

Faculty	Humanities
Program	BA-History
Course	BA-I
Semester	I
Course Category	Open Elective
Course Name	Maratha Forts
Course Number	OE-I
Course Code	BAU0325OEL213A
Course Credits	02
Marks	40
	Semester End: 40 + Internal Assessment: 10=Total Marks: 50

Maratha Forts

Forts were administrative and defensive structures created during the entire history of India. Those worked as headquarters of the surrounding region, at the same time, useful as a shelter for the neighbouring people in the time of distress. With the foreign invasion during Medieval periods, the art of constructing stone-forts introduced to India. Hence, forts created during Medieval period are still standing, comparing to the Ancient ones. During the glorious period of Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Maharashtra witnessed brisk fort-building activities, both on hills and in the sea. The study of these Medieval forts is the study of physical reflections of the concepts and thoughts of their creators.

In this semester; basic nature, components and importance of the forts will be introduced to the students.

Course Outcomes: Students would able to learn.....

- CO 1 Various types and basic architectural components of the Maratha forts would be understood.
CO 2 The role of forts in the Maratha administration and history would be understood.

MODULE 1. Introduction

(Teaching Hours -15, Credit-01)

- Forts: Definition and Major types
- Need to construct Forts
- Importance of Forts in the Maratha History

MODULE 2. Nature and Architecture of Maratha forts (Teaching Hours -15, Credit-01)

- Selection of Sites to construct Forts
- Major components of Fort Architecture
- Maratha administration in the Forts

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ACTIVITIES AND EXERCISES SUGGESTED FOR INTERNAL ASSESSMENT:

- **Visit to nearby fort and report of the visit**

Any other exercise/activity approved by concerned teacher