .										15
IV	Bhakthi Movement in Ancient Tamilaham – Saiva Nayanmars – Vaishnava Alwars – Impact of Bhakthi Movement – Land Grants – Brahmadeya – Devadana – Tiruvidaiyattam.										15
V	The First Pandyan Empire – Administration – Society – Economy – Religion – Development of Art and Architecture. Conflict between the Pandyas, the Gangas, and the Pallavas - the Cholas.										15
Total										75	
Course Outcomes									Programme Outcomes		
CO	On completion of this course, students will										
1	This course will provide an understanding of the cultural heritage of Tamil Nadu.										PO1,PO2, PO5
2	Will give an understanding of the Prehistoric culture, Sangam and the Pallavas										PO2, PO3
3	Understand the development of Art and Architecture under the Pallavas and the Pandyas.										PO1, PO2

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4	Enable them to understand Bhakthi Movement in Ancient Tamilaham	PO1, PO2
5	Make them understand administration of early medieval Tamilagam.	PO1,PO2,P03

Text Book	
1	Alalasundaram R., Tamil Social Life, New Century Book House, Madras, 1996.
2	Appadurai, South Indian Traits (Tamil), Meyappan Publications, Chidambaram, 2002.
3	Champakalakshmi, R., Trade, Ideology and Urbanization in South India, Oxford University Press, 1996.
4	Chellam, V.T., History and Culture of Tamil Nadu, Manivasagar Publication, Chennai 2006.
5	Kanakalatha Mukund, Merchants of Tamilakam: Pioneers of International Trade, Penguin.
6	C.Meenakshi, Administration and Society under the Pallavas, University of Madras, 1977.
7	K.A.Nilakanta Sastri, A History of South India from Prehistoric Times to the fall of Vijayanagar, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, Reprint, 2000.
8	K.A.Nilakanta Sastri, Colas, University of Madras, Reprint, 1975.
9	Mahalingam, T.V., The South Indian Polity, Madras, 1955.
10	Mailai Seeni Venkatasamy, Tamil Nadu History Series 1-9 (Tamil), Amiltham Pathippakam, Chennai, 2008.
11	Noboru Karasimha (Ed.), A Concise History of South India, Oxford University Press, 2014.
12	Pillai, K.K. Tamilaga Varalaru: Makkalum Panpadum (Tamil), International Institute of Tamil Studies, 2002.
13	Sathianathier, R., History of India, Vol.I, 1949.
14	Subbarayulu, Y., South India under the Cholas, Oxford University Press, 2011.

Mapping with Programme Outcomes:

	PO 1	PO 2	PO 3	PO 4	PO 5	PO 6	PO 7	PO 8
CO 1	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
CO 4	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3
CO 5	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	3
Weightage	14	14	14	14	13	15	13	15
Weighted percentage of course contribution to POS	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.6	3.00	2.6	3.00

S-Strong-3 M-Medium-2 L-Low-1