

CORE COURSE - XIV - PILGRIMAGE

UNIT-I : Defination and meaning of Pilgrimage - Religious values of pilgrimage - Pilgrim centres of India with special reference to South India - Hindu holy rivers - Significance of Pilgrimage

UNIT- II : Temples of South India with speical referencee to Tamilnadu - Importance of Rajaraja Cholan's Tanjore Great Temple - Temples aestheitic value - Artistic values - Spiritual values - Religious values and cultural values

UNIT - III :A survey of Hindu , Christian and Muslim pilgrim centres in Tamil Nadu - Importance of Kanchipuram - Melmaruvathur - Chidambaram -Sirangam - Tiruchirappalli - Pondicherry - Nagur - Velankanni - Rameswaram - Madurai - Palani - cape comorin etc.,

UNIT-IV : Value of pilgrimage to the centres of Epigraphy and Archeology - Musums - Ashrams - Sanctumies.

UNIT-V : Contribution of pilgrim centres to Indian culture.

BOOKS FOR REFERENCE

1. James fergusson : Illustration of the Rock - temples of India
2. James Burges: The Ancient Monuments, Temples and Cultures of India
3. A.L. Bashiam: The Wonder that was India