INTRODUCTION TO HISTORY OF ARCHITECTURE IN INDIA

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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, polities, 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, Revivial Gothic,
       ii. Art Deco, Modern,
       iii. International and Contemporary