

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY

PROPOSED MODIFIED SYLLEBUS (2021)

SEMESTER I

HIS 101	History and Historiography
HIS 102	Socio Religious Reform Movements in Colonial India
HIS 103	Anti-Colonial Resistance ; Decolonization and after
HIS 104	History of Europe: From Revolution to World War(1789-1914)
HIS 105	History of Modern World: Select Themes

SEMESTER II

HIS 201	State Formation in Ancient India
HIS 202	Religion and Ecology in Early India
HIS 203	Social History of Colonial India
HIS 204	Contemporary World
HIS 205	The Global Indian Migration and Diaspora

SEMESTER III

HIS 301	State and Economy in Early Modern India
HIS 302	State and Economy in Colonial India
HIS 303	Adivasi History in Colonial Bengal
HIS 304	Contemporary India: Historical Underpinnings
HIS 305 (Optional)	(A) South West Bengal – 19th and 20th Centuries (B) Technology in Early Modern India (C) India and the World: The Making of a Foreign Policy (D) Gandhian Thought (E) History of Medicine

SEMESTER IV

HIS 401	Industrial Revolution: The Nature of the Industrial Revolution and the English Experience
HIS 402	Social History of Science, Technology and Medicine in India: Colonial Period
HIS 403	Environmental History of Modern India
HIS 404	History of Constitutional Development in Modern India
HIS 405 (Optional)	(A) Historical Methods (B) Culture in Bengal, 19th and 20th Centuries (C) Global History of Pandemic (D) Post Partition Bengal: Select Themes on Politics and Society (E) Women and Society in Indian History

The Post Graduate course is of total 1000 marks. The course is divided into four semesters. Each paper carries 50 marks. Theory—40 and Internal Assessment—10. There are two CBCS papers in Semester II (204) and Semester III (304).

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (i)

HIS 101

HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY

Lectures: 60

Unit - I: What is History? Events and interpretations - Philosophy of History – Enlightenment Historiography – Empiricism – Positivism – Idealist view of history.

Unit – II: History writing and different versions of the Idea of Progress – T. B. Macaulay and the Idea of Liberty – Karl Marx and the principle of equality – G. M. Trevelyan and the Literacy and Social history. Development of economic and social history in the early twentieth century – Maurice Dobb and the Rise of Capitalism – R. H. Tawney and the Gentry Thesis – G. Lefevbre and A. Soboul and the French Revolution.

Unit – III: Social History as History of Movements – Seventeenth century crisis, English Revolution and Christopher Hill. Social History as history of classes – Eric J. Hobsbawm and the Age of Capital, E. P. Thompson and the working class, Raphael Samuel and the History of the People. Emergence of new social history.

Unit – IV: Debates in Indian History – Historiography of feudalism in India, Eighteenth century crisis in India, Indian Awakening in Nineteenth century, Indian nationalism, Partition of India. Modern Indian History with socio-economic perspective – peasantry and working classes, caste, tribe, gender, environment, science and technology.

Suggested Reading:

1. Ernest Breisach: Historiography.
2. Arthur Marwick: The Nature of History.
3. E. H. Carr: What is History?
4. Beverley Southgate: History: What and Why.
5. H. W. Kaye: British Marxist Historians.
6. Ken Morrison: Marx, Durkheim, Weber.
7. Peter Geyl: Debates with Historians.
8. P. Lambert and P. Schofield (eds): Making History.
9. Mary Fulbrook: Historical Theory.
10. M. C. Lemon: Philosophy of History.
11. David Cannadine (ed): What is History Now?
12. G. R. Elton: The Practice of History.
13. E. Sreedharan: A Textbook of Historiography.
14. Sumit Sarkar: Writing Social History.

15. Ronald Inden: Imagining India.
16. Sekhar Bandopadhyay: From Plassey to Partition.
17. Adam Budd: The Modern Historiography Reader - Western Sources.
18. Mark T. Gilderhus: History and Historians.
19. Georg G. Iggers and Edward Wang: Global History of Modern Historiography.
20. Amales Tripathi: Itihas o Aitihasik

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (ii)

HIS 102

SOCIO RELIGIOUS REFORM MOVEMENTS IN COLONIAL INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Orientalists, Utilitarians and the Bengal Renaissance – debates on ‘Renaissance’, reform and social Change – evolution of socio-religious reform movements – the difference between social and religious movements – debate over strategies - Vidyasagar and Rammohan Roy.

UNIT II: Reform or Revival – definitions and debates – Hindu shastras and social reform – religion as the basis of social reform – Hindu-Brahmo relations – Prarthana Samaj and Arya Samaj - Vedanta and revitalization of Indian life: Ramkrishna, Vivekananda and the Ramkrishna Mission - response to the movement in press and literature: a review of the work of Bhudeb Mukhopadhyay, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Nabin Chandra Sen, and Akshay Chandra Sarkar.

UNIT III: Nationalism, modernity, and Muslim identity in India before 1947: Islamic reformers and their movements in India - educational movements, faith, and revival movements – Syed Ahmed Khan and the Aligarh Movement, Wahabi Movement, Deoband Movement.

UNIT IV: Muslim women, reform and patronage: a study of Nawab Sultan Jahan Begam of Bhopal – issues on caste and education: Begam Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein and Sarala Debi – issues on widow remarriage and Sati – orthodox Hinduism and the Age of Consent Bill.

Suggested Readings:

1. Ahmad, Q.: The Wahabi Movement in India
2. Ahmed, F. A. S.: Social Ideas and Social Change in Bengal, 1818 – 1835
3. Ghai, K. R.: Suddhi Movement in India
4. O’ Hanlon, R.: Caste, Conflict and Ideology
5. Heimsath, H. C.: Indian Nationalism and Hindu Social Reform
6. Hurley, L. S.: Muslim Women, Reform and Princely Patronage Nawab Sultan Jahan Begam of Bhopal
7. Jaffrelot, C.: The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics: 1925 to the 1990s
8. Jones, W. K.: The New Cambridge History of India Socio- Religious Reform Movements in British India
9. Kopf, D. and Joarder, S.: (eds.) Reflections on the Bengal Renaissance
10. Kopf, D.: British Orientalism and the Bengal Renaissance: The Dynamics of Indian Modernization 1773 – 1835

11. Kopf, D.: The Brahmo Samaj and the Shaping of the Modern Indian Mind
12. Metcalf, D. B.: Islamic Contestations Essays On Muslims in Indian and Pakistan
13. Metcalf, D. B.: Islamic Revival in British India: Deoband 1860 – 1900
14. Mullatti, L.: The Bhakti Movement and the Status of Women
15. Nizami, A. T.: Muslim Political Thought and Activity in India during the First Half of the 19th Century
16. Reetz, D.: Islam in the Public Sphere Religious Groups in India 1900 – 1947
17. Sarkar, S.: Bibliographical Survey of Social Reform Movements in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries
18. Sarkar, S.: On Bengal Renaissance
19. Sarkar, T.: Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation Community, Religion and Cultural Nationalism
20. Sarkar, T.: Rebels, Wives, Saints Designing Selves and Nations in Colonial Times
21. Sen, P. A.: Explorations in Modern Bengal c.1800 – 1900 Essays on Religion, History and Culture
22. Sen, P. A.: Social and Religious Reform. The Hindus of British India
23. Sen, P. S. (ed.): Social and Religious Reform Movements in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries
24. Sharma, K.: Bhakti and the Bhakti Movement, a New Perspective

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (iii)

HIS 103

ANTI-COLONIAL RESISTANCE DECOLONIZATION AND AFTER

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Economic context of anti-colonial resistance – Adivasi and Agrarian protests – The 1857 Revolt and foundation of Congress.

UNIT II: Organized politics and anti-colonial resistance – Congress and the educated social groups – Mass movements since 1905 and up to 1940s.

UNIT III: The aftermath of Partition – evolution of the constitution – integration of the princely states– linguistic reorganization of the states multiculturalism and plurilingual traditions as reflected in literature theatre, art and cinema – sports : the making of a nation.

UNIT IV: Post–independence nation building – Multicultural nature of Indian polity – Planning and development policy.

Suggested Reading:

1. Baker, C. J.: An Indian Rural Economy: The Tamilnad Countryside
2. Bose, S.: Agrarian Bengal : Economy, Social Structure and Politics, 1919-1947
3. Bose, S.: Peasant Labour and Colonial Capital: Rural Bengal Since 1770

4. Brass, P. R.: The Politics of India Since Independence
5. Chakrabarty, D.: Rethinking Working Class History: Bengal, 1890-1940
6. Chakrabarty, H.: Political Protest in Bengal : Boycott and Terrorism, 1905-18
7. Chandra, B. et al (ed.): India After Independence
8. Chandra, B.: Essays on Contemporary India
9. Chatterjee, P.: Nationalist Thought and the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse?
10. Chaudhuri, S. B.: Civil Disturbances during British Rule in India, 1765-1857
11. Dutt, R. C.: Economic History of India (Volume 2)
12. Gopal, S.: British Policy in India, 1858-1905
13. Guha, R.: Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India 7. Prakash, G. (ed.): The World of the Rural Labourer in Colonial India
14. Guha, R.: India After Gandhi
15. Hardiman, D. (ed.): Peasant Resistance in India 1858-1914
16. Hasan, M.: Nationalism and Communal Politics in India 1916-1928 29. Jeffrey, R. (ed.): People, Princes, and Paramount Power. Society and Politics in the Indian Princely States
17. Jalal, A.: The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan
18. Karlekar, H.: Independent India. The First Fifty Years
19. Kaul, J. M.: Problems of National Integration
20. Kothari, R: Politics in India
21. Kumaramangalam, S. M.: India's Language Crisis
22. Metcalf, T.: The Aftermath of Revolt: India 1857-1870
23. Mukherjee, R.: Awadh in Revolt: A Study of Popular Resistance
24. Murshid, T.: The Sacred and the Secular
25. Namboodiripad, E. M. S.: Economics and Politics of India's Socialist Pattern
26. Nanda, B.R.: Gandhi: Pan –Islamism, Imperialism and Nationalism in India
27. Naoroji, D.: Poverty and Un-British Rule in India
28. Page, D.: Prelude to Partition: The Indian Muslims and the Imperial System of Control 1920-1932
29. Pande, B. N.: A Centenary History of the Indian National Congress, (Volume IV)
30. Sarkar, S.: Modern India, 1885-1947
31. Sen, S.N.: Eighteen Fifty-Seven
32. Stokes, E.: The Peasant and the Raj: Studies in Agrarian Society and Peasant Rebellion in Colonial India

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (iv)

HIS 104

HISTORY OF EUROPE: FROM REVOLUTION TO WORLD WAR (1789-1914)

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: French Revolution: crisis of the ancient regime, intellectual currents, participation of social classes Emergence of Napoleon Bonaparte: domestic policy of Napoleon, foreign policy of Napoleon Congress of Vienna, 1815 Social and political developments, 1815-1848: Metternich Forces of conservatism and restoration of old hierarchies Social, political and intellectual currents, revolutionary movements of 1830 and 1848.

UNIT II: Growth of democracy in Britain: parliamentary reforms acts of 1832, liberalism in England, Irish problem: its socio-economic and political aspects The extension of franchise and expansion of socialism Labour movement in Britain and the rise of Labour Party, Nationalism- Italian Risorgimento Socio-economic milieu and stages of Italian unification: role of Mazzini, Garibaldi, Cavour and Victor Emmanuel Foundation of the German Empire: Prussian spirit, Role of Bismarck in the unification of Germany Foreign policy of Bismarck, the age of Bismarck (1870-1890), Foreign policy of Kaiser William II and his world politics.

UNIT III: Russia under the Czars; Czar Alexander I: domestic and foreign policy, Czar Nicholas I- foreign policy Czar Alexander II: reform policy, foreign policy, his failures and achievements The reign of Czar Alexander III Czar Nicholas II: the Russo-Japanese war, the revolution of 1905.

UNIT IV: The eastern crisis: nature of the crisis, the war of Greek independence, the problem of Turkey the treaty of London and the treaty of Sanstefano the Crimean war, the Congress of Berlin the first Balkan War (1912), the second Balkan War (1913), the formation of Triple Entente the age of armed peace (1904-1914)

Suggested Readings:

1. Bury, J.I.T. *France, 1814-1940*, Routledge, 1985.
2. Fisher, H.A.L., *A History of Europe*, Vol. 2, Fontana Library, 1969.
3. Hill, Christopher, *From Reformation to Industrial Revolution*, Penguin, 1970.
4. Hill, Christopher, *Lenin and the Russian Revolution*, Penguin, 1978.
5. Joll, James, *Europe since 1870: An International History*, Penguin Books, 1990.
6. Langer, W.L., *European Alliances and Alignments: 1871-1990*, Greenwood Press, 1977.
7. Lefebvre, Georges, *Coming of the French Revolution*, Princeton, 1947.
8. Taylor, A.J.P., *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe*, OUP, 1955
9. Thompson, David, *Europe Since Napoleon*, Longmans, 1957.
10. Bergeron L., *France Under Napoleon*, Peinceton, 1981.
11. Hobsbawm, E.J., *The Age of Revolution, 1789-1848*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1962.
12. Hobsbawm, E.J., *The Age of Capital, 1848-1875*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1975.
13. Hobsbawm, E.J., *The Age of Empire, 1875-1914*, Weidenfeld & Nicolson, 1987.

14. Hobsbawm, E.J., *The Short Twentieth The Age of Extremes Century, 1914-1991*, Michael Joseph, 1994.
15. Ketelbey, C.D.M. *A History of Modern Times from 1789*, OUP, 1973.
16. Blanning, T.C.W., *Europe – 18th Centur: History, Europe 1688-1815*, Oxford University Press, 2000.

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (v)

HIS 105

HISTORY OF MODERN WORLD: SELECT THEMES

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: The First World War: historical background; factors that precipitated; nature and impact – Peace Settlement: Fourteen Points of Woodrow Wilson and Paris Peace Conference – some Issues arising out of the War: quest for security; problem of disarmament; problem of reparation – the Great Depression: causes and consequences.

UNIT II: Italy and Germany between the Wars; domestic and foreign affairs – politics and ideologies of Fascism & Nazism – France and Great Britain between the Wars – emergence of America & Soviet Russia as world powers – Civil War in Spain – The Munich Crisis – origin and nature of World War II.

UNIT III: Impact of the Peace Pact of 1919 on West Asia; Mandate system in Middle East – rise of Mustafa Kamal Pasha & the modernization of Turkey – Arab nationalism after World War I; role of Saudi Arab – rise of nationalism in Egypt: Anglo-Egyptian relations.

UNIT IV: Far East: Japan's Supremacy in East Asia; China after the World War I – Southeast Asia: Colonial rule, growth of Nationalism and Modernization.

Suggested Reading:

1. Bennis, F. L.: Europe since 1919
2. Blanning, T. C. W. (ed.): The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern Europe
3. Briggs, A. & P. C.: Modern Europe, 1789-Present
4. Bullock, A.: Hitler – A Study in Tyranny
5. Carr, E. H.: International Relations between the Two World Wars, 1919-1939
6. Chakrabarti, R.: A History of the Modern World: An Outline

7. Chickering, R., S. F. & B. Greiner, (eds.): A World at Total War: Global Conflict and the Politics of Destruction, 1937-1945
8. Clavin, P.: The Great Depression in Europe, 1929-1939
9. Dickinson, Frederick, R., World War I and the Triumph of a New Japan
10. Fisher, S. N.: The Middle East: A History
11. Gathorne-Hardy, G. M.: A Short History of International Affairs, 1920-1938
12. Hall, D. G. E.: A History of South-East Asia
13. Hsu, I. C. Y.: The Rise of Modern China
14. Joll, J.: Europe since 1870
15. Joll, J. & G. M.: The Origins of the First World War
16. Kaylor, W. R.: The Twentieth Century World – An International History
17. Langsam, W. C.: The World since 1919
18. Lenczowski, G.: The Middle East in World Affairs
19. Nish, I.: Japanese Foreign Policy in the Interwar Period
20. Payne, S. G.: A History of Fascism, 1914-1945
21. Payne, S. G.: The Spanish Civil War
22. Tarling, Nicholas (ed.). The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia, the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries, Volume 2
23. Taylor, A. J. P.: The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848-1918
24. Taylor, A. J. P.: The Origins of the Second World War
25. Thomson, D.: Europe since Napoleon

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (vi)

HIS 201

STATE FORMATION IN ANCIENT INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Introduction to political organization till the Vedic period – Kingship in the ancient period – Gopati to Bhupati – meaning of the term Rajan-Vispati as chief – post-Vedic terms for the King.

UNIT II: Local autonomy and imperial unity – janapadas and mahajanapadas – conditions for the rise of large territorial states – treasury and coercion in the state – regular collection of land-revenue – advent of taxation and emergence of the state.

UNIT III: Structure of polity in early medieval India – chieftaincies and feudatories – political and economic changes and the bases of the early medieval state system.

UNIT IV: State and imperial ideology in South India – the Cholas and their successors – Vijayanagara.

Suggested Reading:

1. Ali, D.: Courtly Culture and Political Life in Early Medieval India
2. Champakalakshmi, R: Trade, Ideology and Urbanisation
3. Chattopadhyaya, B. D.: The Making of Early Medieval India
4. Claessen, H. J. M. & Skalnik, P.: The Early State
5. Kesavan, V.: Political Structure in Early Medieval South India
6. Kosambi, D. D.: An Introduction to the Study of Indian History
7. Kulke, H. (ed.): The State in India
8. Roy, K.: Emergence of Monarchy in North India
9. Sharma, R. S.: Aspects of Political Idea and Institution of Ancient India
10. Sharma, R. S.: The State and Vama Formation in the Mid-Ganga Plains

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (vii)

HIS 202

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Religion and Ecology in Early India

Lectures 60

Unit-I

Ecology, Religion , Sources and methodology

Ecology and Hindu Religious tradition

Hindu worldview on Nature

Aspects of Nature in Hindu Tradition

Mother Earth in Hindu Culture

Forests in Classical Texts

Unit-II

Ecology and Buddhist Traditions

The Concept of Buddhist Ecology

Buddhist Environmentalism

Unit-III

Ecology and Jainism

Ecology and Jain Worldview

Jain Environmental Ethics

Teachings of Tirthankara Mahavir on Ecology and Environment

Unit-IV

Ecology and Tribal/ Adivasi Religious Practices

Adivasi Worldview about nature

Adi Dharam: a way of life based on entangled life of nature, ancestor and human, and a symbiosis between human, plants and animal kingdom.

Environmental Ethics of the Adivasis

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Abraham, Ralph. "Orphism: The Ancient Roots of Green Buddhism." In *DharmaGaia: A Harvest of Essays in Buddhism and Ecology*, ed. Allan Hunt Badiner, 39–49. Berkeley, Calif.: Parallax Press, 1990.

- Badiner, Allan Hunt, ed. *Dharma Gaia: A Harvest of Essays in Buddhism and Ecology*. Berkeley, Calif.: Parallax Press, 1990.
- Balsys, Bodo. *Ahimsa: Buddhism and the Vegetarian Ideal*. New Delhi: Munshiram Manoharlal Publications, 2004.
- Batchelor, Martine and Kerry Brown, eds., *Buddhism and Ecology*, London: Cassell, 1992.
- Bhowmik, Shruhid Kumar, *Aranyak Darshan o Saotali Esoponishad*, Mechheda: Marangburu Press, 1991.
- Bilimoria, Purushottama. "Buddha, fifth century BCE." In *Fifty Key Thinkers on the Environment*, ed. Joy A. Palmer, 1-7. New York: Routledge, 2001.
- Brown, Brian Edward. "Toward a Buddhist Ecological Cosmology," in *Worldviews and Ecology: Religion, Philosophy, and the Environment*, edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John A. Grim, 124-37. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books, 1994.
- Chapple, Christopher Key, *Jainism and Ecology: Non-Violence in the Web of Life*, Delhi: Motilal Banarsidass Publishers Pvt. Ltd., 2006.
- Chapple, Christopher Key, *Hinduism and Ecology: The Intersection of Earth, Sky and Water*, Havard: Havard University Press, 2000
- Chakrabarti, Ranjan, *Critical Themes in Environmental History of India*, Sage & ICHR, 2020.
- Dwivedi, O. P., and B. N. Tiwari. *Environmental Crisis and Hindu Religion*. New Delhi: Gitanjali, 1987
- Hembrom, Ruby, *We come from the Geese*, Kolkata: Adivani, 2013.
- Ives, Christopher, "Buddhism: A Mixed Dharmic Bag: Debates about Buddhism and Ecology" in *Willis J. Jenkins, Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, eds., Routledge Handbook of Religion and Ecology*, Routledge, 2017.
- Munda, Ram Dayal, *Adi-dharam. Religious beliefs of the Adivasis of India*, Kolkata: Adivani, 2014.
- Padmaja Sen, Padmaja, *Changing Tribal Life: A Socio-Ecological Perspective*, New Delhi: Concept Pub, 2003.

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (viii)

HIS 203

SOCIAL HISTORY OF COLONIAL INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: A changing discipline: what is social history: 'From Social History to History of Society' and beyond; the post-modern challenge; from social history to cultural history – Orientalist, Utilitarian, and Nationalist perceptions of Indian society – a brief overview of aspects of post-colonial Indian society.

UNIT II: Communities in society: Tribe: validity of the concept and traditional features; changes during colonial rule, and confrontation and assertion; tribes and national movement – Caste: traditional features; colonial sociology and new mobility movements; lower caste aspirations and national movement – Labour: consciousness, conditions of work, and the making of a working class; capital and labour; organisation and protest; labour and the national movement.

UNIT III: Family and childhood: brief discussion on patriarchy and gender; traditional society, kinship, and family structure and household functions; changes in structure and norms during colonial rule – traditional ideas of childhood and attitude towards children; a 'new' idea of childhood and experience of childhood in the colonial period; traditional and modern children's literature.

UNIT IV: The city and its inhabitants: traditional cities; urbanisation and urbanism in colonial India; the metropolises and the mofussils – emergence of a new middle class; other classes in the city; their attributes and sensibilities, and relations – different aspects of elite and popular culture in the city.

Select reading:

Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar (ed.): Rethinking History. Delhi, 2001

Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar: Caste, Politics and the Raj. Calcutta, 1990

Bandyopadhyay, Sekhar and Dasgupta, Abhijit (eds.): Jati, Barna o Bangali Samaj. Calcutta, 1998

Banerjee, Sumanta: The Parlour and the Streets. Calcutta, 1989

Banga, Indu: The City in Indian History. Delhi, 2005

Baumer, Rachel M. (ed.): Aspects of Bengali History and Society. New Delhi, 1976

Bayly, Susan: Caste, Society and Politics in India. Cambridge, 1999

Burke, Peter: History and Social Theory. Ithaca, 1992

Chakrabarty, Dipesh: Rethinking Working-Class History. Princeton, 2000

Chatterjee, Indrani: Unfamiliar Relations. Delhi, 2004

Chatterjee, Partha: The Nation and its Fragments. Delhi, 1995

Dasgupta, Uma: Rise of an Indian Public. Calcutta, 1997

Dass, Manishita: Outside the Lettered City. New York, 2015

Dube Chatterjee, Ishita (ed.): Caste in History. Delhi, 2008

Forbes, Geraldine: Women in Modern India. Cambridge, 1996

Joshi, Sanjay (ed.): The Middle Class in Colonial India. Delhi, 2010

Kakar, Sudhir: The Inner World. Delhi, 1978

Macrailld, Donald M. and Taylor, Avram: Social Theory and Social History, New York, 2016

Murshid, Golam: Hajar Bachharer Bangali Samskrti. Dhaka, 2006

Ray, Niharranjan: Bangalir Itihas. Adi Parva. Calcutta, 2009

Roychaudhuri, Tapan: Bengal under Akbar and Jehangir. Delhi, 1969

Roychaudhuri, Tapan: Perceptions, Emotions, Sensibilities. New Delhi, 2005

Roychaudhuri, Tapan: Prabandha Sangraha. Calcutta, 2009

Sabyasachi Bhattacharya (ed.): Approaches to History. Delhi, 2011

Sanyal, Hiteshranjan: Social Mobility in Bengal. Calcutta, 1981

Sarkar, Sumit: Modern Times. Ranikhet, 2014

Sarkar, Sumit: Writing Social History. Delhi, 1997

Schendel, Willem van and Ball, Elen (ed.): Banglar Bahujati. Calcutta, 1998

Sen, Prabodhchandra: Banglar Itihas-sadhana. Calcutta, 1953

Stone, Lawrence: The Past and Present Revisited. London 1987

Walsh, Judith: Growing up in British India. Teaneck, 1993

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (ix)

HIS 204

CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Black American History: Abolition of slavery – the Harlem Resistance – the Lexicon and History of Prohibition – the Civil Rights Movement; Martin Luther King to Malcolm X.

UNIT II: Third World: Historical context of the emergence of the Third World – Developmental issues of the Third World – Changing face of the Third World; politics, society, economy, culture.

UNIT III: India Engaging with the World – Look East Policy – India and South Asian – India and Super Powers

UNIT IV: Major conflicts since the dissolution of USSR: Chechen crisis, Yugoslav crisis, Georgian crisis, Ukraine crisis South, East and South-East Asia: Kargil War 1999 Rise and fall of Taliban in Afghanistan, Post 9/11 Global war on terror in Afghanistan Srilankan Tamil crisis, Senkaku islands dispute, South-China Sea dispute West Asia: US invasion in Iraq 2003, ISIS in Syria and Iraq Yemen crisis, Israel-Gaza conflict Africa: Congo Crisis, Nigerian civil war, Somalian crisis, Libyan crisis, Egyptian crisis, Sudan crisis

Suggested Reading:

1. Appadorai, A. and Rajan, M. S.: India's Foreign Policy and Relations

2. Bandyopadhyaya, Jayantanuja: The Making of India's Foreign Policy. Determinants, Institutions, Process and Personalities
3. Dixit, J. N.: India's Foreign Policy and its Neighbours
4. Dutt, V. P.: India's Foreign Policy since Independence
3. Ganguly, Sumit, (ed.): India's Foreign Policy: Retrospect and Prospect
4. Bhasiin, Kamala: What is Patriarchy?
5. Shiva, Vandana: Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Development
6. Miles, Maria and Shiva, Vandana (eds.): Ecofeminism
7. McWilliams, Wayne C. and Piotrowski, Harry : The World since 1945 – A History of International Relations
8. Calvocoressi, P.: World Politics 1945 – 2000
9. Briggs, A. & Clavin, P.: Modern Europe, 1789 – Present
10. Haynes, J.: Third World Politics
11. Mazrui, Ali A. & Michael, T.: Nationalism and New States in Africa
12. Burns, B.: Latin America: A Concise Interpretative History
13. Ray, B.: Early Feminists of Colonial India
14. Jackson, S.: Contemporary Feminist Theories
15. Talpade Mohanty, C. & Russo, A.: Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism
16. Simonton, D.: Women in European Culture and Society
17. Gilmore, S.: Groundswell: Grassroots Feminist Activism in Postwar America
18. Murray, P. S.: Women and Gender in Modern Latin America
19. Dabashi Hamid, *The Arab Spring: The End of Post Colonialism*, (Zed Books,2012).
20. Deepinder Singh, *The IPKF in Sri Lanka*, (Noida, Trishul Publication, 2001).
21. Karlekar Hiranmay, *Endgame in Afghanistan*, (Sage Publications India, 2012).
22. Malik V. P., *Kargil : From Surprise to Victory*, (Harpar Collins India, 2006).
23. Robert Brad, (edit) *Order and Disorder after the Cold War*, (Cambridge, M A,1995).
24. W. Danspeckgruber and C. Tripps (eds), *The Iraqi Aggression against Kuwait*, (Colorado, Boulder, 1996).

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (x)

HIS 205

THE GLOBAL INDIAN MIGRATION AND DIASPORA

Unit I: a) Definition and Types of Migration b) Patterns of Migration c) Domestic and Global Migration d)) Definition and Types of Diaspora ; Patterns of Diaspora e) Geo-politics of Diaspora; State, Nation, Border, Environment, Frontier, Citizenship, Rights and Refugees—asylum, ghetto Harlem.

Unit II : The Origins of the modern Indian Diaspora: Migrations in pre colonial time, Migration during the indenture Period - Indentured Labour; Trade Diaspora; Displacement, Migration in contemporary period – Trans-nationalism ---Indian Diaspora across continents: USA, UK, Africa, Canada, West Asia, Pacific countries and others.

Unit III : Culture and Community in Diaspora : a) Cultural Identity, Race, Gender, Religion, Spread of Indian Philosophy, Language and Literature-- Ramayana & Mahabharata; Diaspora Writers b) Struggle against Racism, Sexism and Lesbophobia ; Ethno-nationalism , Cultural Pluralism and Ethnic Politics c) Indian Cinema-- Transnational media networking-- Music, Folk Arts and Cultural Migration.

Unit IV: Diaspora --the Politics of the Nation-State, and Long-Distance Nationalism; Civil Society, Social Movements and Development Process--foreign policy ; Indian state and the South Asians across continents—modern global Indian history.

Select Readings

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SEMESTER III

Compulsory Course (xi)

HIS 301

STATE AND ECONOMY IN EARLY MODERN INDIA

UNIT I: State and economy in early modern India: the establishment of a centralized state under the Mughals; emphasis on military and revenue administration – extension of the core Mughal model into other areas viz. Gujarat, Ahmadnagar, Bengal.

UNIT II: Impact on agrarian society, especially in terms of the high revenue demand – relationship between the state and the landed elites viz. social and administrative – expansion and integration of the agrarian base during the Mughal period; drive for revenue and the new agrarian frontiers.

UNIT III: Indian economy and the Indian Ocean: trade network and commerce; transformations since the 15th century – maritime merchants in the Indian Ocean region – Indian merchants and their participation in the Indian Ocean and hinterland or internal trade.

UNIT IV: Trade and the Indian Economy: flow of precious metals and currency – the state and the need for monetization – mint administration and towns – internal and overseas markets – inland trade networks.

Suggested Reading:

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2. Chandra, S.: Medieval India: Society, the Jagir Crisis and the Village
3. Chaudhuri, K. N.: The Trading World of Asia and English East India Company
4. Dasgupta, A.: The World of the Indian Ocean Merchants, 1500-1800. Collected Essays of Ashin Dasgupta
5. Datta, R. (ed.): Rethinking a Millennium: Perspectives on Indian
6. Habib, I.: Agrarian System of Mughal India
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8. History from the Eighth to the Eighteenth Century
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10. Moreland W. H.: India at the Death of Akbar
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12. Raychaudhuri, T. & Habib, I (eds.): The Cambridge Economic
13. Richards, J. F.: The Mughal Empire
14. Siddiqui, N. A.: Land Revenue Administration under the Mughals
15. Subramanyam, S. & Alam, M.: The Mughal State

SEMESTER III

Compulsory Course (xii)

HIS 302

STATE AND ECONOMY IN COLONIAL INDIA

UNIT I: The colonial state: brief overview of British expansion in India – British Parliament and the East India Company – structure of administration: police, judiciary, bureaucracy, army.

UNIT II: The colonial ideology: Orientalist and Utilitarian phases; paternalist attitude – white racism – divide and rule policy – social-cultural policies and their impact (education, tribe, caste etc.).

UNIT III: The colonial economy and its impact (1): changing pattern of English trade – land revenue settlements – commercialisation of agriculture.

UNIT IV: The colonial economy and its impact (2): decline of traditional handicrafts – emergence of modern industries and colonial industrial policy – impact of railways.

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SEMESTER III

Compulsory Course (xiii)

Lectures 60

HIS 303

Adivasi History in Colonial Bengal

Unit -I

Concept of Tribe, Tribe in Indian Civilization and history, The problem of monemclature: Adivasis, Tribes and Indigeneous people, Representation of the Adivasis/ 'Tribes' : Sanskritik and Colonial

Colonial Archives: A Critical Survey, Sources for Adivasi History Writing, Historiography of Tribe in India, is there a tribal history? Adivasi Collective Memory and Myth as their own History

Unit-II

Broad Trends and Tendencies in Adivasi Studies

The Conflict between Political and Moral Economy

Land, Forest and Water Cosmologies, their Perception of Water and their Methods Water Management

Adivasi Economy, Polity and Contours of Culture. Adivasi Medicinal System and Practices

Adivasi Migration

Impact of Colonial Policies on Land, Forests and Water

Unit-III

Search for a Village as locus of Adivasi socio-cultural life

Pre-Colonial, colonial, post colonial governance, Adivasi Village Republic and Polity

Customary Law

The Concept of Adivasi Governace

Identity Assertion of Adivasis and movements for jal, *jungle and jameen* (water, forest and land) in colonial and contemporary times

Unit IV

Adivasis in India: Northern India, Southern India, Eastern India, Southern India. North Eastern India, The Demography of Adivasis in India, Their social and economic Status, Adivasis in Indian politics. 'Tribes' and the V and VI Schedule of the Indian constitution

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Compulsory Course (xiv)

HIS 304

CONTEMPORARY INDIA: HISTORICAL UNDERPINNINGS

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: History of Indian Classical Music – Hindustani – Natyashastra and the background to Indian music – Medieval adaptations – Developments in the Mughal period – Forms of Music in the Eighteenth Century

UNIT II: History of Indian Sport: Social significance of sport in traditional India – Colonial India: ‘sport ethic’ in colonial policy, football, cricket, and nationalism and communalism – Sport in post-colonial India: promotion of sport by the Indian state, proliferation and popularization of sport, and increasing of, and professionalism in, sport in recent times – Sport and gender in post-colonial Indian society.

UNIT III: Gender and Public Sphere –Impact of First, Second & Third Wave Feminism - Women autobiographers - Women in Politics – Women in Medicine - Women in Film – Women in Theatre – Women’s movement - Gender, Sexuality and Media

UNIT IV: History and Literature : Indian Writing in English; Women writing in India—Post colonial Writing in English and other languages— Literature from North east India--Dalit Literature—Literature and Films—Literature and Society

Suggested Reading:

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2. Bhatia, N. (ed.): *Modern Indian Theatre*
3. Bor, Joep. Delvoye, Francoise Nalini. Harvey, Jane. Nijenhuis, Emmie te.: *Hindustani Music: Thirteenth to Twentieth Centuries*
4. V N Bhatkhande: *Comparative Study of some of the leading music systems of the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th centuries*
5. Bonnie C. Wade: *Imaging Sound : An Ethno musicological Study of Music, Art, and Culture in Mughal India*
6. Van Der Meer, Wim: *Hindustani Music in the 20th Century* Sourindro Mohun Tagore: *Universal History of Music: Compiled from diverse sources together with Various Original Notes on Hindu Music*
8. Lewis Rowell: *Music and Musical Thought in Early India*
9. Ethel Rosenthal: *The story of Indian Music and its Instruments*
10. Ranade, Ashok Promilla: *Hindustani Classical Music, Keywords and Concepts*
11. Swami Prajnanananda: *A Historical Study of Indian Music*
12. Bhavanrav A Pingle: *History of Indian Music: with particular reference to theory and practice*
13. Briggs and Peter Burke: *A Social History of Media from Gutenberg to the Internet*
14. Burke, Kenneth: *Attitudes toward History*
15. Carey, James W: *Communication as Culture: Essays on Media and Society*
16. Gooptu, Sarmistha: *Bengali Cinema. An Other Nation*
17. Jain, Madhu ed.: *Narratives of Indian Cinema*
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SEMESTER III

Optional Course (i)

HIS 305(A)

SOUTH WEST BENGAL - 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: South-West Bengal in Colonial period: impact of western education and ideas – growth of western educated local intelligentsia – new educational institutions and response of indigenous elites – emergence of modern professions – social consequences of westernization – newspapers and periodical journals.

UNIT II: Emergence of modern politics – rise of local leadership – Swadeshi militant nationalism – Non Cooperation mobilization – Civil Disobedience Movement – second phase of the revolutionary politics – Quit India movement.

UNIT III: Emergence of left wing politics – condition of the working class and peasants; their mobilization – students' response to radicalism.

UNIT IV: Condition of women, tribes and castes – Utkal Brahmins of Midnapur – ecology and environment; natural disasters; the Famine of 1943 and its impact on local society.

Suggested Reading:

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2. Hunter, W. W.: Annals of Rural Bengal
3. O'Malley, L. S. S.: Bengal District Gazetteer, Midnapore.
4. Price, J. C.: Notes on the History of Midnapore
5. Majumdar, R. C.: History of the Freedom Movement in India (Volumes 1 & 2)
6. Samanta, A. (ed.): Terrorism in Bengal (6 volumes)
7. Chatterjee, P. K. (ed.): Midnapore's Tryst with Struggle
8. Das, B. S.: Changing Profile in Frontier Bengal.
9. Barui, B. C.: Salt Industry in Bengal
10. Chakraborty, B.: Local Politics and Indian Nationalism, Midnapur, 1919 – 1944
11. Panda, C.: Decline of the Bengal Zaminders
12. Risley, H. H.: The Tribes and Castes in Bengal (Volumes 1 & 2)
- 13 Greenough, P.: Prosperity and Misery in Modern Bengal – The Famine of 1943 – 1944
14. Bhowmick, S. P.: History of the Bengal Nagpur Railway Working Class Movement with special reference to Kharagpur
15. Pal, R.: Women of Midnapore in Indian Freedom Struggle
16. Sanyal, H. R.: Swaraj Pathe
17. Basu, J. C.: Medinipur Itihas
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19. Roy, P. & Das, B. S. (eds.): Medinipur: Itihas O Sanskritir Bibartan, Volumes 1-5
20. Bhattacharyya, T.: Medinipur, Bankura, Purulia (3 books)

Optional Course (ii)

HIS 305(B)

TECHNOLOGY IN EARLY MODERN INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT-I: Nature of Evidence for History of Medieval Indian technology

•Agricultural Technology: Preparation of the Soil; Tools and Techniques of cultivation: Sowing Practices; Methods of Irrigation; Water lift; manures. New Crops; Crop Rotation; Oil, Sugar and Indigo extraction.

•Textile Technology:

Processing of cotton, wool and other fabrics (collection, ginning and carding).

Whorls and spindles; cotton gin; weaving.

Bleaching, dyeing, painting and printing.

Main types of cloth produced.

•Transport Technology:

Wheeled Vehicles;

Ship-building.

UNIT-II

•Extractive Industries:

Mining (salt, saltpeter and diamond mining; stone quarries).

Raw material from animals; leather industry.

•Chemical Practices and Technology:

Glass technology (Beads; bangles; mirrors; spectacles; sand –glass; hubbles).

Metallurgy: Iron extraction, Damascened Steel, Zinc.

Tin-coating, Manufacture of Paper, Distillation.

•Civil Engineering:

Building technology (building material, structures haulage devices).

Roads, bridges, Dams.

UNIT-III

•Military Technology:

Stirrup and Saddle.

Arms and Armour.

Gun powder, Fire-arms (hand gun and cannon).

•Time-Reckoning Technology:

Sun-dials, sand-glass, etc.

European mechanical clocks.

UNIT-IV

•\Introduction of European Technology and Patterns of Response.

•Capacity of technological changes: major explanations.

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SEMESTER III

Optional Course (iii)

HIS 305(C)

INDIA AND THE WORLD: THE MAKING OF A FOREIGN POLICY

Lectures: 60

Unit I: An Introduction to India's Foreign Policy

- Historical origins and Determinants – Continuity and Change: From Idealism to Realism
- Non-Alignment and India's role
- India and the Nuclear Question: Changing Perceptions and Policy.

Unit II: India and her Neighbours

- India in SAARC: Towards a Co-operation in South Asia
- India's Policy towards its Neighbours

Unit III: India's Options in a Changing Asia

- Relations with -Southeast Asia, Central Asia and West Asia

Unit IV: India and Major Powers

- Relations with – U. S., Russia, Europe, China and Japan

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1. Appadorai, A. Domestic Roots of India's Foreign Policy, 1947-1972.
2. Bandyopadhyaya, J. The Making of India's Policy: determinants, institutions, process and personalities.
3. Bose, S. and A. Jalal. Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy.
4. Chakravarty, Suhas. V. K. Krishna Menon and The Indian League, 1925-47.
5. Cohen, Stephen. P. India: Emerging Power.
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9. Harshe, R. and K. M. Seethi, (eds.). Engaging with the World: Critical Reflections on India's Foreign Policy
10. Nanda, B. R. (ed.). India's Foreign Policy: The Nehru Years
11. Perkovich, George. India's Nuclear Bomb – The Impact on Global Proliferation

SEMESTER III

Optional Course (iv)

HIS 305(D)

Gandhian Thought

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Introducing Gandhi: formative years Community, family and neighbourhood Early education, study in England Indian influences Epics, narratives, Gita, folklore Evolution of Gandhian thought based on Indian tradition Buddhism, Jainism, Islam, Christianity Western influences: Ruskin, Thoreau, Tolstoy Gandhi in South Africa Struggle against racial discrimination From passive resistance to Satyagraha Moral progress vs. material progress Gandhi's views on human nature Gandhi's critique of modern civilisation Towards a new civilisation: *Ahimsa, Satyagraha, Swadeshi and Swaraj* The Gandhian method of non-violent resistance *Sarvodaya*: Gandhi's constructive programme of social uplift.

UNIT II: Socio-political thought of Mahatma Gandhi: Gandhi's views on man and society Status of women, issues of national language Untouchability, caste system, racial issues, class conflict Rural mental retardation, leprosy, drink Gandhi's views on equality, liberty, rights and duties Nationalism and internationalism, State and Citizenship (Ramrajya) Gandhi's views on democracy Gandhi's political philosophy: passive resistance, means and ends Gandhian way of comprehensive human development: education, religious harmony and peace.

UNIT III: Gandhian economic thought: encounter with colonialism and poverty – Fundamental Principles of Gandhian economic thought: bread, labour, simplicity, human values Utilities and wants, self-reliance and self-sufficiency – Trusteeship, Gandhi's views regarding Industrial civilization of the West: large scale industries, mechanisation, machinery and industrialisation Khadi and village industries Agrarian economy and cooperatives Sustainable economy and social justice Gandhian alternatives for development Principles underlying Gandhian comparative study of Sarvodaya with capitalism, communism and socialism Village self-sufficiency, Gandhian concept of rural reconstruction, cow in village economy

UNIT IV: The relevance of Gandhian thought: Gandhi and his contemporaries Gandhi and Ambedkar on society, Gandhi and Ambedkar on socialism, Gandhi and Ambedkar on untouchability Gandhi and Tagore on education, Gandhi and Tagore on religion, Gandhi and Tagore on politics, Gandhi and Tagore on charkha Philosophical political and educational thought of Gandhi and Vinoba Religious thought of Gandhi and Nehru, leadership of Gandhi and Nehru, political thought of Gandhi and Nehru, economic thought of Gandhi and Nehru, contribution of Gandhi and Nehru towards national development Gandhian approach to conflict resolution: shanti sena and non-violent action/resistance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the movement for civil rights Non-violent action against Apartheid Truth and reconciliation commission Lanza-Del-Vasto; Danilo Dolci's non-violent movement Arya Ratna's experiments in Sri Lanka, Satyagraha of Cesar Chavez

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2. Gandhi, M. K., *Hind Swaraj, or Indian Home Rule*, Navajivan, 1939.
3. Sharma, B. S., *Gandhi as a Political Thinker*, Indian Press, 1956.
4. Bakshi, S. R. *Gandhi and the Ideology of Non Violence*, Criterion Publications, 1986.
5. Bakshi, S. R. *Gandhi and the Ideology of Swadeshi*, Reliance Publishing House, 1987.
6. Bakshi, S. R. *Gandhi and Technique of Satyagraha*, Sterling, 1987.
7. Brown, Judith. *Gandhi, Prisoner of Hope*, Yale Uni. Press, 1989.
8. Chatterjee, Partha. "Gandhi and the Critique of Civil Society" in Ranajit Guha, ed., *Subaltern Studies*, Vol. 3, OUP, 1984.
9. Dalton, Dennis. *Mahatma Gandhi: Non Violent Power in Action*, Columbia UP, 1993.
10. Hardiman, David. *Gandhi: In His Time and Ours*, Permanent Black, 2003.
11. Iyer, Raghavan, N. *The Moral and Political Thought of Mahatma Gandhi*, OUP, 1973.
12. Mukherjee, Rudrangshu. ed. *The Penguin Gandhi Reader*, Penguin Books, 1993.
13. Nanda, B. R. *Mahatma Gandhi*, Allen & Unwin, 1958.
14. Bharathi, K.S., *Mahatma Gandhi: Man of the Millennium*, S. Chand & Company Ltd, 1982

Semester III

Optional Course (v)

HIS 305(E)

Lecture 60

History of Medicine: A Brief Introduction

UNIT I: Indian System of Medicine: Ayurveda; Unani/Tibb, Siddha; Western System of Medicine: Hippocratic theories and practices; from Plato to Praxagoras; Hellenistic medicine; Galenic medicine; Notions of Body in the East vs West: *Tridosá* theory vs Humoral theory

UNIT II: East India Company era: establishment of Company's rule and training its surgeons; Company's medical experience in India; Orientalism and the renewed interest in Indian medicine; establishment of 'modern' western medicine and the end of Company's rule; Public Health: Rockefeller Foundation and Public Health in Colonial India

UNIT III: Therapeutics: Disease treatment and the rise of pharmacology; Botany and drugs in India; basic concepts of Indian pharmacology – Research in Materia Medica and Pharmacology; Role of Bengal Chemical & Pharmaceuticals Ltd. and Alembic Chemical Works; Herbal drugs in India: its role in history and pharmacology.

UNIT IV: Madness to Mental Health: what led to the change in terminology from the nineteenth to the twentieth century; Ayurveda and psychiatry: 'Unmada' in the Sanskrit Medical Literature; Psychiatry and its histories in the West; psychiatry vs anti-psychiatry: Debates in Psychiatry and Colonialism; Birth of Psychotropic Drugs in the West and its Impact on India

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Imperialism in India, 1600-1850 New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1999

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Zimmermann, Francis. Gentle Purge: The flower power of Ayurveda in Charles Leslie ed. *Paths to Asian Medical Knowledge*, 209-223.

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Zysk, Kenneth G, *Medicine in the Vedas, Indian Medical Tradition*, Volume 1. Delhi: Motilal Banarasidass, 1961, pp.1-11

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (xv)

HIS 401

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (I)

The Nature of the Industrial Revolution & the English Experience

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Defining the Industrial Revolution – validity of the concept of 'Industrial Revolution' – why did the Industrial Revolution first occur in England? – Chronology of the British Industrial Revolution.

UNIT II: Demographic Revolution – Agricultural Revolution; Enclosures in Britain – Commercial Revolution - Transport Revolution.

UNIT III: England: The 18th century background – the adoption of Free Trade – role played by labour, capital, banks, government – role of technology and science in the Industrial Revolution – the concept of a leading sector – Cotton Industry & Iron Industry.

UNIT IV: Legislations and human dimensions – changes in the occupational structure – conditions of work – social attitude – women and child labour – Factory Acts – labour organizations – standards of living.

Suggested Reading:

1. Ashton, T. S.: Iron and Steel in the Industrial Revolution
2. Bhattacharya, H.: Britain Shipbuilding O Tarpar
3. Chambers, J. D. and Mingay, G. E.: The Agricultural Revolution, 1750-1880
4. Chapman, S. D.: The Cotton Industry in the Industrial Revolution

5. Cipolla, Carlo M.: The Industrial Revolution, 1700-1914 (The Fontana Economic History of Europe.)
6. Clapham, J. H.: An Economic History of Modern Britain (Volume 1)
7. Deane, P.: The First Industrial Revolution
8. Deane, P. & Cole, W. A: British Economic Growth, 1688-1959
9. Flinn, M. W.: Origins of the Industrial Revolution
10. Habakkuk, H. J.: Population Growth and Economic Development since 1750
11. Habakkuk, H. J. and M. M. Postan, (eds.): The Cambridge Economic History of Europe (Volume 6)
12. Hammond, J. L. and B.: The Village Labourer, 1760-1832.
13. Hartwell, R. M. (ed.): The Causes of the Industrial Revolution in England
14. Hobsbawm, E. J.: Industry and Empire: From 1750 to the Present Day
15. Hyde, C. K.: Technological Change in the British Iron Industry, 1700-1870
16. Jackman, W. T.: The Development of Transportation in Modern England
17. Landes, D.: Unbound Prometheus: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750
18. Mantoux, Paul: The Industrial Revolution in the Eighteenth Century
19. Mathias, P.: The First Industrial Nation: The Economic History of Britain, 1700-1914
20. Mingay, G. E.: Enclosure and the Small Farmer in the Age of the Industrial Revolution
21. Nef, J.: 'The Progress of Technology and the Growth of Large-scale Industry in Great Britain, 1540-1640.'. Reprinted in Carus-Wilson (ed.): Essays in Economic History (Volume 1)
22. Rostow, W. W.: The Stages of Economic Growth
23. Schumpeter, E. B.: English Overseas Trade Statistics, 1697-1808
24. Taylor, A. J.: Laissez-faire and State Intervention in Nineteenth-century Britain
25. Thompson, E.: The Making of the English Working Class

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (xvi)

SOCIAL HISTORY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND MEDICINE IN INDIA: COLONIAL PERIOD

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Colonial Science – considerations of the colonial power underpinning scientific and technological initiatives of British India – British surveys in India as colonial forms of knowledge – technology and the colonial project of India's development – Departments of Irrigation, Agriculture, Public Works, Railways – role of Asiatic Society of Bengal.

UNIT II: Western medicine in an Indian environment – colonial government, public health and state medicine – emergence of the study of tropical diseases – underpinnings of colonial power in epidemiology in colonial India – role of scientific education and technical institutions – government and private colleges – engineering and medical colleges – involvement of women in science education.

UNIT III: Nationalist science as a counter-discourse of colonial science; claim of an ancient 'national' scientific tradition for India; the search for 'scientific' texts from 'antiquity' – Nationalist medicine: Ayurveda, Unani, nationalist adoption of Homeopathy.

UNIT IV: Nationalism and the founding of institutions and associations for scientific research – Swadeshi technology: in theory and practice – response to western science: failures and successes – modern scientific outlook and the 'women question'.

Suggested Reading:

1. Arnold, D.: The New Cambridge History of India III – 5: Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India
2. Baber, Z.: The Science of Empire
3. Chakraborty, P.: Western Science in Modern India
4. Kumar, D.: Science and the Raj
5. Sangwan, S.: Science, Technology and Colonization: An Indian Experience
6. Bernal, J. D.: Science in History (2 volumes)
7. Arnold, D.: Colonizing the Body – State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth Century India
8. Lourdasamy, J.: Science and National Consciousness in Bengal, 1870-1930
9. Habib, S. I. & Raina, D. (eds.): Social History of Science in Colonial India
10. Harrison, M.: Public Health in British India
11. Dasgupta, S.: Jagadish Chandra Bose and the Indian Response to Western Science
12. Kumar, D. & MacLeod, R. (eds.): Technology and the Raj
13. Headrick, Daniel R.: The Tentacles of Progress – Technology Transfer in the Age of Imperialism, 1850-1940
14. Prakash, G.: Another Reason – Science and Imagination in Modern India
15. Erns, W.: Mad Tales from the Raj: The European Insane in British India, 1800 – 1858
16. Roy, K.: History of Public Health – Colonial Bengal, 1921 – 1947
17. Bala, P.: Imperialism and Medicine in Bengal
18. Rahman, A.: Science and Technology in Indian Culture
19. Bose, P. K. (ed.): Health and Society in Bengal
20. Palit, C. et al: Science, Technology, Medicine and Environment in India – In Historical Perspective

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (xvii)

HIS 403

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: What is environmental History? Sources and Methods, Historiography: Ecolonialism as a watershed – Nationalism and the environmental discourse.

UNIT II: Communities on the margin – indigenous societies – changing patterns of lively hood, land use, forest management – colonial and post-colonial experiences.

UNIT III: Water and social structure: the sociology of resource use and abuse – technology and ecological change in colonial times – the history of climate change – drought, famines, flood, earthquake – dislocation and migration – consequences.

UNIT IV: Independent India – technology choice – public policy – developmental discourse – distress and protest discourse – the growth of environmental concern in India.

Suggested Reading:

1. Arnold, D. & Guha, R.: Nature Culture and Imperialism: Essays on the EnvironmentalHistory of South Asia
2. Baviskar, A.: Waterscapes, The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resources
3. Cederlof, G. & Sivaramakrishnan, K. (eds.): Ecological Nationalism: Nature, Livelihoods andIdentities in South Asia
4. Chakrabarti Ranjan,:Situating Environmental History
5. Chakrabarti Ranjan,:Does Environmental History Matter?: Shikar, Subsistence, Sustenance, and the Sciences
6. D'souza, R. (ed.): Environment, Technology and Development. Critical and SubversiveEssays
7. Das Gupta, S. & Basu, R. (ed.): Narratives from the Margins, Aspects of Adivasi History inIndia
8. Gadgil, M. & Guha, R: This Fissured and : An Ecological History of India
9. Grove, R., Damodaran, V., & Sangwan, S. (eds.): Nature and the Orient: The EnvironmentalHistory of South and Southeast Asia
10. Guha, S.: Environment and Ethnicity in India, 1200-1991
11. Mosse, D.: The Rule of Water, Statecraft, Ecology and Collective Action in South India
12. Singh, S.: Taming the Waters. The Political Economy of Large Dams in India
13. Sivaramakrishnan, K.: Modern Forests, Statemaking and Environmental Change in ColonialEastern India

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (xviii)

HISTORY OF CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN MODERN INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Brief outline of the East India Company East India Company and the Dual System in Bengal Constitutional development during company's rule: era of centralization of power The Regulation Act of 1773, Pitts Acts of 1784 and the Charter Acts of 1793, 1813, and 1833.

UNIT II: Evolution of representative governance: Queen's Proclamation Government of India Act of 1858 Indian Council Act of 1861 Local Self Government: proposal of Mayo and Ripon and introduction of Local Self-Government (1864-1882) Indian Council Act of 1892 Administrative policy under Lord Curzon The Indian Council Act of 1909.

UNIT III: Making responsive governance: Montague Declaration (1917) and Montford Reforms (1919): main provisions, working of diarchy in provinces Simon Commission Nehru Report: its salient features Jinnah's fourteen Points The round table conference Communal Award, Poona Pact The Government of India Act of 1935: its main provisions Elections in 1937.

UNIT IV: Towards freedom: August Offer of 1940, Cripps Mission of 1942, C. R. Formula, Wavell's Plan of 1945, Cabinet Mission Plan of 1946 Formation of the Constituent Assembly: its debates and deliberations Attlee's declaration of 1947 Mountbatten's Plan, mechanisms on the Partition and debates on federation States The Indian Independence Act of 1947 Promulgation of the Constitution Public services in India (1858-1947) Growth of central legislature in India Growth of provincial legislature in India Framing of the new Constitution of the Republic of India Nature of the Indian Constitution Salient features of Indian Constitution

Suggested readings:

1. C. A. Bayly, *Indian Society and Making of the British Empire* (Cambridge University Press, 1990)
2. Tara Chand, *History of the Freedom Movement in India*, Vols. I-IV (Publications Division, Government of India, 1967, 1973)
3. R. Coupland, *India: The Indian Problem, 1833-1935* (Oxford University Press, 1968)
4. S. Gopal, *British Policy in India, 1858-1905* (Oxford University Press, Delhi, (1965)
5. B. B. Majumdar, *Indian Political Associations and the Reform of the Legislature, 1818-1917*, (Firma KLM Private Limited, Calcutta, 1965)
6. R. C. Majumdar, *The History and Culture of the Indian People*, Vol. VIII-X (Bhartiya Vidya Bhawan, Bombay, 1967-77)
7. B. B. Misra, *The Administrative History of India, 1834-1947* (OUP, New Delhi, (1970)
8. V. B. Mishra, *Evolution of the Constitutional History of India, 1773-1947* (Sandeep Prakshan, New Delhi, 1987)
9. Bisheshwar Prasad, *Bondage and Freedom: Freedom, 1858-1947*, Vol. II, (Rajesh Publications, New Delhi, 1979)
10. Hiralal Singh, *The Problems and Policies of British in India, 1885-1898*, (Asia Publishing House, 1963)
11. R. Cumming, *Political India, 1832- 1932* (S. Chand & Company, New Delhi, 1968)
12. Peter Ronald deSouza, *Contemporary India: Transitions* (Sage Publications, New Delhi, 2000)
13. S. Gopal, *Viceroyalty of Lord Irwin* (Oxford, Delhi, 1957)

14. D. C. Gupta, *Indian National Movement* (Vikas, New Delhi, 1970)
15. Shree Govind Mishra, *Constitutional Development and National Movement in India, 1919-1947* (JanankiPrakashan, Patna, 1978)
16. P. Robb, *The Government of India and Reform Policies towards the Politics and the Constitution, 1916-192* (London, 1976)
17. Gopal Sarvapalli, *British Policy in India (1858-1905)* (Cambridge Uni.press1965)
18. Eric Stokes, *The English Utilitarians in India* (OUP 1959)

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (vi)

HIS 405(A)

HISTORICAL METHODS

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Positivist History: the background of Empiricism; observation and prediction in history; criticism of empiricist and positivist history – Whig History; Reason and Progress; contrast with tradition.

UNIT II: Marxist History; the beginnings; Karl Marx, Marxism and History: some general themes – the Monist view of history: Determinism, critique of determinism – structuralism, history from below and new social history.

UNIT III: Annales: the agenda for Total History; Marc Bloch, Lucien Febvre and the early years– Structure, conjuncture and event: the Braudelian perspective.

UNIT IV: The history of mentalities, the history of emotions and the history of everyday life – the return of the narrative – Foucault and the history of power and discourse.

Suggested Reading:

1. Anderson, P.: Arguments within English Marxism
2. Aymard, M. & Mukhia, H.: French Studies in History
3. Bloch, M: The Historian's Craft
4. Braudel, F.: On History
5. Burke, P: Sociology and History
6. Butterfield, H.: The Whig Interpretation of History
7. Carr, E. H.: What is History
8. Cohen, G. A: Karl Marx's Theory of History: A Defence
9. Collingwood, R. G.: The Idea of History
10. Goldstein, L. G.: Historical Knowing
11. Kay, H: The British Marxist Historians
12. Le Goff, J. & Nora, P. (ed.): Constructing the Past: Essays in Historical Methodology
13. Murphey, M. G.: Our Knowledge of the Historical Past
14. Plekhanov, G.: The Monist View of History
15. Poster, M: Foucault, Marxism and History

16. Ricoeur, P: The Contributions of French Historiography to the Theory of History
17. Stoianovich, T.: The French Historical Method: The Annales Paradigm

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (vii)

HIS 405(B)

CULTURE IN BENGAL, 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES

Lectures: 60

Unit I: Defining culture: the relationship between society and culture; elements of power and contestation – traditional cultural landscape; elite, mass, and folk cultures – religious, tribal, class, gender, and regional cultural distinctions – the making of a ‘new’ ‘Bengali’ culture in colonial times and a ‘popular’ culture recently – political, social, and economic ideals, thought, and agenda in modern Bengal.

Unit II: Festivities: traditional Bengali social and religious rites among various communities – emergence of modern festivals like the baaroyaari Durga puja – modern social festivals like book fairs, literary fests, celebration of birthdays of eminent personalities like Rabindranath Tagore and Subhaschandra Bose.

Unit III: Performing arts, literature, entertainment, and public opinion: traditional Bengali performing arts like the Jatra – the modern theatre, films, radio and television – music, Rabindrasangit, Bangla Band etc. – the evolution of a modern Bengali language, literature, and reading culture – news media, public opinion, political culture.

Unit IV: Culinary, sartorial, and physical culture: traditional Bengali food, and feasts and fasts; the modern emphasis on nutrition, health, and a ‘national’ cuisine – the evolution of a regional attire in Bengal and the modern way of ‘respectable’ dressing – the culture of the akhra, Bratachari movement, football, cricket and so on.

Select Reading:

- Anisuzzaman: Muslim-manas o Bangla Sahitya. Dhaka, 2012
- Bandyopadhyay, Kausik: Scoring Off the Field. Delhi, 2016
- Banerjee, Himani: Inventing Subjects. London, 2002
- Banerjee, Sumanta: The Parlour and the Streets. Calcutta, 1989
- Baumer, Rachel M. (ed.): Aspects of Bengali History and Society. New Delhi, 1976
- Bhatia, Nandi (ed.): Modern Indian Theatre. New Delhi, 2009
- Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi: The Defining Moments of Bengal. New Delhi, 2014
- Bhattacharya, Tithi: The Sentinels of Culture. Recherche, 2005
- Biswas, Adrish and Acharya, Anil (eds.): Bangalir Battala. Calcutta, 2013
- Chaudhuri, Sukanta (ed.): Calcutta. The Living City. 2 volumes. Calcutta, 1990
- Freedman, Paul, Chaplin, Joyce E. and Albala, Ken (eds.): Food in Time and Place. AHA Companion to Food History. Oakland, 2014
- Ghosh, Anindita: Power in Print. New Delhi, 2006
- Ghosh, Benoy: Banglar Lokosamskrtir Samajtattva. Calcutta, 1979
- Ghosh, Benoy: Paschimbanger Samskrti. Calcutta, 1950
- Gohain, Hiren: The Idea of Popular Culture in the Early Nineteenth Century Bengal. Calcutta, 1991

Gooptu, Sarmistha: Bengali Cinema. New Delhi, 2010

Guha-Thakurta, Tapati: In the Name of the Goddess. Delhi, 2015

Lal, Ananda: The Oxford Companion to Indian Theatre. Calcutta, 2004

Murshid, Ghulam: Hajar Bachharer Bangali Samskrti. Dhaka. 2005

Nicholas, Ralph W.: Thirteen Festivals. Delhi, 2016

Ray, Niharranjan: Bangalir Itihas. Adiparba. Calcutta, 2009

Ray, Rajat K: Exploring Emotional History. Delhi, 2007

Roychaudhuri, Tapan: Bengal under Akbar and Jehangir. Delhi, 1969

Roychaudhuri, Tapan: Perceptions, Emotions, Sensibilities. New Delhi, 2005

Roychaudhuri, Tapan: Prabandha Sangraha. Calcutta, 2009

Sanyal, Hiteshranjan: Banglar Kirtaner Itihas. Calcutta, 1989

Sen, Kshitimohan: Hinduism. Delhi, reprint, 2005

Sen, Prabodhchandra: Banglar Itihas Sadhana. Calcutta, reprint, 1997

Som, Reba: Rabindranath Tagore. Gurgaon, 2017

Storey, John: Cultural Theory and Popular Culture. An Introduction. 5th edition, Harlow, 2009

Tagore, Rabindranath: Shiksha, Calcutta, 1908

Taylor Sen, Colleen: Feasts and Fasts. A History of Food in India. London, 2015

SEMESTER IV

HIS 405(C)

Optional Course (viii)

GLOBAL HISTORY OF PANDEMIC

Lecture 60

Unit I: Defining disease; differences between endemic, epidemic, and pandemic with examples from each; pattern evolution of a disease from endemic to epidemic then to a pandemic; change in the trend of the virus or bacteria through different waves; treatments; role of World Health Organization. An Introductory discussion on COVID Pandemic from the first to the third wave

Unit II: **CHOLERA**: First Cholera Pandemic: Kolkata, Dhaka, Burma, Ceylon in 1817; Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Basra in 1821. For the next couple of years, the disappeared from most of those places except around the Bay of Bengal as the disease then went along trade routes from Arabia to the eastern African and Mediterranean coasts.

Second Cholera Pandemic: Europe and America in 1829; Moscow in 1830 continuing to Finland and Poland; through traders and ports reached Hamburg, and Sutherland in 1831; 1832 in the Western Hemisphere, Canada to USA; 1833 it reached Mexico and Cuba.

Third Cholera Pandemic: India, Persia, Europe, United States, Great Britain in 1852

Fourth and Fifth Cholera Pandemic: Naples, Russia, China, and Japan in between 1863 to 1881; South America in the 1890s

Sixth Cholera Pandemic: 1899 to 1923 lethal in India, Arabia, and along North African Coast; Mecca 1902; Russia; certain ports of Western Europe; Italy, Greece, Turkey, and the Balkans; after 1923 cholera receded from most of the world, though endemic cases continued in the Indian sub-continent.

Seventh Cholera Pandemic: Cholera did not spread widely again until 1961 - seventh pandemic spread throughout Asia during the 1960s; during the next decade it spread westward to the Middle East and reached Africa, where cholera had not appeared for 70 years; Africa was badly affected in the 1990s; by 2005 cholera had been reported in nearly 120 countries; Zimbabwe cholera outbreak in 2008 – 09; Haiti Cholera outbreak of 2010 - 11

Unit III: '**SPANISH**' FLU: Spanish Flu did not originate in Spain, there is an absolutely different reason behind this connotation.

First Wave early 1918: Outbreak in a military camp Camp Funston in Kansas, United States 1918, from there to several military camps of US; troop travelled and brought the flu over the Atlantic Ocean; reached France, Germany, Belgium, Luxembourg and Switzerland; continued to spread from there to Eastern Europe and North Africa; reached Japan, Taiwan, Korea; Great Britain; via the Port of Bombay to India; Australia.

Second Wave late 1918: naval base in Brest France where military personnel from different countries gathered, bringing the mutated strain of the flu with them; US military camps, first in Boston, then to other Camps; rest of North America, Central America, and South America, including Brazil and the Caribbean region; France; African Continent along the coast, rivers, and railways, along the river Zambezi into Ethiopia; Russia, due to the Russian Civil War and the Trans-Siberian railway it spread throughout Asia, including Iran, India, China, and Japan.

Third Wave late 1919: began in Australia, spread to Europe, mainly affecting Siberia, France; and Great Britain; isolated outbreaks in US cities; Mexico.

After the three main waves, a few minor outbreaks occurred. Mitigation measures were remarkably similar to those for Covid -19: face masks, social distancing, and isolation / confinement.

Unit IV: **EBOLA**: It began with the death of a two-year-old toddler in December 2013 in Meliandou, a small village in south eastern Guinea; West Africa 2013-2014; Escalation of the outbreak and the role of WHO; USA; Spain; Germany, Norway, France, Italy, Switzerland, and the UK

The Course ends by questioning the pattern of past three pandemics with the present COVID Pandemic, and lessons, if at all, learnt from history.

READING LIST

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Chinmay Tumbbe, *Age of Pandemics (1817 – 1920): How they Shaped India and the World*. New Delhi: Harper Collins, 2020

Dorothy H Crawford, *Ebola: Profile of a Killer Virus*. UK: OUP, 2016

Dorothy H Crawford, *Viruses: A Very Short Introduction*. UK: OUP, 2018

Gabriel Garcia Marquez, *Love in the Time of Cholera*, 1985

Mark Honigsbaum, *The Pandemic Century: A History of Global Contagion from the Spanish Flu to Covid -19*.

Randall M Packard, *A History of Global Health: Interventions into the Lives of Other Peoples* Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2016

Sonia Shah, *Pandemic: Tracking Contagions, from Cholera to Ebola and Beyond*. New York: Sarah Crichton Books, 2016

Laura Spinney, *Pale Rider: The Spanish Flu of 1918 And How It Changed The World* UK: Random House, 2018

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (ix)

HIS 405(D)

POST PARTITION BENGAL : SELECT THEMES ON POLITICS AND SOCIETY

Unit I: a) Partition historiography; Impact of the Partition-- creation of borderlands-- migration of population, refugee rehabilitation and resettlement b) The Business world and partition: Hindu and Muslim perspectives—the arrival of freedom and the election of 1952

Unit II: Political Transformations in a 'Problem Province' --- Bidhan Chandra Roy and the reconstruction of West Bengal ; The rise of the opposition in West Bengal-- different implications---Rise and growth of leftist politics— Major Governmental Policies on Agriculture— (Operation Barga). Communism in the refugee city-- the rise of the Hindu Right.

Unit III: Changing perceptions about caste and ethnic politics---rise of the Marginal communities—trans-gender communities, refugees and minorities; Different dimensions of the Naxalite Movement----Emergency and the transition in West Bengal politics; The Bangladesh War and its impact.

Unit IV: From 'Party Society' to 'Peoples Society' ---Different dimensions of agitations; the Civil Society in Post-colonial Bengal—public intellectuals; Rise of a new genre of 'protest literature' —little magazine movements; Press and Media—.the nature of the students' movements in West Bengal----Challenges and limitations of Leftist politics—the shifting patterns of 'mass' politics.

Suggested Reading:

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Optional Course (x)

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WOMEN AND SOCIETY IN INDIAN HISTORY

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Understanding Women's History, Feminism and Gender History: Concepts, Theories and Issues; Gender: Social construction of Sexuality, Understanding Gender through Class, Caste, Race, and Community; Masculinity, Femininity, Patriarchy: Ideologies and Practices.

UNIT II: Women in pre-colonial India: Archaeology and pre-historic society; Women in the Indus Valley Civilisation; Women's Position in Vedic Society; Buddhism and Jainism; Status of Women in Medieval India: Purdah and Seclusion; Concubinage and Slavery; Gender Division of Labour in Mughal India; Engels and the Origin of Women Oppression.

UNIT III: Women in Colonial India: Social Reform Movements and Women's Issues; Women's Education; Women in Indian National Movement; Gandhian Nationalism and Women; Women's Organisations.

UNIT IV: Women in post-colonial India: Tribal and Dalit Issues; Contemporary Issues and Problems: Divorce, Dowry, Violence, Rape; Women's Movement in India; Women and Rural Development; Policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment; Issues on Women's Health.

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