

# VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY



## Curriculum for 3-Year B. A (HONOURS) in

# HISTORY

Under Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)  
w.e.f 2018-2019

**VIDYASAGAR UNIVERSITY**  
**BA (Honours) in History**  
[Choice Based Credit System]

Year	Semester	Course Type	Course Code	Course Title	Credit	L-T-P	Marks		
							CA	ESE	TOTAL
<b>Semester-I</b>									
1	I	Core-1		CT1: Greek and Roman Historians	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		Core-2		CT2: Early Historic India (proto history to 6 <sup>th</sup> century B.C)	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		GE-1		TBD	6	5-1-0/ 4-0-4	15	60	75
		AECC-1		English/MIL	2	1-1-0	10	40	50
<b>Semester –I: total</b>					<b>20</b>				<b>275</b>
<b>Semester-II</b>									
1	II	Core-3		CT3: Mauryan and Gupta Empire	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		Core-4		CT4: Political History of Early Medieval India (600 AD to 1200 AD)	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		GE-2		TBD	6	5-1-0/ 4-0-4	15	60	75
		AECC-2		ENVS	4		20	80	100
<b>Semester-II : total</b>					<b>22</b>				<b>325</b>

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<b>Semester-III</b>										
2	III	Core-5		CT5: Delhi Sultanate	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-6		CT6: The Feudal Society	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-7		CT7: Akbar and the Making of Mughal India	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		GE-3		TBD	6	5-1-0/ 4-0-4	15	60	75	
		SEC-1		TBD		2				1-1-0
	<b>Semester – III : total</b>					<b>26</b>				<b>350</b>
	<b>Semester-IV</b>									
	IV	Core-8		CT8: Renaissance and reformation	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-9		CT9: The French Revolution & Napoleon Bonaparte	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
		Core-10		CT10: 19 <sup>th</sup> Century Revolutions in Europe	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
GE-4			TBD	6	5-1-0/ 4-0-4	15	60	75		
SEC-2			TBD		2				1-1-0	10
<b>Semester – IV : total</b>					<b>26</b>				<b>350</b>	

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							CA	ESE	TOTAL
<b>Semester - V</b>									
3	V	Core-11		CT11: Select Themes in the Colonial Impact on Indian Economy and Society	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		Core-12		CT12: Peasant and Tribal uprising in colonial India in the 19 <sup>th</sup> Century	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		DSE-1		TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		DSE-2		TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75
		<b>Semester –V : total</b>				<b>24</b>			
<b>Semester-VI</b>									
VI	Core-13		CT13: International Relations after the Second World War	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
	Core-14		CT14: Modern Nationalism in India	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
	DSE-3		TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
	DSE-4		TBD	6	5-1-0	15	60	75	
<b>Semester – VI : total</b>				<b>24</b>				<b>300</b>	
<b>Total in all semester:</b>					<b>142</b>				<b>1900</b>

**CC** = Core Course , **AECC** = Ability Enhancement Compulsory Course , **GE** = Generic Elective , **SEC** = Skill Enhancement Course , **DSE** = Discipline Specific Elective , **CA**= Continuous Assessment , **ESE**= End Semester Examination , **TBD**=To be decided , **CT** = Core Theory, **L** = Lecture, **T** = Tutorial , **P** = Practical , **MIL** = Modern Indian Language , **ENVS** = Environmental Studies ,

**List of Core Course (CC)**

- CC-1: Greek and Roman Historians
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- CC-5: Delhi Sultanate
- CC-6: The Feudal Society
- CC-7: Akbar and the Making of Mughal India
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- CC-12: Peasant and Tribal Uprisings in Colonial India in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century
- CC-13: International Relations after the Second World War
- CC-14: Modern Nationalism in India

**Discipline Specific Electives (DSE)**

- DSE-1: Europe in the Ancient Regime  
Or
- DSE 1: Modern Transformation of China (1839-1949)
- DSE-2: Modern Transformation of Japan  
Or
- DSE 2: Women and Social Change in Nineteenth Century
- DSE-3: The Russian Revolution  
Or
- DSE 3: War and Diplomacy, 1914-1945
- DSE-4: Pre-colonial South East Asia  
Or
- DSE-4: Environmental History of India (Early India and Medieval Period)

**Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)**

- SEC 1: Archaeology and Museum Making in Colonial India  
Or
- SEC 1: Literature and History: Bengal  
Or
- SEC- 1: Art Appreciation an introduction to Indian art
- SEC- 2: The Making of Indian Foreign Policy  
Or
- SEC -2: Colonial Science in India: Institutions and Practices  
Or
- SEC -2: Understanding Popular Culture  
Or
- SEC-2: Understanding Heritage

**Generic Electives (GE)**

[Interdisciplinary for other Department]

- GE- 1: Theories of the Modern State
- GE- 2: Science and Empire
- GE- 3: Some Perspectives on Women's Rights in
- GE- 4: Gender & Education in India  
Or
- GE-4: History of Indian Journalism

## Core Courses (CC)

**CC-1: Greek and Roman Historians**

**Credits 06**

**C1T: Greek and Roman Historians**

**Unit – I**

**Greek Historiography**

**Module I**

**New form of inquiry (historia) in Greece in the sixth century BCE**

- 1.1 Logographers in ancient Greece.
- 1.2 Hecataeus of Miletus, the most important predecessor of Herodotus
- 1.3 Charon of Lampsacus
- 1.4 Xanthus of Lydia

**Module II**

**Herodotus and his Histories**

- 2.1 A traveller's romance?
- 2.2 Herodotus' method of history writing – his catholic inclusiveness
- 2.3 Herodotus' originality as a historian – focus on the struggle between the East and the West

**Module III**

**Thucydides: the founder of scientific history writing**

- 3.1 A historiography on Thucydides
- 3.2 History of the Peloponnesian War - a product of rigorous inquiry and examination
- 3.3 Thucydides' interpretive ability – his ideas of morality, Athenian imperialism, culture and democratic institutions
- 3.4 Description of plague in a symbolic way – assessment of the demagogues
- 3.5 A comparative study of the two greatest Greek historians

**Module IV**

**Next generation of Greek historians**

- 4.1 Xenophon and his History of Greece (*Hellenica*) – a description of events 410 BCE – 362 BCE -- writing in the style of a high-class journalist – lack of analytical skill
- 4.5 Polybius and the “pragmatic” history
- 4.3 Diodorus Siculus and his *Library of History* – the Stoic doctrine of the brotherhood of man

**Unit II**

**Roman Historiography**

**Module I**

Development of Roman historiographical tradition

- 1.1 Quintus Fabius Pictor of late third century BCE and the “Graeci annals” – Rome's early history in Greek.
- 1.2 Marcus Porcius Cato (234 – 149 BCE) and the first Roman history in Latin – influence of Greek historiography

1.3 Marcus Tullius Cicero and the speculation on the theory of history – distinguishing history from poetry – the genre of moral historiography at Rome

## Module II

### Imperial historians

2.1 Livy and the History of Rome – a work on enormous scale - Livy's style of writing: honest but uncritical - Livy's comprehensive treatment: details of Roman religion and Roman law

2.2 Tacitus' history of the Roman empire - the greatest achievement of Roman historiography? His moral and political judgements on the past -- a "philosophical historian"?

## Module III

### Historical methods in ancient Rome

3.1 Research and accuracy

3.2 Literary artistry

3.3 The use of dramatic elements

### Suggested Readings:

*The Oxford History of the Classical World*, eds., John Boardman et al, Oxford: 1986

↗ *Cambridge Ancient History*, 2nd ed., Vol. 4, eds., John Boardman et al, Cambridge:1992

↗ Anton Powell, ed., *The Greek World*, London:1995

↗ F.M. Cornford, *Thucydides Mythistoricus*, London:1907

↗ F.E. Adcock, *Thucydides and His History*, Cambridge:1963

↗ Momigliano, *Studies in Historiography*, New York: 1966

↗ ---, *Essays in Ancient and Modern Historiography*, Chicago:1977

↗ H.D. Westlake, *Individuals in Thucydides*, Cambridge:1968

↗ T.J.Luce, *The Greek Historians*, London and New York:1997

↗ Stephen Usher, *The Historians of Greece and Rome*, London:1969

↗ Michael Grant, *The Ancient Historians*, New York:1970

↗ ---, *Greek and Roman Historians*, London and New York: 1995

↗ T.A. Dorey, ed., *Latin Historians*, London:1966

↗ ---, ed., *Tacitus*, London:1968

↗ D.C. Earl, *The Political Thought of Sallust*, Cambridge:1961

↗ *Civilization of the Ancient Mediterranean: Greece and Rome*, Vol. 3, eds., Michael Grant and Rachel Kitzinger, New York: 1988

**CC-2: Early Historic India (proto history to 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C)**

**Credits 06**

**C2T: Early Historic India (proto history to 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C)**

## Unit I

### Module- I

#### Understanding early India

1.1 : Historical theories and interpretations about the Indian past

- 1.2 The idea of Bharatavarsha: Indian subcontinent with all its diversity and cultural traditions
- 1.3 An overview of literary and archaeological sources

## **Module-II**

### **Neolithic to Chalcolithic settlements**

- 2.1 The earliest village farming community in India—transition from pastoral life to the practice of agriculture: Mehrgarh and its various cultural phases
- 2.2 The first urbanization in the Indian subcontinent—Indus civilization: contemporary perspectives through a historiography
- 2.3 The early Harappan, Harappan and late Harappan phases: technology, architecture, religion and maritime trade.
- 2.4 End/transformation of the Indus civilization: different theories.

## **Module-III**

### **The Aryans in India: Vedic Age**

- 3.1 The historiography of the concept Aryan
- 3.2 The spread of Aryan settlements in India
- 3.3 The period of the Vedas, Brahmanas and Upanishads: pastoralism, agriculture and other occupations
- 3.4 Political development, culture and rituals

## **Module-IV**

### **North India in sixth century BCE**

- 4.1 Establishment of kingdoms, oligarchies and chiefdoms: sixteen Mahajanapadas
- 4.2 The autonomous clans
- 4.3 Rise of Magadhan imperialism

## **Unit II**

### **Module I**

#### **Ideas and institutions in early India**

- 1.1 Varna and Jati: the issue of upward mobility among the Shudras
- 1.2 Slavery: ancient forms and modern debates
- 1.3 Untouchables
- 1.4 Women
- 1.5 Forms of marriage

### **Module II**

#### **Cults, doctrines and metaphysics**

- 2.1 The religion of the Vedas
- 2.2 The unorthodox sects – Buddhism, Jainism and the doctrine of the Ajivikas
- 2.3 Scepticism and materialism

### **Module III**

#### **Aspects of economy in the age of Buddha**

- 3.1 Economic changes: use iron, rural economy, trade and crafts, guilds
- 3.2 Taxation
- 3.3 The second urbanization



## Module IV

### The cultural milieu

4.1 Education

4.2 Language and literature

4.3 Science and technology

#### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ L. Basham, *The Wonder that was India*
- ↗ ---, ed., *A Cultural History of India*
- ↗ D.D. Kosambi, *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*
- ↗ ---, *Culture and Civilization of Ancient India in Historical Outline*
- ↗ Romila Thapar, *Early India from the Origins to c. AD 1300*
- ↗ Hermann Kulke and D. Rothermund, *A History of India*
- ↗ R.C. Majumdar, ed., *The Vedic Age* (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan series, Vol. 1)
- ↗ ---, ed., *The Age of Imperial Unity* (Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan series, Vol. 2)
- ↗ Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*
- ↗ Ranabir Chakravarti, *Exploring Early India: Upto c. AD 1300*
- ↗ Jean-Francois Jarrige et al, eds., *Mehrgarh: Field Reports from Neolithic Times to the Indus Civilization*
- ↗ Bridget Allchin and F.R. Allchin, *The Rise of Civilization in India and Pakistan*
- ↗ B.B. Lal and S.P. Gupta, eds., *Frontiers of the Indus Civilization*
- ↗ Gregory L. Possehl, *The Indus Civilization: A Contemporary Perspective*
- ↗ ---, ed., *Ancient Cities of the Indus*
- ↗ Shereen Ratnagar, *Encounters: The Westerly Trade of the Harappan Civilization*
- ↗ Asko Parpola, *Deciphering the Indus Script*
- ↗ Nayanjot Lahiri, ed., *The Decline and Fall of the Indus Civilization*
- ↗ R.S. Sharma, *Material Culture and Social Formations in Ancient India*
- ↗ ---, *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*
- ↗ ---, *Sudras in Ancient India: A Social History of the Lower Order Down to c. AD 600*
- ↗ Dev Raj Chanana, *Slavery in Ancient India*
- ↗ G.S. Ghurye, *Caste, Class and Occupation*
- ↗ T.W. Rhys Davids, *Buddhist India*
- ↗ Brian K. Smith, *Classifying the Universe: The Ancient Indian Varna System and the Origins of Caste*
- ↗ Sukumari Bhattacharji, *Women and Society in Ancient India*
- ↗ Patrick Olivelle, ed., *Between the Empires: Society in India 300 BCE to 400 CE*

**CC-3: Mauryan and Gupta Empire**

**Credits 06**

#### C3T: Mauryan and Gupta Empire

- I. Empire Building in India- Mahajanapadas to Kingdom
- II. Formation of Mauryan Empire – Polity, Economy, Socio-Cultural Aspects, Downfall
- III. Post Mauryan Empire – Sungas & Kanvas, the Indo Greeks, Kushanas & Satavahanas
- IV. Imperial Guptas – Classical Age, Polity, Economy, Socio-Cultural Aspects, Downfall

#### Suggested Readings:



- ↗ Romila Thapar, *The Mauriyas Revisited*
- ↗ Radhakumud Mookerji, *Chandragupta Mauriya and His Times*,
- ↗ Romila Thapar, *Ashoka and the Decline of the Mauriyas*,
- ↗ Upindne Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India: From the Stone Age to the 12<sup>th</sup> Century*.
- ↗ Brajadulal Chattopadhyaya, *The Making of Early Medieval India*
- ↗ Ram Sharan Sharma, *Aspects of Political Ideas and Institutions in Ancient India*
- ↗ Romila Thapar, *A History of India*
- ↗ D.N. Jha, *Ancient India: In Historical Outlines*
- ↗ -----, *Early India: A Concise History*
- ↗ H.C. Raychowdhury, *Political History of Ancient India: From the Accession of Parikshit to the Extinction of the Gupta Dynasty*
- ↗ Ashvini Agarwal, *Rise and Fall of the Imperial Guptas*
- ↗ Dilip Kumar Ganguly, *The Imperial Guptas and their Times the Extinction of the Gupta Dynasty*.
- ↗ Parmeshwari Lal Gupta, *The Imperial Guptas: Cultural History*
- ↗ V.R. Ramachandra Dikshitar, *The Gupta Polity*
- ↗ Rama Shankar Tripathi, *History of Ancient India*

#### **CC-4: Political History of Early Medieval India (600 AD to 1200 AD)**

**Credits 06**

#### **C4T: Political History of Early Medieval India (600 AD to 1200 AD)**

##### **Unit I**

##### **Module I**

##### **Understanding the ‘early medieval’ phase in the Indian history**

- 1.1 Different perceptions on the early medieval situations
- 1.2 Literary and archaeological sources
- 1.3 Development of regional cultures: an overview

##### **Module II**

##### **Shift of political power from Pataliputra to Kanauj**

- 2.1 Gauda under Sasanka: the most formidable power in eastern India
- 2.2 The Gauda-Kanyakubja struggle and the emergence of Harshavardhana
- 2.3 Military and political supremacy of Kanauj

##### **Module III**

##### **An overview of politics in the Deccan and south India**

- 3.1 The Chalukyas of Badami
- 3.2 Chalukya-Pallava struggle
- 3.3 Rashtrakuta- Pratihara rivalry
- 3.4 Rise of the Cholas as the premier power of the south

##### **Module IV**

##### **Eastern India**

- 4.1 The Palas and the tripartite struggle
- 4.2 Expansion of Pala power towards paramountcy

### 4.3 The Senas of Bengal

## Module V

### The struggle for empire

5.1 The Ghaznavid raids

5.2 The Ghurids

5.3 Qutb-ud-din Aibak's conquests

## Unit II

### Module I

#### Political processes and structure of polity

1.1 Absence of vast territorial empires -- a 'dark period'?

1.2 Emergence of feudal polity -- nature and structure of Indian feudalism

1.3 Zenith of political feudalism: 1000 - 1200 CE

1.4 The concept of segmentary state and the Indian experience

### Module II

#### The urban scenario

2.1 Debates on the decay of urban centres

2.2 A third phase of urbanization?

### Module III

#### Administrative structures

3.1 The Chola experiment -- a centralised state?

3.2 Land revenue system

3.3 Military organisation and administration of justice

### Module IV

#### Towards transition

4.1 Conditions in India during the pre-Sultanate period

4.2 An overview of the cultural scenario

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ A.L. Basham, *Studies in Indian History and Culture*
- ↗ Hermann Kulke and D. Rothermund, *A History of India*
- ↗ Romila Thapar, *Early India from the Origins to c. AD 1300*
- ↗ R.S. Sharma and K.M. Shrimali, eds, *A Comprehensive History of India*, Vol. IV, Part I
- ↗ K.A. Nilakanta Sastri, *The Colas*
- ↗ ---, *A History of South India from the Earliest Times to the Fall of Vijayanagar*
- ↗ Upinder Singh, *A History of Ancient and Early Medieval India*
- ↗ Ranabir Chakravarti, *Exploring Early India: Upto c. AD 1300*
- ↗ Harbans Mukhia, ed., *The Feudalism Debate*
- ↗ Brajadulal Chattopadhyaya, *The Making of early Medieval India*
- ↗ ---, *Studying Early India*
- ↗ ---, ed., *A Social History of Early India*
- ↗ ---, *Aspects of Rural Settlements and Rural Society in Early Medieval India*
- ↗ Daud Ali, *Courtly Culture and Political Life in Early Medieval India*
- ↗ Burton Stein, ed., *Essays on South India*
- ↗ ---, *Peasant State and Society in Medieval South India*

- ↗ Kesavan Veluthat, *The 'Early Medieval' in South India*
- ↗ ---, *Political Structure in Early Medieval South India*
- ↗ Andre Wink, *The Making of the Indo-Islamic World: Vol. I: Early Medieval India and the Expansion of Islam 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> Centuries*
- ↗ R.S. Sharma, *Indian Feudalism AD 300-1200*
- ↗ ---, *Urban Decay in India AD 300-1000*
- ↗ ---, *Early Medieval Indian Society*
- ↗ D.N. Jha, ed., *The Feudal Order*
- ↗ R.N. Nandi, *State Formation, Agrarian Growth and Social Change in Feudal South India c. AD 600-1200*

## CC-5: Delhi Sultanate

Credits 06

### C5T : Delhi Sultanate

- I. Interpreting the Delhi Sultanate – A Survey of Sources: literary and archaeological.
- II. Foundation, Consolidation and Challenges to the Delhi Sultanate
  - (a) The State in the Thirteenth & Fourteenth Century – The Mameluks, Khaljis and Tughlaqs – Theories of Kingship – Ruling Elites, Ulama & the Political Authority
  - (b) Mongol Threat – Timur's Invasion
  - (c) Revival and Disintegration – Foundation of the Mughal Rule
- III. Emergence of Regional States: Vijayanagara, Bahmani Kingdom, Bengal
- IV. Society and Economy – Iqta System, Agricultural Production, Technology, Monetization, market, growth of urban centres; trade and commerce; Indian Ocean trade
- V. Religion, Society and Culture
  - a) Sufism – silsilas, doctrines and practice – Socio-cultural impact
  - b) Bhakti movements in south and north India – Kabir, Nanak and Sant tradition
  - c) Art, architecture and literature – Consolidation of regional identities.

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Mohammad Habib and K A Nizami ed. *Comprehensive History of India, Vol.V, The Delhi Sultanate*
- ↗ K A Nizami, *Some Aspects of Religion and Politics in India in the Thirteenth Century*
- ↗ A B M Habibullah, *The Foundation of Muslim Rule in India*
- ↗ Satish Chandra, *Medieval India, From the Sultanat to the Mughals, Vol.I*
- ↗ Peter Jackson, *The Delhi Sultanate. A Political and Military History*
- ↗ Tapan Raychaudhuri and Irfan Habib ed. *Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol.I*
- ↗ Irfan Habib, *Medieval India. Study of A Civilization*
- ↗ Mohibul Hasan, *Historians of Medieval India*
- ↗ S A A Rizvi, *A History of Sufism in India, Vol.I*
- ↗ Burton Stein, *Vijaynagara (New Cambridge History of India)*
- ↗ Vipul Singh, *Interpreting Medieval India, Vol. I*

- ↗ Abdul Karim, *BanglarItihas.SultaniAmal*
- ↗ Sukhamay Mukhopadhyay, *Banglar Ithaser Dusho Bachar. Swdhin Sultander Amal*
- ↗ Aniruddha Ray, *Madhya juger Bharater Itihas. SultaniAmol*
- ↗ Aniruddha Ray, *MadhyajugerBharatiyaShahar*

## CC-6 : The Feudal Society

Credits 06

### C6T: The Feudal Society

1. **Muhammad and Charlemagne:** Islam and the Holy Roman Empire—coronation of Charlemagne—Frankish institutions—the Carolingian Renaissance—treaty of Verdun—dissolution of the Carolingian Empire—the Saxon Empire. (7 lectures)
2. **Europe besieged:** invasions of Norsemen, Magyars, Arabs and Saracens. (3 lectures)
3. **Feudal Society and Economy (c.800—c.1100):** Feudalism—origin and features; manorialism—chivalry and romanticism—emergence of towns—trade and commerce—guilds. (8 lectures)
4. **Emergence of National Kingship:** Germany and Hohenstaufens—France under Valois. (4 lectures)
5. **Religion and Culture:** Cluniac Reforms—Investiture Contest—Monasticism—popular religion and heresy—Crusades—the order of ‘Warrior Monks’: the Knights Templar, the Knights Hospitallers and the Teutonic Knights—Schoolmen—Universities—Twelfth-century Renaissance. (8 lectures)

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Ashton, T.H. and Philipin, C.H.E. (eds.), *The Brenner Debate: Agrarian Class Structure and Economic Development in Pre-Industrial Europe*, CUP, 2005.
- ↗ Baidya, J. *Madhyayugiya Europe (800-1250)*, New Kalpana Parakashani, 2009.
- ↗ Bloch, M.L.B. *Feudal Society*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961.
- ↗ Cameron, E. (ed.), *Early Modern Europe: An Oxford History*, OUP, 2004 (NE)
- ↗ Chakravorty, B., Chakraborty S., Chattopadhyay, K. *Europe-e Yugantar*, Nababharati, 2007.
- ↗ Charles, A. N. *Humanism and the Culture of the Renaissance*, OUP, 1996.
- ↗ Collins, R., *Early Medieval Europe, 300-1000*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1991.
- ↗ Collins, R. *Charlemagne*, Toronto: University of Toronto Press, 1998.
- ↗ Davis, R. H.C. *A History of Medieval Europe: from Constantine to Saint Louis*. London; New York: Longman, 1988.
- ↗ Dutta, N. *Madhyayug theke Europer Adhunikatay Uttaran*, Mitram, 2007.
- ↗ Dutta, N.C. *Madhyayuger Europe, Vols. 1,2*, Pashchimbanga Pustak Parshad, 1972,
- ↗ Hall, A.R. *The Scientific Revolution 1500-1800 (2<sup>nd</sup> edn.)*, London, 1962.
- ↗ Havighurst, A.F. (ed.), *The Pirenne Thesis: Analysis, Criticism, and Revision*. Lexington, MA: Heath, 1976.
- ↗ Hilton, R. *Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism*, Aakar Books, 2006.
- ↗ Jones, G. *A History of the Vikings*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1968.

- ↗ Luscombe, David & Riley-Smith, Jonathan (eds.), *The New Cambridge Medieval History, IV, c.1024—c.1198, Part 2*, CUP, 2004.
- ↗ Mallik, S. *Yugasandhikshane Europe (1400-1700)*, Sobha, Kolkata, 2012.
- ↗ McEvedy, C. *The New Penguin Atlas of Medieval History*. New York: Penguin Books, 1992.
- ↗ Norwich, J.J. *Byzantium: the Decline and Fall*, London: Viking, 1995.
- ↗ Rice, E.F., Grafton, A. *The Foundations of Early Modern Europe, 1460-1559*, W.W. Norton & Company, 2004.
- ↗ Roy, M. *Europar Roopantar (1500-1700)*, Progressive Book Forum, 2004.
- ↗ Roy, P. *Madhyayuger Europe (Rahstra, Samaj, Samskriti)*, Progressive Publishers, 1995.
- ↗ Roy, P., Das, S. *Uttoroner Pathe Europe*, Progressive Publishers, 2004.
- ↗ Thompson, J.W. Jonson, E.N. *An Introduction to Medieval Europe, 300—1500*, New York, 1937.
- ↗ Tierney, B. *Western Europe in the Middle Ages, 300-1475*. 6<sup>th</sup> edn., Boston: McGraw-Hill College, 1999.
- ↗ Treadgold, W., T. *A History of the Byzantine State and Society*. Stanford, Calif.: Stanford University Press, 1997.

## CC-7: Akbar and the Making of Mughal India

Credits 06

### C7T: Akbar and the Making of Mughal India

- I. Sources and Historiography- Persian chronicles and tradition of history writing
- II. Establishment of Mughal Rule in India
- III. Formation of Imperial authority & Consolidation under Akbar-Campaigns and Conquests: tactics and technology-Evolution of administrative institutions: zabt, mansab, jagir, madad-i-maash- Revolts and resistance
- IV. Expansion and integration- Incorporation of Rajputs and other indigenous groups in Mughal nobility- North-West frontier, Gujarat, Deccan and Bengal
- V. Rural Society and Economy- Land rights and land revenue, zamindars and peasants- Agricultural production; crop patterns- Trade routes, overseas trade; Rise of Surat
- VI. Religion and Culture- Religious tolerance and Sulh-i-kul, Din-i-ilahi, Sufi mystical and intellectual interventions-Development of Mughal painting and architecture

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Vincent A. Smith, *Akbar, the Great Mogul: 1542-1605*
- ↗ George Bruce Malleson, *Akbar and the Rise of the Mughal Empire*
- ↗ Andre Wink, *Akbar*
- ↗ John F. Richards, *The Mughal Empire (The New Cambridge History of India)*
- ↗ Munis D. Faruqi, *The Princes of the Mughal Empire, 1504-1719*
- ↗ Andrew de la Garza, *The Mughal Empire at War: Babur, Akbar and the Indian Military Revolution, 1500-1605*
- ↗ Ishwari Prasad, *The Mughal Empire*
- ↗ Shireen Moosvi, *The Economy of the Mughal Empire*
- ↗ Jadunath Sarkar, *Fall of the Mughal Empire*, 3 Vols.
- ↗ Satish Chandra, *Medieval India: From Sultanat to the Mughals*, Part-II
- ↗ -----, *Historiography, Religion, and State in Medieval India*
- ↗ -----, *Parties and Politics at the Mughal Court, 1707-1740*



- ↗ -----, *Essays on Medieval Indian History*
- ↗ -----, *Mughal Religious Policies, the Rajputs and the Deccan*
- ↗ -----, *Social Change and Development in Medieval Indian History*
- ↗ Annemarie Schimmel, *The Empire of the Great Mughals: History, Art and Culture*
- ↗ Catherine B. Asher, *Architecture of Mughal India (The New Cambridge History of India)*
- ↗ Michael Fisher, *A Short History of the Mughal Empire*
- ↗ Harbans Mukhia, *The Mughals of India*

## CC-8: Renaissance and Reformation

Credits 06

### C8T: Renaissance and Reformation

1. Political and social background – political system in early modern Europe – collapse of feudalism – and the changing economic life in the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> century – commerce and navigation – monarchies and city states – features of the early modern state – the printing revolution.
2. Italian city states, the merchants, the church and the social context of the renaissance – origins of humanism – rediscovery of the classes – the impact of humanism on art, education and political thought – Machiavelli and the idea of a modern state.
3. The background to the reformation – intellectual and popular anti-clericalism – Martin Luther and the reformation – reformation in the national context: France, Switzerland and England – the distinctiveness of the English reformation – Radical reformation – the Anabaptists, etc. - counter reformation.
4. Renaissance science and the emergence of a secular culture

#### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ William Roscoe Estep, *Renaissance and Reformation*
- ↗ Bard Thompson, *Humanists and Reformers: A History of the Renaissance and Reformation*
- ↗ Jo Eldridge Carmey, *Renaissance and Reformation, 1500-1620: A Biographical Dictionary*
- ↗ David L. Morse and William M. Thompson eds., *History of Political Ideas, Vol V (Renaissance and Reformation)*
- ↗ James A. Patrick ed. , *Renaissance and Reformation, Vol. 1*
- ↗ Steven E. Ozment, *Religion and Culture in the Renaissance and Reformation*
- ↗ Jonathan W. Zophy, *A Short History of Renaissance and Reformation Europe*
- ↗ Dorothy Mills, *Renaissance and Reformation Times*
- ↗ Tom Monaghan, *Renaissance, Reformation and the Age of Discovery, 1450-1700*
- ↗ William Gilbert, *The Renaissance and the Reformation*
- ↗ Charles G. Nauert, *Humanism and the Culture of Renaissance Europe*
- ↗ Norman F. Cantor and Michael S. Werthman, *Renaissance, Reformation and Absolutism: 1450-1650*
- ↗ Lisa Mullins, *Science in the Renaissance*
- ↗ Marie Boas Hall, *The Scientific Renaissance 1450-1630*
- ↗ Vickey Herold, *Science during the Renaissance*
- ↗ Aldo Altamore and Giobvanni Antonini, *Galileo and the Renaissance Scientific Discourse*

↗ Stephen Pumfrey, Paolo L. Rossi, *Science, Culture and Popular Belief in Renaissance Europe*

## CC-9: The French Revolution & Napoleon Bonaparte

Credits 06

### C9T : The French Revolution & Napoleon Bonaparte

- I. Historiography of the French Revolution
- II. Crisis of the Ancien Regime
- III. Intellectual impetus
- IV. Socio-economic background
- V. Phases of the French Revolution – 1788-99
- VI. Rise of Napoleon – Empire building & consolidation
- VII. Impact of the French Revolution and Napoleon Bonaparte outside France
- VIII. Fall of Napoleon & Restoration of old order – Vienna Congress (1815)& Metternich

#### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Owen Connelly, *The Wars of the French Revolution and Napoleon, 1792-1815*
- ↗ Charles D. Hazen, *The French Revolution and Napoleon*
- ↗ Martyn Lyons, *Napoleoan Bonaparte and the Legacy of the French Revolution*
- ↗ Jeremy Klar, *The French Revolution, Napoloan and the Republic*
- ↗ John C. Davenport, *The French Revolution and the Rise of Napoloan*
- ↗ David Andress, *The Oxford Handbook of the French Revolution*
- ↗ J. Holland Rose, *The Revolutionary and Napoleonic Era, 1789-1815*
- ↗ William Doyel, *The Oxford History of the French Revolution*
- ↗ Alexis de Tocqueville, *The Old Regime and the Revolution*
- ↗ Eric Hobsbawm, *Age of Revolution: 1789-1848*
- ↗ Francois Furet, *Interpreting the French Revolution*
- ↗ Gary Kates, *The French Revolution: Recent Debates and New Controversies*
- ↗ Pieter Geyl, *Napoleon: For and Against*

## CC-10: 19th Century Revolutions in Europe

Credits 06

### C10T: 19th Century Revolutions in Europe

- I. The Greek War of Independence, the Revolutions of 1830, the Revolutions of 1848 – A possible turning point?
- II. The Age of Nationalism: The Second Empire in France and Louis Napoleon; Unification of Italy and Germany; The Third Republic and the Paris Commune;
- III. Russia—Tsarist autocracy and reforms, the emergence of the revolutionary movement; the Eastern Question—the Crimean War, the Treaty of Paris, Balkan nationalism.
- IV. Society and Economy in Nineteenth Century Europe: industrial transformation in Britain; difference in industrialisation process between England and the Continental powers – France, Germany and Russia – the emergence of the working class and its movements – The impact of ideology: Louis Blanc,
- V. Nationalism in Eastern and South Western Europe: Czech, Hungarian and Serbian.



### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Kahan, *Liberalism in Nineteenth Century Europe*
- ↗ Jonathan Sperber, *The European Revolutions, 1848-1851*
- ↗ Stefan Berger, *A Companion to Nineteenth Century Europe: 1789-1914*
- ↗ Michael Rapport, *Nineteenth Century Europe*
- ↗ Linda L. Clark, *Women and Achievement in Nineteenth Century Europe*
- ↗ Harry Hearder, *Europe in the Nineteenth Century*
- ↗ Tom Kemp, *Industrialization in Nineteenth Century Europe*
- ↗ T.C.W. Blanning, *The Nineteenth Century: Europe 1789-1914*
- ↗ Hannu Salmi, *19<sup>th</sup> Century Europe: A Cultural History*

## CC-11: Select Themes in the Colonial Impact on Indian Economy and Society

Credits 06

### C11T: Select Themes in the Colonial Impact on Indian Economy and Society

1. Colonial State institutions and ideologies: Colonial Economic interests, Company's Commerce, Mercantilism to Free trade, Deindustrialisation and Drain of Wealth.
2. Land Settlements and agricultural change— Commercialisation of Agriculture.
3. Modern Industrialisation — Long term Constraints
4. Census and Caste — Colonial ethnology — Sanskritisation, Westernisation and Social reform— Brahma Samaj & Parthana Samaj
5. Reformism and Revivalism: The Aryadharma and Ramkrishna Vivekananda Movement.
6. Islamic reform in India: The Reformers and the Orthodox

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Tirthankar Roy, *Economic History of India, 1857-19147*
- ↗ K. N. Raj, *Essays on the Commercialization of Indian Agriculture*
- ↗ Sekar Bandyopadhyay, *Caste, Culture and Hegemony: Social Dominance in Colonial Bengal*
- ↗ Thomas R. Trautmann, *Aryans and British India*
- ↗ Mushirul Hasan, *Writing India: Colonial Ethnography in the Nineteenth Century*
- ↗ G. S. Ghurye, *Caste and Race in India*
- ↗ Dipankar Gupta, *Caste in Question: Identity or Hierarchy*
- ↗ Nicholas B. Dirks, *Caste of Mind: Colonialism and the Making of Modern India*
- ↗ Shriram Maheswari, *The Census Administration under the Raj and After*
- ↗ C. A. Bayly, *Indian Society and the Making of the British Empire*
- ↗ Douglas M. Peers, *India under Colonial Rule, 1700-1885*
- ↗ B. R. Tomlinson, *The Economy of Modern India, 1860-1970*
- ↗ Gurilym Beckerlegge, *The Ramakrishna Mission: The Making of Modern Hindu Movement*
- ↗ Jayasree Mukherjee, *The Ramakrishna-Vivekananda Movement: Impact on Indian Society and Politics, 1893-1922*
- ↗ Neilesh Bose, *Recasting the Region: Language, Culture and Islam in Colonial Bengal*
- ↗ Shireen Maswood, Amit Dey and Ritwika Biswas, *Between Tradition and Modernity: Aspects of Islam in South Asia*

- ↗ Barbara D. Metcalf, *Islam in South Asia in Practice*
- ↗ -----, *Islamic Revival in British India: Deoband 1860-1900*
- ↗ Kenneth W. Jones, *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India, Part 3, Vol. 1*
- ↗ H.O. Pearson, *Islamic Reform and Revival in Nineteenth Century India.*

## CC-12: Peasant and Tribal Uprisings in Colonial India in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Credits 06

### C12T: Peasant and Tribal Uprisings in Colonial India in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

#### The Early 19<sup>th</sup> century

1. The early colonial rule and revenue operations, revenue demands and settlements – “restorative rebellions” – peasant –landlord combination against colonial rule in north and south India;
2. Peasant movements in Bengal and Malabar – religious appeal for the liberation of a region or an ethnic group under a new form of government. .
3. Tribal movements in pre-1857 western and eastern India – Ho, Tamar, (1820-1832), Kol and Bhumij (1825-1835) revolts , Kherwar movement of the Santals (1833), Santhal Revolt (1855), Bhil revolt (1819-1840), Kolis (1824-1848), Khasis (1829-30), Koyas (1840-1858), Konds (1846-1855)

#### The Late 19<sup>th</sup> century

4. Tribal movements – Nalkdas of Panch Mahal (1858-59), (Bokta risings of 1858-95, millenarian movement of the Mundas (1895-1900), Kuch Nagas of Kachhar (1882),
5. Peasant movements in late 19<sup>th</sup> century – conflict between landlords and tenants – resistance to taxation – emergence of substantial peasantry – the role of moneylenders and struggle against them.
6. The revolutionary potential of Indian peasantry – Barrington Moore Jr. and Eric Stokes - Classification of types of revolt and movements – Kathleen Gough, AR Desai, DN Dhanagare and Ranajit Guha.

#### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Mridula Mukherjee, *Peasants in India's Non-violent Revolution: Practice and Theory*
- ↗ Ranajit Guha, *Elementary Aspects of Peasant Insurgency in Colonial India*
- ↗ Sekar Bandyopadhyay, *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*
- ↗ Binoy Bushan Choudhuri, *Peasant History of Late Pre-Colonial and Colonial India*
- ↗ Bipan Chandra, *India's Struggle for Independence, 1857-1947*
- ↗ R. Desai, *Sate and Society in India: Essays in Dissent*
- ↗ D. N. Dhanagare, *Peasant Movements in India, 1920-1950*
- ↗ D. N. Dhanagare, *Rural Transformation in India: Challenges and Prospects*
- ↗ Sugata Bose, *Peasant, Labour and Colonial Capital: Rural Bengal since 1770*
- ↗ Shyam Charan Dube, *Antiquity to Modernity in Tribal India: Tribal Movements in India*

- ↗ Eric Stokes, *The Peasant and the Raj: Studies in Agrarian Society and Peasant Rebellion in Colonial India*
- ↗ Barrington Moore Jr., *Social Origins of Dictatorship and Democracy: Lord and Peasant in the making of the Modern World*
- ↗ Sanjukta Das Gupta, *Adivasi and the Raj*
- ↗ Suchibrata Sen, *The Santals Crisis: Identity and Integration*
- ↗ Sunil Kumar Sen, *Peasant Movements in India: Mid Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*
- ↗ David Ludden, *An Agrarian History of South Asia, Part 4, Vol. 4.*

## CC-13 : International Relations after the Second World War

Credits 06

### C13T : International Relations after the Second World War

#### Unit I:

##### Nurnberg Trials, Germany 1945 – 46

Ruins of Europe and Japan; Charter of the United Nations at San Francisco Conference, 1945; Peace Settlement after the Second World War; Beginning of the Cold War: 1947

#### Unit II

##### Conflict between Superpowers

USA and Soviet Union; Soviet Communism and the Russian leader Joseph Stalin; Soviet Union and Europe in Cold War 1945 – 1953; Military and Defense Alliances and Peace Pacts –Berlin after 1945- Fall of the Berlin Wall & German Re-Unification---- European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC); European Economic Community & European Atomic Energy Committee (Euratom)

#### Unit III

##### Decolonization and the emergence of the Third world

National Movements in Asia & Africa---Third World Organizations-OPEC, ASEAN, SAARC; West Asian Crisis--- Palestine Problem; Suez Crisis, Iran- Iraq conflicts, Gulf War ; Arab- Israel wars- activities of the PLO, Afghan Problem

#### Unit IV

##### Disintegration and Decline of the Soviet Union

Glasnost and Perestroika – Crisis of Socialist regimes in other East European Countries: Poland, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary – Response of the USA; Rise of a Unipolar World system, Globalization ---: Progress and development in science and technology--- Civil Rights Movement; Apartheid in South Africa-- Terrorism

### Suggested Readings:

1. Adam Ulam, *Expansion and Coexistence: A History of Soviet Union Policy 1917 – 1973*, second edition, New York: Praeger Publishers, 1974
2. J L Gaddis, *The United Nations and the Origins of the Cold War*. Columbia: Columbia University Press, 2000
3. L J Halle. *The Cold War as History*. New York: Harper and Row, 1967
4. P. Calvocoressi. *World Politics since 1945*. London: Roulledge, 2008
5. William R Keylor. *The Twentieth Century World and Beyond: An International History since 1900*. Oxford: OUP, 2001
6. Norman Lowe, *Mastering Modern World History*, Hampshire, Palgrave Macmillan 2013.
7. Kathleen A. Laughlin and Jacqueline L. Castledine, *Breaking the wave : women, their organizations, and feminism, 1945-1985* New York : Routledge, 2011.
8. Wini Breines, *Trouble Between Us: an Uneasy History of White and Black Women in the Feminist Movement* New York : Oxford University Press, 2006.
9. Gail Collins, *When Everything Changed: the Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to the Present*, New York : Little, Brown and Co., 2009.
10. P. Eric Louw , *The Rise, Fall, and Legacy of Apartheid*, Praeger, 2004
11. Ryan M. Irwin *Gordian Knot: Apartheid and the Unmaking of the Liberal World Order*, Oxford University Press, 2012
12. Mark Newman , *The Civil Rights Movement* , Edinburgh University Press, 2004

### CC- 14: Modern Nationalism in India

Credits 06

#### C14T: Modern Nationalism in India

1. Emergence of Nationalism in India and its historiography.
2. Anti-partition movement in 1905.
3. Gandhian Mass Movements— Non cooperation, Civil Disobedience , Quit India, Movement.
4. Roots of Communalism and Communal Award
5. Demand for Pakistan : Pakistan Movement from Cripps Mission to Cabinet Mission Plan.
6. Partition and its Aftermath.

### Suggested Readings:

- Bipan Chandra and others, *India's Struggle for Independence*.
- Sumit Sarkar, *Modern India, 1885-1947*.
- Bipan Chandra, *Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India*.
- Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, *Plassey to Partition and after*.
- Christopher Jaffrelot, *The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics 1925 to the 1990s*, London, 1996.
- Ayesha Jalal, *The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan*
- Joya Chatterjee, *Bengal Divided: Hindu Communalism and Partition, 1932-1947*.
- Ramchandra Guha, *Makers of Modern India*.
- Ramchandra Guha, *Makers of Modern Asia*.

- ↗ Ishita Banerjee-Dube, *A History of Modern India*.
- ↗ Samar Kumar Mallick, *Adhunik Bharater Dersho Bachor*.
- ↗ Sumit Sarkar, *Adhunik Bharat* (Bengali Translation)
- ↗ Bipan Chandra, *Bharater Swadhinata Sangram* (Bengali Translation).
- ↗ A. R. Desai, *Social Background of Indian Nationalism* (also see the Bengali version of this book).

### **Discipline Centric Electives (DSE)**

#### **DSE- 1 : Europe in the Ancient Regime**

**Credits 06**

#### **DSE1T : Europe in the Ancient Regime**

- 1) Political system in 18<sup>th</sup> century Europe: The empires, monarchies and republics – the holy Roman empire and the Russian empire – constitutional monarchy in Britain – the monarchical order in Spain, Prussia, Scandinavian countries, Poland and France – the republican order in the United provinces, Switzerland and Venice.
- 2) The Overseas empires and the Trading Companies – Spanish, French, Dutch and English overseas settlements.
- 3) Enlightened Despotism – Russia under Catherine – Austria and Hungary under Joseph II – Prussia under Frederick the Great.
- 4) Society and the Economy – Agriculture and Commerce – Aristocracy and the Bourgeoisie – the towns and the cities – the artisans and peasants – free peasants and serfs.
- 5) European Enlightenment – Scientific revolution and seventeenth century origins – England and Holland – the nature of God controversy – the French enlightenment – the enlightenment public sphere – the enlightenment critique of old regime – the idea of progress.

#### **Suggested Readings:**

- ↗ M. S. Anderson, *Europe in the Eighteenth Century*
- ↗ A. Cobban, *History of Modern France*, Vol. I
- ↗ William Doyle, *The Old European Order: 1660 – 1800*
- ↗ Carlo Cipolla, *Before the Industrial Revolution: European Society and Economy, 1000–1700*
- ↗ Carlo Cipolla, *Fontana Economic History of Europe: The emergence of industrial Societies*
- ↗ J. H. Plumb, *England in the Eighteenth Century*
- ↗ Nicholas Henshall, *The Myth of Absolutism: Change & Continuity in Early Modern European Monarchy*
- ↗ Peter Gay, *The Enlightenment: An Interpretation*
- ↗ Paul Hazard, *European Thought in the Eighteenth Century*
- ↗ David Ogg, *Europe of the Ancien Regime* (Fontana History of Europe)

**OR**

**DSE1T : Modern Transformation of China (1839-1949)**

1. **Pre-colonial China:** Structure of the traditional Chinese society; Taoism, Confucius, the peasantry and the gentry; State and bureaucracy, economic structure.
2. **Foreign Contact and Anglo-Chinese Relations:** The Tribute System; the Canton Trade and its collapse; Background and Impact of First and Second Anglo-Chinese Wars (Opium Wars), 'Open Door' policy.
3. **Rebellion and Restoration:** Taiping rebellion—background and causes, nature, failure; Tung-chih Restoration and the Self-strengthening Movement – causes, feature and impact.
4. **Movements, Reform and Restoration in China:** The Reform Movement of 1898; Boxer Rebellion—causes, nature and failure; Chinese Revolution of 1911—role of Dr. Sun Yat-sen; Yuan Shih-Kai and Warlordism; May 4th Movement; the rise of the Kuo-Min Tang Party; the First United Front; Chiang Kai-shek; financial imperialism in China.
5. **Formation of Communist Republics in China:** Foundation of the Communist Party; Mao Tse-Tung and the making of the Red Army; the Second United Front; Long March and the Yen-an experiment; the Chinese Revolution (1949)—ideology, causes and significance; the establishment of the People's Republic of China.

**Suggested Readings:**

- ↗ Harold M. Vinacke, *History of the Far East in Modern Times*, Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi, 1985.
- ↗ R. S. McCordock, *British Far Eastern Policy, 1894 – 1900*, New York, 1931.
- ↗ Nathaniel Peffer, *The Far East: A Modern History*, The University of Michigan Press, 1958.
- ↗ John K Fairbank (ed.), *The Cambridge History of China vol. X*, Cambridge University Press, 1978.
- ↗ J. Chesneau et al : *China from Opium War to 1911 Revolution*, Random House, USA, 1988.
- ↗ Imanuel Shu, *The Rise of Modern China*, Oxford University Press, USA, 1999.
- ↗ Lucien Bianco, *Origins of the Chinese Revolutions 1915-1949*, Stanford University Press, 1971.
- ↗ P. H. Clyde & B. F. Beers, *Far East*, Prentice Hall Press, 1975.
- ↗ D. Chowdhury, *Adhunik Juge Purba Asia-r Sankhipta Itihas*
- ↗ Haraprasad Chattopadhyay, *Chiner Itihas*
- ↗ M.K Chattopadhyay, *Chin o Japaner Itihas*
- ↗ S Guharoy, *Adhunik Purba Asia : Chin o Japaner Itihas*
- ↗ Subodh Mukhopadhyay, *Adhunik Purba Asia*.



## DSE-2 : Modern Transformation of Japan

Credits 06

### DSE2T : Modern Transformation of Japan

1. **Pre-Meiji Japan:** Tokugawa Shogunate—the feudal society and the government, economic condition; encounter with the West; the Perry Mission; the opening up of Japan to the West; the crisis and fall of the Shogunate.
1. **Meiji Restoration:** Causes, Nature; Process of modernization—social, economic, political and military reforms; Meiji Constitution; rise of political parties.
3. **Popular and Democratic Movements:** Satsuma Rebellion and Popular Rights Movement. (3 lectures)
4. **Emergence of Japan as an Imperial Power:** Sino-Japanese War (1894-'95); Anglo-Japanese Alliance; the Russo-Japanese War.
5. **Japan through the two World Wars:** Japan and World War I; Twenty-One Demands; Washington Conference; Manchurian Crisis—the role of the League of Nations; the failure of the democratic system; the rise of militarism in the 1930s and 1940s; Japan and World War II – from Pearl Harbour to Hiroshima-Nagasaki.

### Suggested Readings:

- Harold M. Vinacke, *History of the Far East in Modern Times*, Kalyani Publishers, New Delhi, 1985.
- R. S. McCordock, *British Far Eastern Policy, 1894 – 1900*, New York, 1931.
- Nathaniel Peffer, *The Far East: A Modern History*, The University of Michigan Press, 1958.
- P. H. Clyde & B. F. Beers, *Far East*, Prentice Hall Press, 1975.
- Y. B. Jansen, (ed.), *The Cambridge History of Japan vols. V-VI*, Cambridge University Press,
- Andrew Gordon, *A Modern History of Japan From Tokugawa Times to Present*, Oxford University Press, 2013.
- E H Norman & L T Woods, *Japan's Emergence as Modern State*, UBC Press, 2000.
- D. Chowdhury, *Adhunik Juge Purba Asia-r Sankhipta Itihas*
- Haraprasad Chattopadhyay, *Japaner Itihas*
- M.K Chattopadhyay, *Chin o Japaner Itihas*
- S Guharoy, *Adhunik Purba Asia : Chin o Japaner Itihas*
- Subodh Mukhopadhyay, *Adhunik Purba Asia*.

OR

## DSE-2 : Women and Social Change in Nineteenth Century

Credits 06

### DSE2T : Women and Social Change in Nineteenth Century

1. Introduction – Socio-economic changes and women in contemporary Europe – Women's role as wife and mother – 'Angel in the House' in mid-nineteenth century– Emergence of 'New Women'–Contagious Diseases Act, 1860 –its criticism –Suffragists' movements.
2. Women Question and social reform in nineteenth century India–Tension between

- tradition and modernity –Efforts to modernize women’s role: Rammohun Roy, Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar, Keshub ChandraSen, Dayananda Saraswati, Virasalingm, M G Ranade.
3. Printing and emergence of public space –Reformed culture –Women’s writing – Emergence of “new woman” in late nineteenth century –Pandita Ramabai,Sarala Devi, Begum Rokeya – Nationalism, Becoming the mothers’ of the nation.
  4. Female education–Traditional and Western – Debates over curriculum – Government’s role –Spread of female education: Bethune School, Mahakali Pathsala.
  5. Emergence of Women’s organizations- associations founded by men and those founded and managed by women-Swarna kumari Debi’s Sakhi Samity and Sarala Devi’s Bharat Stree Mahamandal, emergence of All India Women’s Conference.
  6. Debate over marriage –Native Marriage Act of 1872; Age of Consent Bill, 1891, The Rukhmabai Case, Child Marriage Restraint Act of 1927.
  7. Professional women: Chandramukhi Bose, Kadambini Ganguly and Anandibai Joshi.

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Geraldine Forbes, *Women in Modern India*, New Cambridge History of India, Vol.IV.2
- ↗ KumkumSangari and SudeshVaid ed. *Recasting Women, Essays in Colonial History*
- ↗ Radaha Kumar, *The History of Doing: An Illustrated Account of Movements for Women’s Rights and Feminism in India, 1800-1990*
- ↗ Meredith Borthwick, *The Changing Role of Women in Bengal*
- ↗ Meera Kosambi, *Crossing the Threshold*
- ↗ Sumit Sarkar and Tanika Sarkar ed. *Women and Social Reform*, Vol. 1 & 2
- ↗ Tanika Sarkar, *Hindu Wife Hindu Nation*
- ↗ Rachel Fuchs, *Women in Nineteenth Century Europe*
- ↗ GhulamMurshid, *Adhuniktar Abhimukhe Bangaramani*
- ↗ Ghulam Murshid, *RassundarithekeRokeyaNariPragatirEkshoBachhar*
- ↗ Bharati Ray, *Feminists of Early India: Saraladevi and Begum Rokeya*
- ↗ Bharati Ray (ed.) *Nari O Paribar: Bamabodhini Patrika*

**DSE 3 : The Russian Revolution**

**Credits 06**

**DSE 3T : The Russian Revolution**

1. The Background: The Economic and Social development of Russia in the 19<sup>th</sup> century – reform of Alexander II – the evolution of serfdom: Industrialisation and the working class: the Russian intelligentsia and Slavophiles, Westernisers, the populists and the social democrats.
2. Nicholas II and the Revolution of 1905 – Russian constitutionalism and modern politics.



3. The Revolutions of 1917
4. The nature of the Bolshevik state and Soviet Democracy – war communism, the new economic policy and the rise of the planned economy.
5. Nationalities and Nationalism in Russia before and after 1917.

### **Suggested Readings:**

1. Christopher Hill, *Lenin and the Russian Revolution*
2. Nicholas Riasanovsky, *The History of Russia*
3. E. H. Carr, *The Russian Revolution*
4. Alec Nove, *An Economic History of the USSR 1917-1991*
5. R. Suny, *Cambridge History of Russia*, Vol. III
6. Marc Ferro, *October, Birth of Society*
7. Marc Ferro, *The February Revolution*
8. D. Lieven, *Cambridge History of Russia*, Vol. II
9. R. T. Manning, *The Crisis of the Old order in Russia*

**OR**

**DSE 3: War and Diplomacy, 1914-1945**

**Credits 06**

**DSE 3T: War and Diplomacy, 1914-1945**

### **Unit I**

#### **Module I**

#### **Through war to peace 1914 - 1920**

- 1.1 The condition of Europe in 1914
- 1.2 The First World War: issues and stakes - appraisals and reappraisals
- 1.3 The dynamics of the war: Wilson's Fourteen Points
- 1.4 The Versailles Settlement of 1919: context, provisions and evaluation
- 1.5 Other treaties
- 1.6 Aftermath of the war

#### **Module II**

#### **Revolution and transformation in Russia**

- 2.1 War- time politics in Russia
- 2.2 The provisional government under Kerensky
- 2.3 The Bolshevik Revolution: Lenin and Trotsky
- 2.4 The new Soviet Order
- 2.5 From Lenin to Stalin
- 2.6 Soviet foreign policy 1917-1939

#### **Module III**

#### **The inter-war period**

- 3.1 The new balance of power
- 3.2 League of Nations
- 3.3 Draft Treaty of Mutual Assistance, 1923
- 3.4 Geneva Protocol, 1924
- 3.5 Locarno Treaties, 1925
- 3.6 Pact of Paris, 1928

## Unit II

### Module I

#### Road to another global war

- 1.1 Economic depression, 1929-32: prelude to the Second World War
- 1.2 Rise of dictatorship in Germany and Italy - a study in tyranny
- 1.3 Spain on fire: the Civil War, 1936-39
- 1.4 Diplomatic moves: the Nazi-Soviet Nonaggression Pact and the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis

### Module II

#### The gathering storm

- 2.1 A historiography of the Second World War
- 2.2 Hitler's foreign policy and origins of the war
- 2.3 With the Old Breed: from the Pacific Theatre to the Eastern and Western fronts
- 2.3 Reappraisal of the concept of appeasement

### Module III

#### Wartime politics in Europe

- 3.1 Coming of the Grand Alliance and conferences at Tehran, Yalta and Potsdam
- 3.2 The Lend-Lease policy of the United States
- 3.3 The allied victory and the collapse of wartime alliance

#### Suggested Readings:

- David Thomson, *Europe since Napoleon*
- Gordon A. Craig, *Germany 1866-1945*
- Ludwig Dehio, *Germany and World Politics in the Twentieth Century*
- A. J. P. Taylor, *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848-1918*
- Stephen J. Lee, *European Dictatorships 1918-1945*
- Elizabeth Wiskemann, *The Europe of the Dictators*
- Jesse D. Clarkson, *A History of Russia*
- [Christopher Hill](#), *Lenin and the Russian Revolution*
- J. D. White, *The Russian Revolution: 1917-1921*
- [David Shub](#), *Lenin: A Biography*
- Sidney Fay, *The Origins of the World War I*
- Barbara Tuchman, *The Guns of August: the Outbreak of World War I*
- Margaret MacMillan, *The War that Ended Peace: How Europe Abandoned Peace for the First World War*
- John Keegan, *The First World War*
- James L. Stokesbury, *A Short History of World War I*
- Annika [Mombauer](#), *The Origins of the First World War: Controversies and Consensus*
- Holger Herwig, ed., *The Outbreak of World War I*
- [Isaac Deutscher](#), *Stalin: A Political Biography*
- William L. Shirer, *The Rise and Fall of the Third Reich*
- [Alan Bullock](#), *Hitler: A Study in Tyranny*
- Albert Speer, [Inside The Third Reich](#)
- J. P. Taylor, *The Origins of the Second World War*
- Antony Beevor, *The Second World War*

## DSE4: Pre-colonial South East Asia

Credits 06

### DSE4T: Pre-colonial South East Asia

1. The state system – mainland SE Asia in the ancient period – early kingdoms and cultural diversity – Indian influence and the Hindu-Khmer of Cambodia, Mons of Burma and Buddhism, Indianised kingdom of Champa in Vietnam, the Chinese in Malaya and Vietnam, Srivijaya kingdom of Sumatra, the Majapahits of Java, Chola-Srivijaya struggle; the intervention of the Cholas (11<sup>th</sup> century)
2. Economy – wet rice cultivation, upland shifting and cultivation in the plains and seafaring – sawah agriculture and household based production; trade and markets; structural changes in SE Asian economy between 1<sup>st</sup> century CE to 1500 CE- Funan (Cambodia), Srivijaya maritime empire, Java. SE Asian maritime economy, international trade and commercial expansion in the mainland, Arabs and Chinese (1100-1300)
3. Religion: Theravada and Mahayana Buddhism in mainland SE Asia – Mon kingdoms and dissemination of Theravada Buddhism; links with Sri Lanka (12<sup>th</sup> century onwards); Islam in the 9<sup>th</sup> century in Malayan and Indonesian archipelago – Sufi mystical influence – Indonesian *tarekat* - toleration of non-Muslim practices and beliefs.
4. Europeans – Portuguese in the 16<sup>th</sup> century; Dutch and English in the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

### Suggested Readings:

- Norman G. Owen, *Routledge Handbook of Southeast Asian History*
- Muthiah Alagappa, *Political Legitimacy in Southeast Asia: The Quest for Moral Authority*
- Peter Church, *A Short History of South East Asia*
- Nicholas Tarling, *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, Vol.2
- Jonathan Rigg, *South East Asia: A Region in Transition*
- Ooi Keat Gin, Hoang Auh Tuan, *Early Modern Southeast Asia, 1350-1800*
- Anthony Reid, *Charting the Shape of Early Modern Southeast Asia*
- , *A History of South East Asia: Critical Crossroads*
- Amitav Acharya, *The Making of Southeast Asia*
- Michael Arthur Aung-Thwin, Kenneth R. Hall, *New Perspectives on the History and Historiographies of South East Asia: Continuing Explorations*
- David G. Marr, Anthony Crothers Milner, *Southeast Asia in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Centuries*
- Barabara Watson Andaya, Leonard Y. Andaya, *A History of Early Modern Southeast Asia, 1400-1830.*

OR

## DSE-4: Environmental History of India (Early India and Medieval Period) Credits 06

### DSE4T: Environmental History of India (Early India and Medieval Period)

#### Unit-I

- a) Environmental history—Definition, Varieties and Sources
- b) India's Ecological Profile-Variety and Vast Landscape

#### Unit-II

- a) Social Uses of Natural Resources



- b) Resources- Renewable and Non-renewable Resources
- c) Mode of Resource Use in Gathering, Nomadic, Pastoralism, Agriculture and Industrial Mode

### Unit-III

- a) Eclectic Belief Systems – Sacred Groves – Conservation from Above – Conservation from Below
- b) Indus Valley Civilization – Climatic factors for its rise and decline
- c) Agricultural Expansion and Deforestation in the Gangetic Valley
- d) Changing Perception of Forests in Early India

### Unit-IV

- a) Expansions of Agrarian Frontiers, establishment of new settlements and trade networks in hilly, jungle and marshland regions during medieval period
- b) Changing Human Relations with animals-royal hunts
- c) Forest Dwellers and the pastoral communities in the medieval period

### Suggested Readings:

1. Cederlof, Gunnel and Sivaramakrishnan, K. Ed. Ecological Nationalisms: Nature, Livelihoods, and Identities in South Asia. New Delhi: Permanent Black, 2005.
2. Chakrabarti, Ranjan. Ed. Situating Environmental History. New Delhi: Manohar, 2007.
3. Gadgil, Madhav and Ramachandra Guha. The Fissured Land: An Ecological History of India. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1993.
4. Rangarajan, Mahesh and Sivaramakrishnan, K. Ed. India's Environmental History: From Ancient times to the Colonial Period: A Reader. Vol. 1 and 2. Ranikhet: Permanent Black
5. Samuel P. Hays, Explorations in Environmental History, Pittsburg U.S.A, 1998
6. Guha Ramachandra and J. Martinez-Alier, Varieties of Environmentalism: Essays - North and South, OUP, New Delhi, 1998.
7. Guha, Ramachandra, Environmentalism: A Global History, OUP, New Delhi, 2000.
8. Odum, Eugene P., Fundamentals of Ecology, London, 1971.
9. Saxena, H.M., Environmental Studies, Rawat Publication, Jaipur & New Delhi, 2006.
10. Smith, G.H. (ed.), Conservation of Natural Resources, New York, 1965.
11. Turk, J. Introduction to Environmental Studies, Chicago, 1985.

### **Skill Enhancement Course (SEC)**

#### **SEC- 1: Archaeology and Museum Making in Colonial India**

**Credits 02**

1. The development of archaeological knowledge – early archaeological explorations: Establishment of the Archaeological Survey of India: the archaeological mapping by Alexander Cunningham –Curzon and the new impetus for archaeological conservation: Sir John Marshall and the development of Indian archaeology in the early twentieth century
2. Archaeology as the new foundation for an authentic history of India – Archaeological explorations, excavations and conservation and the creation of heritage sites - A few major sites of archaeological excavations: Public archaeology and popularization of archaeological sites – Archaeology in travel writings – Competing cultural visions around a few major heritage sites.

3. Archaeology and culture – Local historians and archaeological knowledge – the culture of collection and valorization of artifacts-----Collecting and museum making-----the profiles of a few prominent collectors and museum makers
4. Archaeology and the Museum Movement in India-----the Indian Museum----the Provincial museums and the local museums----Background to the formation of the National Museum

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Basham, A. L. (ed.) *A Cultural History of India* (Delhi, 1975).
- ↗ Chakrabarty, Dilip, *A History of Indian Archaeology from the Beginning to 1947* (Delhi, 1988).
- ↗ Guha Thakurta, Tapati, *Monuments, Objects, Histories: Institutions of Art in Colonial and Post-Colonial India* (Delhi, 2004).
- ↗ Guha Thakurta, Tapati, 'The Endangered Yakshi: Careers of an Ancient Art Object in Modern India' in Partha Chatterjee and Anjan Ghosh, eds, *History and the Present*, New Delhi, 2002.
- ↗ Kejariwal, O. P., *The Asiatic Society of Bengal and the Discovery of India's Past, 1784-1813*, Delhi, 1988
- ↗ Lahiri, Nayanjot, *Marshalling The Past: Ancient India and its Modern Histories*, Permanent Black, 2012
- ↗ Roychowdhury, Madhuparna, *Displaying India's Heritage: Archaeology and Museum Movement in Colonial India*, Orient Blackswan Publications, Delhi, 2015
- ↗ Singh, Upinder, *The Discovery of Ancient India: Early Archaeologists and the Beginnings of Archaeology*, Delhi, 2004

OR

### SEC - 1 : Literature and History: Bengal

Credits 02

1. History and Literature : An Overview
2. Dichotomy between *Itihasa* and History- sense of *itihasa* in pre-colonial period as part of literature. Concept of 'mythic time' and 'historical time'. Beginning of history-writing in Bengal. Elements of literature in it.
3. Novel as a new literary genre – looking at past through literature. Ramesh Chandra Majumdar, Akshay Kumar Maitreya, Raman Pillai, Chandu Menon, Phakirmohan Senapati.
4. Power and Patriotism: Bankim's Nationalism: *Bande Mataram*, Anandamath  
Tagore's Nationalism and Universalism: His Novels: *Ghare Baire* and *Char Adhyay*
5. Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay and the Indian Women of Early 20th Century: Some reflections in the novels- *Charitrahin* and *Pother Dabi*;  
Difference of Perspective between Bankim and Tagore
5. Narratives of Suffering - Economic and Caste discrimination: Tarashankar and the Social milieu in the pre Independent Bengal with special reference to *Ganadevata* and *Hansuli Banker Uakatha*
6. Satinath Bhaduri & the Gandhian Movement: *Dhorai Charit Manas*.

### Suggested Readings

- ↗ Ashin Dasgupta, *Itihas O Sahitya*
- ↗ Arabinda Samanta,
- ↗ Meenakshi Mukhopadhyay, *Upanyase Ati Itihas O Kalpaitihas*

- ↗ Priyadarsee Chakraborty ed., *History in Literature - Literature As History, The Issue Revisited*
- ↗ Rabindrab Rochonabali
- ↗ Romila Thapar, *Time as a Metaphor of History: Early India*
- ↗ Yan Watt, *Rise of the Novel*
- ↗ Sisir Kumar Das, *History of Indian Literature: 1911-1956, struggle for freedom : triumph and tragedy*
- ↗ Satinath Bhadurir Nirbachita Rochonaboli
- ↗ Sarat Sahitya Samagra, *Vol 1&2*
- ↗ Tarasankar Bandyopadhyay, *Hansuli Banker Upakotha,*
- ↗ Tarasankar Bandyopadhyay, *Ganadevata*

OR

**SEC- 1: Art Appreciation an introduction to Indian art**

**Credits 02**

**I. Prehistoric and protohistoric art:** \_Rock art; Harappan arts and crafts

**II. Indian art (c. 600 BCE – 600 CE):**

World Heritage Site Managers, UNESCO World Heritage Manuals [can be downloaded/ accessed at [www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org)]. Notions of art and craft\_ Canons of Indian paintings\_ Major developments in stupa, cave, and temple art and architecture Early Indian sculpture: style and iconography\_ Numismatic art

**III. Indian Art (c. 600 CE – 1200 CE) :**

Temple forms and their architectural features\_ Early illustrated manuscripts and mural painting traditions Early medieval sculpture: style and iconography\_ Indian bronzes or metal icons

**IV. Indian art and architecture (c. 1200 CE – 1800 CE) :**

Sultanate and Mughal architecture\_ Miniature painting traditions: ughal, Rajasthani, Pahari Introduction to fort, palace and haveli architecture

**V. Modern and Contemporary Indian art and Architecture:**

The Colonial Period\_ Art movements: Bengal School of Art, Progressive Artists Group, etc. Major artists and their artworks\_ Popular art forms (folk art traditions)

**Suggested Readings:**

- ↗ Neumayer, Erwin, *Lines of Stone: The pre-historic rock-art of India, South Asia Books, 1993*
- ↗ Goswamy, B.N., *Essence of Indian Art, Asian Art Museum of San Francisco, 1986*
- ↗ Huntington, Susan, *The Art of Ancient India: Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Weatherhill, 1985*
- ↗ Guha-Thakurta, Tapati, *The making of a new modern Indian art: Aesthetics and nationalism in Bengal, 1850-1920, Cambridge University Press, 1992*
- ↗ Mitter, Partha, *Indian Art, Oxford History of Art series, Oxford University Press, 2001*
- ↗ Dhar, Parul Pandya, ed., 2011, *Indian Art History Changing Perspectives, New Delhi: D.K. Printworld and National Museum Institute (Introduction).*
- ↗ Beach, M.C., *The New Cambridge History of India I: 3, Mughal and Rajput Painting, Cambridge University Press, 1992.*



↗ Ray, Niharranjan, *An Approach to Indian Art*, Calcutta, 1970

## SEC- 2 : The Making of Indian Foreign Policy

Credits 02

1. Historical Factors in India's foreign policy priorities – pan Asianism
2. The State India and the Third World – Non-alignment – Regional Cooperation
3. India and South Asia: Relationship with the Neighbours
4. India and the Great Powers – (a) United States (b) Soviet Union (c) China
5. India and Globalisation – Economic Diplomacy – The Look East Policy and the European Union
6. India's Nuclear Policy

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ A. Appadorai, *Domestic Roots of India's Foreign Policy 1947-1972*
- ↗ U. S. Bajpai (ed.), *Indian Foreign Policy: The Indira Gandhi Years*
- ↗ Jayantanuja Bandyopadhyay, *The Making of Indian Foreign Policy*
- ↗ Verinder Grover (ed.), *International Relations and Foreign Policy of India*
- ↗ Linda Racioppi, *Soviet Policy Towards South Asia since 1970*

OR

## SEC- 2 : Colonial Science in India: Institutions and Practices

Credits 02

- 1: Science in Colonial India: Problems and Perspectives
- 2: Science and Colonial Explorations: Science and Orientalism-Early European Scientists: Surveyors, Botanists, Doctors under the East India Company Service
- 3: Science in Practice: Botanical Garden, Geological Survey of India, Medical College, Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science.
- 4: Science and Indigenous Personality: Prafulla Chandra Ray, Jagadish Bose, Mahendra Lal Sarkar, Maghnad Saha, C.V. Raman- Emergence of National Science
- 5: Colonial Science in India: Science and Indian Nationalism-Response and Resistance-Ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and other Indian Nationalists.

### Suggested Readings :

- ↗ Deepak Kumar, *Science and the Raj: A Study of British India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2006
- ↗ David Arnold, *Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2000
- ↗ Uma Das Gupta ed., *Science and Modern India: An Institutional History, c. 1784-1947*, Pearson-Longman, New Delhi, 2011
- ↗ Arun Bandyopadhyay, *Science and Society in India, 1750-2000*, Manohar, New Delhi, 2006
- ↗ Pratik Chakrabarti, *Western Science in Modern India; Metropolitan Methods, Colonial Practices*, Permanent Black, New Delhi, 2004
- ↗ S. Irfan Habib, Dhruv Raina and Zaheer Baber, eds., *Social History of Science in Colonial India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2007
- ↗ Satpal Sanwan, *Science, Technology and Colonisation: An Indian Experience, 1757-1857*, Anamika Prakashan, New Delhi, 1991

- ↗ J. B. Lourdasamy, *Science and National Consciousness in Bengal: 1870-1930*, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 2004
- ↗ Deepak Kumar, *Science and Empire: Essays in Indian Context, 1700-1947*, Anamika Prakashan, New Delhi, 1991
- ↗ Chittabrata Palit, *Science and Nationalism in Bengal, 1876-1947*, Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, 2004

**OR**

**SEC - 2: Understanding Popular Culture**

**Credits 02**

**I : Introduction: Defining popular culture and understanding it historically**

**II: Visual expressions Folk art, calendar art, photography**

**III: Performance: Theatre; music;** folk tales/songs/swang and Nautanki: Identifying themes, functionality, anxieties

**IV: The audio-visual: cinema and television:**

Indian cinema: Mapping the influence of the national struggle for independence (1930s and 40s); Idealized nationalism (1950s), disillusionment and the anti-establishment mood (1970s and 80s); documentary films Expressions of popular culture in television

**V: Fairs, Festivals and Rituals:**

Disentangling mythological stories, patronage, regional variations

**VI: Popular culture in a globalized world:**

The impact of the Internet and audio-visual media

**Suggested Readings:**

- ↗ Dissanayake, W. and K. M. Gokul Singh, *Indian Popular Cinema*, Trentham Book, London, 2004
- ↗ John Storey, *Cultural Theory and Popular Culture*, London, 2001
- ↗ Oberoi, Patricia, *Freedom and Destiny: Gender, Family and Popular Culture in India*, Delhi, 2009
- ↗ Christopher Princy, *Camera Indica: The Social Life of Indian Photographs*, Chicago, 1998
- ↗ Pankaj Rag, *Dhuno ke Yatri*, Rajkamal, New Delhi, 2006 (Hindi)
- ↗ Ramanujan, A.K. *Folktales from India A Selection of Oral Tales from Twenty-two Languages (Only Introduction)*

**OR**

**SEC- 2 : Understanding Heritage**

**I. Defining Heritage**

Meaning of 'antiquity', 'archaeological site', 'tangible heritage', 'intangible heritage' and 'art treasure'

**II. Evolution of Heritage Legislation and the Institutional**



**Framework:**

Conventions and Acts— national and international\_Heritage-related government departments, museums, regulatory bodies etc. Conservation Initiatives

**III. Challenges facing Tangible and Intangible Heritage**

Development, antiquity smuggling, conflict (to be examined through specific case studies)

**IV. Evolution of Heritage Legislation and the Institutional****Framework:**

Conventions and Acts — national and international Heritage - related government departments, museums, regulatory bodies etc. Conservation Initiatives

**V. Challenges facing Tangible and Intangible Heritage:**

Development, antiquity smuggling, conflict (to be examined through specific case studies)

**VI. Heritage and Travel:**

Viewing Heritage Sites\_The relationship between cultural heritage, landscape and travel recent trends

**Suggested Readings:**

- ↗ David Lowenthal, *Possessed By The Past: The Heritage Crusade and The Spoils of History*, Cambridge, 2010
- ↗ Layton, R. P. Stone and J. Thomas. *Destruction and Conservation of Cultural Property*. London: Rutledge, 2001
- ↗ Lahiri, N. *Marshaling the Past - Ancient India and its Modern Histories*.Ranikhet: Permanent Black. 2012, Chapters 4 and 5.
- ↗ S.S. Biswas, *Protecting the Cultural Heritage (National Legislations and International Conventions)*. New Delhi: INTACH, 1999.
- ↗ Acts, Charters and Conventions are available on the UNESCO and ASI websites ([www.unesco.org](http://www.unesco.org); [www.asi.nic.in](http://www.asi.nic.in))
- ↗ Agrawal, O.P., *Essentials of Conservation and Museology*, Delhi,2006
- ↗ Chainani, S. 2007. *Heritage and Environment*. Mumbai: Urban Design Research Institute, 2007

**Generic Electives (GE)**

[Interdisciplinary for other Department]

**GE-1: Theories of the Modern State**

**Credits 06**

**GE1T: Theories of the Modern State**

1. The State Definitions and Elementary Concepts – Sovereignty and autonomy – state and the community – the nation state
2. The Absolutist State: Bodin, Hobbes and Hegel: the state, class and civil society

3. The Liberal State – the state, individualism and citizenship – the constitutional and the contractual state: John Locke – liberalism and the democratic order: Rousseau and the General Will
4. The Liberal State – the utilitarian version: Bentham and John Stuart Mill – John Mill and democracy: the tyranny of the majority
5. The state and class Marxist perspective – the problem of Bonapartism – Max Weber and the bureaucratic order
6. The ideological basis of the Welfare State and its comparison with Communism – John Rawls and the theory of justice

### Suggested Readings:

- ↗ Perry Anderson, *Lineages of the Absolutist State*
- ↗ H. Dickinson, *Liberty and Property*
- ↗ C. B. Macpherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism*
- ↗ C. B. Macpherson, *The Life and Times of Liberal Democracy*
- ↗ C. B. Macpherson, *Democratic Theory*
- ↗ Ralph Miliband, *The State in Capitalist Society*
- ↗ Harold Laski, *A Short History of Liberalism*
- ↗ Shirley Robin Letwin, *The Pursuit of Certainty: David Hume, Jeremy Bentham, John Stuart Mill and Beatrice Webb*
- ↗ James Steintrager, *Bentham*
- ↗ R. J. Halliday, *John Stuart Mill*
- ↗ Raymond Plant, *Hegel*
- ↗ Amy Gutmann, *Liberal Equality*

### GE- 2: Science and Empire

Credits 06

### GE 2T: Science and Empire

1. History and Development of Science under the Colonial Empire-Perspectives and Recent Historical Debates/ Discourse/ Trajectories.
2. Science and Colonial Empire: Concepts and Contours-Different Colonial Experiments in India-Fundamental Research in Science in India.
3. Colonial Science: Indian and Western Interaction-Role of Institutions in Promoting Scientific Knowledge (Botanical Garden, Medical Colleges, Calcutta School of Tropical Medicine, Bose Institute, Indian Institute of Science etc.)
4. Science and Empire-Indian Responses and Resistance-Ideas of Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru.
5. Scientific Activities under the Empire-Social, Political and Cultural Implication and Historical Debates.

## Suggested Reading:

- ↗ Deepak Kumar, *Science and the Raj: A Study of British India*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2006
- ↗ David Arnold, *Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India*, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2000
- ↗ Deepak Kumar, *Science and Empire: Essays in Indian Context, 1700-1947*, Anamika Prakashan, New Delhi, 1991
- ↗ Chittabrata Palit, *Science and Nationalism in Bengal, 1876-1947*, Institute of Historical Studies, Kolkata, 2004
- ↗ Uma Das Gupta ed., *Science and Modern India: An Institutional History, c. 1784-1947*, Pearson-Longman, New Delhi, 2011
- ↗ Sumit Sarkar, *Modern Times: Environment, Economy and Culture*, Permanent Black, New Delhi, 2014
- ↗ Douglas M. Peers and Nandini Gooptu, *India and the British Empire*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 2012
- ↗ Michael Mann, *South Asia's Modern History: Thematic Perspectives*, Routledge, London/New Delhi, 2014

**GE 3 : Some Perspectives on Women's Rights in India**

**Credits 06**

**GE 3T : Some Perspectives on Women's Rights in India**

### **I. Definition of Human Rights**

Human Rights and Women, a survey of the Charter  
Interrogating Human Rights vis-à-vis personal laws in India  
UN Convention and Indian Context

### **II. Indian Constitution and Women's Rights**

Fundamental Rights and Women  
Directive Principles and Women  
Major legal cases defending women's rights vis-à-vis the Constitution

### **III. Preventive Acts**

Minimum Wage Act 1948, Family Courts Act 1986, PNDT Act 1994, Latest Measures

### **IV. Issues of Violence against Women and Remedial Measures**

Domestic Violence Act, Prevention of Sexual Harassment at Workplace  
Practical application and Problems, Remedial Measures

### **V. Role of Non-Government Institutions**

Non-Government Organizations and Human Rights  
Women and Non-Government Organizations – Participations

## **VI. Present Status**

Issues of enabling and empowering modalities – Debate on uniform civil code

### **Suggested Readings:**

- ↗ Urvashi Butalia & Tanika Sarkar, (ed.), Women & Hindu Rights, New Delhi, Kali for Women, 1996
- ↗ Zoya Hasan (ed.), Forging Identities, Communities & Patriarchies, EPW, December 1995
- ↗ Bina Agarwal, Field of Her Own, New Delhi, Kali for Women,

**GE - 4 : Gender & Education in India**

**Credits 06**

**GE4T : Gender & Education in India**

### **I. Historiographical Trends**

- a. Pre-colonial historiographical trends in women's education
- b. colonial historiographical trends in women's education
- c. Post-colonial historiographical trends in women's education

### **II. Education in Early and Medieval Times**

- a. Women's Education in Medieval times
- b. Regional trends of Women's education in pre-colonial India
- c. Instances of women's education, obstacles

### **III. Colonial Period**

- a. Socio-religious reforms
- b. Role of Christian missionaries in spreading female education, recent debates
- c. Indigenous initiatives at women's education

### **IV. Role of Schools and Colleges in colonial and post-colonial period**

- a. Girls School and Colleges, development towards co-education
- b. Expansion of infrastructural facilities in education
- c. Technical and vocational education for women

### **V. Contours of female literacy since 1950**

- a. Interrogating literacy for women
- b. Government policies and Schemes
- c. Disparities in Literacy: Region, Community, Social and Eco-factors

### **VI. Present Scenario**

- a. Education as a tool of Empowerment

**Suggested Readings:**

- ↗️ Aparna Basu, Growth of Education and Political Development in India, 1898 – 1920
- ↗️ Usha Sharma, Women Education in Modern India
- ↗️ Ramnath Sharma & Rajender Sharma, History of Education in India, Atlantic Publishers, 1996
- ↗️ Aparna Basu & Bharati Ray (ed.), Women’s Struggle. A History of the All India Women’s Conference 2002

**OR**

**GE-4 : History of Indian Journalism**

**Credits 06**

**GE4T: History of Indian Journalism**

- I. History of Indian Journalism: Colonial & Post Colonial Period.
- II. Pre-colonial History of written records & modalities of Dissemination
- III. Advent of Print media: Imperialist Ideologies
- IV. Nationalism & Print Culture: Selective study of prominent newspapers: Tribune, Amrita Bazar Patrika, and Hindustan Times
- V. Writing & Reporting Experiences

**Suggested Readings:**

- ↗️ Natrajan.J, History of Indian Journalism, Vol. –ii of Press Commission Report, New Delhi, 1954
- ↗️ Natrajan. J, A history of the Press in India, Asian Publishing House, Bombay, 1962
- ↗️ Ghosh,Hamendra Prasad, Newspapers in India, University of Calcutta,1952
- ↗️ Ananda. Prakash, A History of the Tribune, A Centenary Publication by the Tribune Trust, 1986

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