

ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY
Bengaluru

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

HSEO 3 : INDIAN NUMISMATICS
BA Semester III

Total contact hours : 42	Course Credits : 3
Formative Assessment Marks : 40	Duration of ESA/Exam : 60

Objectives of the paper :

- *To highlight the importance of coins not only in corroborating Indian History but also in modifying it.*
- *To elucidate information derived from coins across various streams of History i.e Polity, Economy, Religion, Culture, Technology and Trade.*
- *To explain the interaction of Numismatics with the allied fields of Archaeology, Paleography and Epigraphy which results in generation of factual data to Historians.*
- *To introduce students to important coin series of the Indian Subcontinent such as the Punch Mark Series, Guptas, Sultanates, Mughals, Vijayanagar, British India and Republic India.*
- *To provide the historiography of Bank notes in India and its changing role in the economy.*
- *To introduce latest concepts of money such as credit cards and crypto-currency.*

Course Outcomes: At the end of the course, the student should be able to

- *To differentiate coin manufacturing techniques*
- *Identify coins of various ancient and early medieval dynasties.*
- *Recognize the mint marks on modern Indian coins.*

CONTENT OF COURSE - OE		Total No. Hours 42
UNIT I – Beginnings of Indian Coinage tradition		14
Chapter 1	Introduction to Numismatics. Numismatics and Allied branches. Numismatic tools aiding Historical research.	6

Chapter 2	Earliest coins of the world. India before coins. Punch Mark Series. Ancient coin manufacturing techniques.	5
Chapter 3	Literary references of early coins in India. Acts and Rules related to Antiquity in India. Historiography of Indian Numismatics.	3
UNIT II – Coinage of Ancient & Early Medieval India		15
Chapter 4	Indian Scripts and Languages used in coins. Coinage of foreign invaders- Indo Greeks, Indo Scythians, Indo-Parthians, Kushans.	5
Chapter 5	Post Mauryan North India, Deccan and Sangam Age South India Coinage of the Satavahanas.	4
Chapter 6	Coinage of the Guptas, Vardhanas, Early Kadambas and Badami Chalukyas. Early medieval dynasties - Pratiharas, Palas, Rashtrakutas, Western Chalukyas, Hoysalas.	6
UNIT III – Coinage of Medieval and Modern India		13
Chapter 7	Coinage of the Sultanates Coinage of the Mughals	5
Chapter 8	Coinage of Vijayanagar Coinage of Marathas Coinage of Mysuru	4
Chapter 9	Coinage of British India Coinage of Republic India Indian Bank notes	4

Books for Study and References :

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5. Jhunjhunwalla, Kishore (2000). *The Standard Reference Guide to Indian Paper Money*. Mumbai: Currencies and Coins.
6. Mitchiner, Michael (1998). *The Coinage and History of Southern India, Part I Karnataka-Andhra*,

Part II Tamilnadu-Kerala. London: Hawkins Publications.

7. Ganesh K and Girijapathy (1997), *The Coins of the Vijayanagara Empire*, Bangalore.
8. Deyell, John S. (1990). *Living Without Silver: The Monetary History of Early Medieval North India*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.
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12. Pridmore, F. (1975), *The Coins of the British Commonwealth Nations, Part IV, vols. I and II – India*, Spink & Son Ltd, London.
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