



**SYLLABUS & PROGRAMME  
STRUCTURE OF FOUR YEARS  
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME**

**HISTORY**

**( Major )**

**Semester : V - VI**

**( Under National Education Policy – 2020 )**

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**MAHARAJA BIR BIKRAM UNIVERSITY  
AGARTALA, TRIPURA: 799004**



**B.A Fifth Semester**

**History**

**Paper-IX (Major)**

**POST-INDEPENDENCE INDIA (1947-1991)**

**(Credits: 4)**

***Course specific outcome:***

After studying this course:

1. The course attempts to acquaint students with the history of India after independence.
2. Students will learn about the social, political and economic history of India after Independence.
3. Students will learn about India's cultural history after Independence.
4. Students will also get a clear idea about independent India's foreign policy.

**Course Content:**

**Unit: A: Emergence of the Indian Republic**

1. transfer of power
2. integration of India states
3. making of the Indian Constitution
4. reorganization of States

**Unit: B: Democracy at work**

1. working of the center-states relations: constitutional provisions
2. J. P. Movement and Emergency,
3. Coalition politics in the 1970s and 1980s
4. Democratic Decentralization, Panchayati Raj

**Unit: C: Foreign relations**

1. Foundation of Indian foreign policy, the Panchsheel Agreement and the Nehru Era
2. Post Nehru Era developments in foreign policy
3. India in Commonwealth and UN
4. India in NAM and SAARC

**Unit: D: Socio- economic developments**

1. Planning Commission and the Five-Year Plans
2. Green Revolution, Land Reforms, Industrial progress
3. Progress of Education
4. changing status of Dalits and Women since Independence

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3. Paul Brass: Indian politics since impendence (Cambridge)
4. Bidyut Chakraborty: Indian Government and Politics (Sage)
5. Partha Chatterjee: Politics in India (OUP)
6. Bipin Chandra: Essays in Contemporary India. (Har Anand)
7. Pratap Bhanu Mehta: Politics in India (OUP)
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**B.A Fifth Semester**  
**History**  
**Paper-X (MAJOR)**  
**CONTEMPORARY WORLD (1945-1991)**  
**(Credits: 4)**

***Course specific outcome:***

***After studying this course:***

1. Students will acquire broad view of socio- economic and political developments in world history since the end of Second World War till the end of cold war
2. Students will learn about the major political events of the second half of the twentieth century
3. Students will learn about the major social movements of the twentieth century
4. Students will learn about the west Asian crisis

**Course Content:**

**Unit A: UNO, Decoloniasation and Apartheid**

1. Formation, objectives and organization of the United Nations Organization (UNO).
2. Activities of the UNO
3. Era of Decolonization- case studies of Indo- China, Algeria.
4. Apartheid: Rise and Fall

**Unit B: Cold war**

1. Cold War: Origin, Yalta and Potsdam Conferences; End of wartime alliances
2. Cold war: Different phases
3. Cold war: foreign policies of the US and USSR
4. Disintegration and Decline of the Soviet Union.

**Unit C: Social Movements**

1. Ecological- Chipko movement, Bhopal Gas tragedy, Chernobyl disaster
2. Feminist -issues and debates
3. Human Rights- issues
4. Civil Rights in USA

**Unit D: West Asia in Contemporary World**

1. West Asian Crisis- Palestine and Western Powers-
2. Birth of Israel- Arab Israel Conflict
3. The Suez Crisis (1956);
4. Origin and Formation of PLO; Yom Kippur War (1973); Camp David Accord (1979).

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4. Siddhanta Guha Roy: World Politics since 1945, A Concise History, Progressive Publishers
5. Peter Calvocoressi: World Politics 1945, New Delhi, 2006
6. Henry Heller: The Cold War and the New Imperialism, New York, 2007.
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9. Eric Hobsbawm: Age of Extremes: The Short Twentieth Century, London 1994.

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2. Gourishankar Bandyopadhyay: Itihaser Aloy samakalin Biswa 1945-2014, Progressive
3. Prafulla Kumar Chakraborty O Siddhanta Guha Roy: Antarjatic samparker Itihas 1919-1990, Progressive
4. Subodh Kumar Mukhopadhyay- samakalin Biswa o Antarjatic samparka 1919-2016, Progressive
5. Pranab Kumar Chattopadhyay: Antarjatic samparker Itihas, NCBA

**B.A Fifth Semester**  
**History**  
**Paper-XI (MAJOR)**

**MODERN U.S.A**  
**(Credits: 4)**

***Course specific outcome:***

**After studying this course:**

1. Students will know about the American War of Independence
2. Students will know about the growth of Party system and formation of New States
3. The student will learn about the process of Cotton Plantation Economy and the Slavery Issues
4. Students will learn about the role of USA in First and Second World War including the Cold War.
5. Students will learn how the USA emerged as a world power

**Course Content:**

**UNIT-A: US independence and framing of Constitution**

1. British Policy in America
2. The American War of Independence: Background, Nature and Significance
3. Framing the US Constitution: Issues and Debates
4. Role of President George Washington and John Adams

**UNIT-B: Developments in early 19<sup>th</sup> century**

1. USA under the Republicans and the Democrats
2. Anglo-US War of 1812: Background, Results and Significance
3. Westward Expansion (1815-1848), Missouri Compromise of 1820
4. Cotton Plantation and the Slavery Issues

**UNIT-C: Civil war and beyond**

1. American Civil War: Cause and Effects
2. Emergence of the Republican Party and Lincoln's Administration
3. Reconstruction Programme: Presidential, Radical and Congressional Plans
4. Growth of Capitalism and Big Business, The Great Depression and the New Deal

**UNIT-D: USA in the twentieth century**

1. Progressive Movement from Roosevelt to Wilson, US interest in Japan and China
2. Role of US in the First World War and the Fourteen Points Programme
3. USA and the Second World War
4. USA and the Cold War

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3. Foster Rhea Dulles, *The United States since 1865*, Surjeet Publication, Delhi, 1989
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**B.A Fifth Semester**  
**History**  
**Paper-XII (MAJOR)**

**MODERN SOUTH EAST ASIA**  
**(Credits: 4)**

***Course specific outcome:***

**After studying this course:**

1. Students will acquire knowledge about the way countries in South East Asia were colonized.
2. Students will get an in depth knowledge about the national movement particularly in Indonesia, Vietnam and Burma
3. students will also acquire knowledge about the major post-colonial developments in Indonesia , Vietnam and Burma

**Course Content:**

**Unit-A: Colonialism South East Asia**

1. Reasons why the Europeans came to South East Asia.
2. The Dutch Colonisation in Indonesia (17<sup>th</sup> to early 20<sup>th</sup> century)
3. The British Colonisation of Burma (three Anglo- Burmese Wars)
4. The French colonisation of Vietnam.

**Unit: B: National Movement**

1. Origin of Nationalism in South East Asia: general reasons
2. Indonesia: Origin of Nationalism, early organisations, PNI, PKI, Role of Sukarno
3. Vietnam: Origin of Nationalism and early resistance, VNQDD, ICP, Uprisings of 1930-31, Vietminh, Role of Ho Chi Minh
4. Burma: Origin, YMBA/GCBA, national movement in the 1920s and 1930s, Role of Aung Sun

**Unit-C: Japanese Imperialism and Independence Path**

1. Conquest, occupation, creation of satellite states and sponsorship of independence in South East Asia by Japan.
2. The struggle for Indonesian independence or Indonesian Revolution of 1945-49
3. Burmese independence movement in the 1940s.
4. The First Indo-China War, Division of Vietnam in 1954

**Unit-D: South East Asia in global economics and politics**

1. Indonesia- Sukarno Era: Guided Democracy, foreign policy, beginning of new order under Suharto
2. Burma: Government under U Nu- his challenges and estimate
3. Vietnam : Vietnam during the cold war: war with the USA and reunification of Vietnam.
4. ASEAN: Formation and role in regional cooperation.

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2. Nicholas Tarling, ed., Cambridge History of South-east Asia, Vol. II
3. D. R. Sardesai : South East Asia : Past and Present, Routledge, Indian edition
4. John F. Cady : South East Asia : A History, Surjeet Publications
5. D.G.E. Hall : History of South East Asia

**Bengali Books:**

1. Subodh Kumar Mukhopadhyay: Dakhhin Purba Asia, (Progressive Publishers)
2. Jahar Sen: Dakhin Purba Asiar Itihas, (Paschim Banga Rajya Pustak Parishad)
3. Subrata Kumar Mal: Adhunik Dakhin Purba Asiar Itihas ( Pandulipi Publisher)

**BA SIXTH SEMESTER  
HISTORY (MAJOR)  
PAPER: XIII  
Early India (Pre-Historic Times to 650 CE)  
(Course Credit-4)**

**Course Specific Outcome**

1. Students will develop a basic understanding of history and its various methodological approaches
2. Students will have a basic understanding of India's ancient heritages.
3. It will make them realise how history is written with the help of past material cultures.
4. Students will acquire knowledge about economic and political developments in early India.

**Course Content:**

**Unit A: Pre historic and Proto historic India**

1. Different Approaches to writing Ancient Indian history: A Historiographical Approach
2. Introduction to Indian Prehistory; Palaeolithic and Mesolithic Cultures of India: Geographical Divisions, General Characteristic Features
3. Neolithic Cultures of India; An Overview: Tool Technology, Geographical Divisions, General Characteristic Features
4. Harappan Civilisation: origin, economy and society, decline

**Unit B: Vedic civilisation to the rise of heterodox sects**

1. Post First Urbanization Phase: OCP and Copper Hoard Cultures: Distribution and Characteristic Features
2. Vedic age: debates on Aryan 'migration' theory, society, economy, political structure, religion and philosophy
3. Megalithic Cultures of India: features and distribution
4. Rise and growth of Buddhism and Jainism: reasons, their teaching and philosophy, spread

**Unit C: Transition from second urbanisation to the Mauryan Empire**

1. Emergence of Mahajanapadas: reasons, Rise of Magadhan Empire
2. Mauryan Empire: Important Sources, Mauryan Expansion and the Nature of the Mauryan Administration, the Idea of Saptanga
3. Ashoka and His Contributions to the Mauryan Empire, The Dhamma Policies,
4. Decline of the Mauryan Empire; Various Theories

**Unit D: Post Maurya Period to the Guptas**

1. Political Developments in Post Mauryan Period: Shaka Kshatrapas (Western India), Kushanas (North-Western Part of India),

2. Political Developments in Post Mauryan Period: Chalukyas of Badami and Satavahans (Deccan Region)
3. Sources and History of the Guptas; Administrations , Decline of the Gupta Empire
4. Sources and history of Harshavardhana of Thanesar; Bhaskarvarman of Kamrupa and Sasanka of Bengal

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**BA SIXTH SEMESTER  
HISTORY (MAJOR)  
PAPER: XIV  
Early Medieval India (650 CE – 1200 CE)  
(Course Credit-4)**

**Course Specific Outcome**

1. Students will develop a comprehensive idea about socio-political and economic history of the early medieval period of Indian history.
2. They will understand how regional politics and culture played a pivotal role in shaping Indian civilisation.
3. This paper will provide a basic background of the coming of Islam in India.

**Course Content:**

**Unit A: Political Developments in the Post Gupta Period**

1. Regional dynasties I: Palas of Bengal: Sources and history
2. Regional dynasties II: Senas of Bengal: sources, history
3. Regional dynasties: Pratiharas and Rashtrakutas: sources and history
4. Regional dynasties IV: The Chola and The Pallavas: sources and history

**Unit B: Economic developments:**

1. Urban centres; trade contacts with south east Asia and east Asia
2. The Guild System
3. Concept of Land Grants and Agrarian Expansion
4. The Feudalism Debate and 'The Making of Early Medieval India'

**Unit C: Social and Cultural developments:**

1. Rise and growth of regional languages
2. Art and Architecture of early medieval period: Bengal, Odisha, Gujrat and Deccan
3. Multiplication of castes-reasons, condition of women: marriage and property relation
4. Condition of Education- Nalanda and Vikramsila Universities

**Unit D: The Arab Invasion and beyond:**

1. The Arab Invasion of India: Cause and Impact.
2. The Age of Conflict: The Ghaznavids.
3. Origin of Rajputs: different theories
4. The Turkish Conquest of North India. Significance of the Battle of Tarain.

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**BA SIXTH SEMESTER  
HISTORY (MAJOR)  
PAPER: XV  
Medieval India (1200 CE – 1750 CE)  
(Course Credit-4)**

**Course Specific Outcome:**

**After studying this course:**

1. Students will be able to understand the sources for the study of Delhi Sultanate and Mughal period.
2. Students will get to know the history of many regional kingdoms that flourished in medieval India.
3. They will get an idea about the economy of India from the 13<sup>th</sup> century to the 18<sup>th</sup> century.
4. They will also learn the major developments in eighteenth century India which was a period of transition.

**Course Content:**

**Unit A: The Sultanate:**

1. Sources of Delhi Sultanate; The origin and foundation of the Delhi Sultanate: Slave dynasty; the Khaljis and the Tughluqs: Brief history
2. Nature of administration under Sultanate, Nobility under Sultanate
3. Agriculture, industry, trade and urbanisation during Sultanate period
4. Sufi and Bhakti Movements

**Unit B: Regional kingdoms:**

1. Establishment of Vijaynagar and Bahmani Kingdoms, conflict for supremacy between them.
2. Ahom dynasty in Assam: establishment, administrative system: Nobility and Paik System
3. Hussain Shahi dynasty of Bengal
4. Manikya kingdom of medieval Tripura : state formation, Vijay Manikya

**Unit C: The Mughals:**

1. Sources of Mughal History.
2. Evolution of Mughal administrative system: Mansabdari and Jagirdari systems from Akbar to Aurangzeb
3. Mughal policies towards the Rajputs, Marathas and the Sikhs
4. Art and Architecture under the Mughals

## **Unit D: Eighteenth century:**

1. Economy of India in the first half of the 18<sup>th</sup> century
2. Mughal Decline: Debate
3. Rise of Successor states: Bengal, Awadh, Hyderabad, Marathas
4. European Companies: Anglo- French conflict

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**BA Sixth Semester**  
**History**  
**Paper-XVI (MAJOR)**  
**MODERN INDIA (1750-1947)**  
**(Credits: 4)**

**Course specific outcome:**

After studying this course:

1. the students will acquire knowledge about the different facets of the social history of modern India
2. Students will learn about different aspects of colonial economy in India
3. Students will learn about agrarian uprisings and famines in colonial India
4. Students will get an understanding of the different strands within Indian National Movement along with historiographical debates.

**Course Content:**

**Unit: A : Society in Colonial India**

1. British Orientalism: Role of Asiatic Society and Fort William College; Western education: growth and impact on Indian society (1835-1947)
2. Socio-religious Reform Movements: Brahmo Samaj, Arya Samaj, Aligarh Movement
3. Women's question in the 19<sup>th</sup> century: major initiatives and changing status, Age of Consent agitation,
4. Indian capitalist class and the working class- emergence and role during colonial period

**Unit: B: Economy in Colonial India:**

1. Land revenue settlements: Bengal, Maharashtra, South India, North India; commercialization of Agriculture: nature and impact
2. British Colonialism and fate of Indian domestic and craft industries; British policy towards industries; growth of modern Industries
3. Agrarian uprisings: Indigo, Santhal, Deccan Riots
4. Famines: Bengal Famines of 1770 and 1943

**Unit: C: National Movement-I:**

1. Approaches to study Indian National Movement-Nationalist, Cambridge, Marxist, subaltern
2. Pre-Congress Political Associations and emergence of Congress; Ideology and Programme of Congress: Moderates and Extremists
3. Communal politics: Muslim League: formation and activities
4. Revolutionaries: their contribution; Left in Indian National movement

## **Unit: D: National Movement-II**

1. Emergence, nature and phases of Gandhian nationalism: 1917-1942
2. Dalit activism and National Movement: Phule, Ambedkar
3. Women in Freedom struggle
4. The coming of freedom and partition, 1942-47: Cripps Mission to Mountbatten Plan, INA, Constituent Assembly

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