



INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA

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TYPE OF COURSE : Rerun | Core | UG

COURSE DURATION : 4 weeks (24 Jan' 22 - 18 Feb' 22)

EXAM DATE : 27 Mar 2022

PRE-REQUISITES : Any student who is interested in architecture or cultural history.

COURSE OUTLINE :

The history of architecture in India is a material narrative of aspirations, politics, and societies in the region. From the Indus Valley Civilization to the modernism of B.V. Doshi, architecture has defined periods, peoples, and regions across India. This course is a brief introduction to a history of five thousand years of architecture in India, and provides a broad perspective on one aspect of material expression.

ABOUT INSTRUCTOR :

Prof. Pushkar Sohoni trained as a professional architect from the University of Pune, after which he received an MS in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania. His doctoral research was on late medieval and early modern architecture, and he received his PhD from the University of Pennsylvania, followed by a post-doctoral position at the University of British Columbia. He has authored many articles and books on architectural history and other aspects of material culture.

COURSE PLAN :

- Week 1:** i. Introduction to History of Architecture
ii. Indus Valley Civilisation
iii. Early Historic Period -Wooden and Cave Architecture
- Week 2:** i. Beginnings of the Temple
ii. Medieval Temples
iii. Islamic Architecture
- Week 3:** i. Sultanate Architecture
ii. Mughals and Rajputs
iii. Princely States
- Week 4:** i. Neo-Classical, Indo-Saracenic, Revival Gothic
ii. Art Deco, Modern
iii. International and Contemporary