

**SYLLABUS OF POST-GRADUATE MASTER OF ARTS (MA) PROGRAMME****Department of History****Gauhati University****(2021)**

*(As recommended by the Meetings of the CCS – PG in History held on 07.09.2021, 11.09.2021 and 20.09.2021 and Faculty of Arts held on 21.09.2021 and approved by the Vice Chancellor on 29.09.2021)*

This syllabus is for the Post Graduate Master in Arts (MA) Programme in History under Gauhati University and is drafted under the existing Regulations for the Choice Based Credit System (CBCS) Regulations of Post Graduate Programmes of Gauhati University (2016).

This MA Programme in History aims at an integrated approach to understanding history in the global, national and regional contexts. The Syllabus offers 29 Courses over four semesters that includes 04 Value Added Courses (VAC), 02 Open Elective Courses (OEC) and 01 Course on Dissertation.

The syllabus seeks to acquaint the student with concepts, theories and methods of history and historiography. Apart from political and socio-economic issues it incorporates various aspects of history such as gender, ethnic communities, environmental issues as well as peasants' struggles. Social, Economic and Cultural history forms an important component of the Programme. The courses on Art and Architecture history of India helps develop knowledge and the skill of art appreciation in the learners. The course (HIS 204A6) on historical connections between India and Southeast Asia would help draw the importance of the contemporary economic and geo-strategic policies of India. Emphasis on regional history is reflected with the inclusion of three courses on Northeast India and one exclusively on Assam. A learner gets the opportunity to engage in the creation of knowledge through writing a Dissertation (Course HIS 4046) under assigned mentors with practical application of historical concepts, tools and techniques.

**PROGRAMME SPECIFIC OUTCOME**

After completion of the MA Programme in History, a learner/student would be able to:

- Interpret history in the global, national and regional contexts
- Examine the concepts, theories and methods of history and historiography
- Explain the political and socio-economic issues with contemporary perspective
- Elaborate history of gender, environment, ethnic communities, workers and peasants
- Examine cultural contacts between India, South East Asia and other parts of the world
- Trace the developments in regional history
- Apply historical concepts, tools and techniques in dissertation writing

## **PEDAGOGY**

Each Course in the MA Programme in History would be facilitated by a Course Teacher, provided that in Courses where multiple specialisations are involved or where a Course Teacher is Differently Abled, there may be more than one course teacher for a Course. The Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) would coordinate the conduct of the courses with the help of the faculty members.

The course teacher would help in facilitating the course by using both Offline and Online teaching tools and techniques. Teachers would conduct seminars, quizzes, tutorials, flipped classrooms and group discussions as part of the In-semester continuous assessment process. The department would also facilitate the students to undertake MOOC courses preferably in the SWAYAM (Study Webs of Active Learning for Young Aspiring Minds) platform for the VAC courses.

## **EVALUATION**

The conduct of both In-semester and End-Semester Examinations of the MA in History Programme shall be as per the Regulations of Gauhati University.

## **PROGRAMME STRUCTURE**

The Post-Graduate Course in History requires students to opt for 16 (Sixteen) courses over four semesters. The Department also offers one Value Added Course (VAC) per semester, i.e., a total of 4 (four) VACs over 4 (four) semesters. While the sixteen courses in History are assigned 6 (six) credits each, the VACs are assigned four credits each. Thus, each semester has 28 (24+4) credits and the Post-Graduate Course in History requires a total of 112 (96+16) credits.

### Semester-wise distribution of marks

First Semester	400
Second Semester	400
Third Semester	400
Fourth Semester	400

**Specialisations:** Ancient Indian History, Medieval Indian History and Modern Indian History.

## COURSE STRUCTURE

The courses are spread over four semesters with the specializations of Ancient Indian History, Medieval Indian History and Modern Indian History being offered in every semester. The distribution of courses over the four semesters are stated below:

	<b>Course Code</b>	<b>Course category</b>	<b>Course Title</b>
<b>First Semester</b>	HIS 1016	Core	State Formation and Polity in Northeast India (up to 1826 CE)
	HIS 1026	Core	Environmental History of India
	HIS 103A6	Elective	State and Polity in Early India
	HIS 103B6	Elective	State and Polity in Medieval India
	HIS 103C6	Elective	Colonialism and Resistance in India (1757-1857 CE)
	HIS 1046	Core	Twentieth Century World History
	HIS 1054	VAC	Research Writing in Social Sciences
<b>Second Semester</b>	HIS 2016	Core	Colonial Northeast India (1826-1947 CE)
	HIS 2026	Core	Gender History
	HIS 203A6	Elective	Social History of Early India
	HIS 203B6	Elective	Social History of Medieval India
	HIS 203C6	Elective	Social History of Modern India
	HIS 204A6	Core/ Elective	India and South East Asia: Historical Connections
	HIS 204B6	Core/ Elective	East Asia: China and Japan (1839-1949 CE)
HIS 2054	VAC	Historical Application in Tourism	
<b>Third Semester</b>	HIS 3016	Core	History: Methods and Historiography
	HIS 3026	Core	Indian National Movement
	HIS 3036	OEC	Society, Economy and Culture of Assam (Up to 1947 CE)
	HIS 304A6	Elective	Economic History of Early India
	HIS 304B6	Elective	Economic History of Medieval India
	HIS 304C6	Elective	Economic History of Modern India
	HIS 3054	VAC	Heritage Sites in North East India: Case Studies
<b>Fourth Semester</b>	HIS 4016	Core	India after Independence
	HIS 402A6	Elective	Art and Architecture in Early India
	HIS 402B6	Elective	Art and Architecture in Medieval India
	HIS 402C6	Elective	Art and Architecture in Modern India
	HIS 4036	OEC	Ethnohistory
	HIS 4046	CORE	Dissertation
	HIS 4054	VAC	Cultural History of North East India

**FIRST SEMESTER****HIS1016****STATE FORMATION AND POLITY IN NORTH EAST INDIA (UP TO 1826 CE)**

**Course Overview:** The course aims at acquainting the students with the process of polity and state formation in the Brahmaputra valley and other parts of the region. The students will be introduced to emergence of new techniques/technology for state building in the region. It aims at familiarisation of various concepts and debates of state and state formation process.

**Course Outcomes:** On completion of this course, the students will be able to-

- Explain the process of state and polity formation in the region and various forces connected with this process.
- State the administrative systems of these polities and their changes over time.
- Appreciate crisis of pre-modern societies leading to the colonial penetration in the region with long term implications.

**Unit 1: Early State Formation in the Brahmaputra Valley**

- i) Sources and approaches
- ii) Definitions, theories and hypotheses of origins of state; concepts - early state, Hydraulic state, Carneiro's Circumscription theory
- iii) The Kamarupa State: Polity and Administration: Interactions with neighbouring polities
- iv) The Kapili-Jamuna and Doiyang-Dhansiri Valley

**Unit 2: Post Kamarupa States in the Brahmaputra Valley**

- i) Thirteenth Century Assam
- ii) Kamata Kingdom and the Koch State
- iii) Chutiya State Formation
- iv) Dimasa State Formation: Phases and Transformation

**Unit 3: The Ahom State**

- i) Ahom State: Establishment and Expansion
- ii) Ahom state and its relation with the Sultanates and the Mughals
- iii) Ahom State and Relationship with Hill Areas Chieftains, Principalities and Communities

**Unit 4: Administrative Structure and Crisis of the Ahom State**

- i) Nature and Theory of Kingship
- ii) Ahom administrative structure
- iii) Crisis of the Ahom State: Moamaria Uprisings

**Unit 5: Other state formations**

- i) State in Manipur
- ii) Jayantia State
- iii) Tripura State Formation

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## HIS 1026 ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF INDIA

### Course Overview:

This course intends to acquaint the students with the new discipline of ecological and environmental history. It intends to familiarize them with the relation between ecology and human civilization with particular reference to India and Northeast India. It also attempts to bring the pupils to the understanding of the social and economic conflicts emerging due to environmental factors.

### Course Outcome:

Upon completion of this course students will be able to-

- Explain the development of Environmental History.
- Identify the non-human actors in history and culture.
- Trace the relation between ecology and human civilization with particular reference to India and North East India
- Analyse social and economic conflicts emerging due to environmental factors.

### Unit I: Historiography and Concepts

- i) Definition and Scope of Environmental History; Themes in Environmental History: Water, Forests, natural disasters, climate change.
- ii) Historiography of Environmental History: International (Marsh, Turner, Hughes, Worster, Forster, etc) Indian (Guha, Gadgil, Arnold, etc)
- iii) Concepts in Environmental history: environmentalism, deep ecology, eco-feminism, wildness, etc.
- iv) Modes of Resource Use: Gathering, Nomadic Pastoralism, Settled Agricultural Mode and Industrial Mode.
- v) Phases of environmentalism in India

### Unit II: Environment and Society in Pre-colonial India

- i) Geographical Background of the Indian Subcontinent: Physical divisions, flora and fauna.
- ii) Ecology of the Harappan Culture and its decline: the Environmental factors
- iii) Use of iron implements; Agricultural Expansion and Deforestation in the Gangetic Valley.
- iv) Forest and Land use in pre-colonial India.

### Unit III: Environment in Colonial India

- i) Making of British Forest Department and Policy: Forest Acts of 1878 and 1927
- ii) Impact of British Forest Policy: Deforestation and Ecological change in India.
- iii) Commercial Exploitation of Forest Products; Impact of Railway Construction and Royal Navy on Forestry during the colonial period.

- iv) Humans and the Animal World; Hunting; Poaching; Human-Animal conflicts.
- v) Ideas on Environmentalism: M. K. Gandhi and Sunderlal Bahuguna

#### Unit IV: Environment in post-Colonial India

- i) Conservation Policies in Post-independence Period; Social Forestry, Project Tiger
- ii) Development in agriculture :Green Revolution
- iii) Environmental movements: Chipko Movement, Narmada Bachao Andolan, Movement against the Lower Subansiri dam.
- iv) Dams and Mines: Problems of displacement, Loss of Livelihood and Problems of Rehabilitation

#### Unit V: Environmental issues in North East India

- i) Ecological setting of North East India: bio-diversity
- ii) Colonial forestry and Plantation economy
- iii) Imperial economy and Forest resources
- iv) Flood and Soil Erosion in the Brahmaputra Valley
- v) Shifting Cultivation: Culture and environmental impact.
- vi) Wildlife Protection, poaching and man-animal conflict.

#### Readings:

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## HIS103A6 STATE AND POLITY IN EARLY INDIA

**Course Overview:** The course focuses on the processes of state formation in Early India in the context of changing historical milieu such as political and administrative systems, pastoralism and settled economy, and social structures. The historiography is indicative of approaches to understanding notions of pre-state, proto-state and models of state, including the regional variations covering the chronological span up to 1200CE.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- *Explain* socio-economic contexts and evolution of political formations in Early India
- *Examine* the characteristics of state and gain insights into the schools of thought that have helped to critically analyze the subject.
- *Evaluate* notions of pre-state, proto-state and models of state, including regional variations

### **Unit I: Historiography and Approach**

- i) Imperialist: Oriental Despotism
- ii) Marxist: Asiatic Mode of Production
- iii) Forms of State: Feudal; Integrative; Segmentary

### **Unit II: Harappan Culture (2600 BCE–1800 BCE)**

- i) Characteristics, Settlement Patterns, Trade, and Urbanism
- ii) First Urbanization, and Debates on Harappan Polity
- iii) Decline of Harappan Culture

### **Unit III: Tribal Polity to Territorial State:(1500-321 BCE)**

- i) Early Vedic and Later Vedic Polity: Republics and Kingdoms
- ii) Iron Technology and Second Urbanization
- iii) State Formation in the Ganga Valley: *Mahajanapadas*

### **Unit IV: Early State Models: (300 BCE- 300 CE)**

- i) *Saptanga* Theory and Mauryan Empire: Kingship and Statecraft; Asoka's *Dhamma*; Debates on Nature of the Mauryan State
- ii) *Satrapal* System: Kushanas (North India)
- iii) Polities in Deccan and South India: Satavahanas; Tamilakam in Sangam Age (Cholas, Cheras, and Pandyas)

### **Unit V: Land Grant Economy and Regional State Formation (300 - 1200 CE)**

- i) Gupta Empire: Evolution of Classical Pattern
- ii) *Samanta* System in North India: Harsavardhana

- iii) Regional States: Rajputs (North India), Chalukyas of Badami (Deccan), Cholas (South India)

### Readings:

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## HIS103B6 STATE AND POLITY IN MEDIEVAL INDIA

### Course Overview:

This course intends to study various forms of political structure of the State in medieval India. A close look of the established norms and forms of administrative practices that shaped governance will be undertaken.

This course will acquaint students with the broader debate around polity during the early medieval period from 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> centuries CE. It will look at the imperial political formations in North India in the post-12<sup>th</sup> century CE period, and undertake a survey of primary sources that help to reconstruct the period under review. It will focus on the new forms of polity that emerged from 12<sup>th</sup> century CE onwards particularly in the context of Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire and will look at statecraft and the various ideologies, courtly practices, religious practicality that went into it. Further, it will focus on Sultanate and Mughal state structure, and their aristocratic/bureaucratic manifestations. This course will also acquaint students with the various debates centered on the nature of state in medieval India. Finally, this course will introduce students to debates on political developments in the 18<sup>th</sup> century in the global as well as Indian context and discuss the various regional polities that sprang up in that period.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course, students of Medieval Indian history will be able to:

- Explain various forms of state structures and political formations.
- Identify the different ideologies that legitimised different forms of political rule and authorities.
- Contextualise different administrative practices under different rules specific to their geo-political context.
- Explain the 18<sup>th</sup> century debate in the global context and locate 18<sup>th</sup> century in Indian history in a global, regional and local perspective.

### Unit I: Texts and Contexts

- i) 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> century CE in India; conceptualising 'early medieval'
- ii) Definition of state; concepts of state formation; kingdom vis-à-vis empire
- iii) Sources

### Unit II: Ideology and the State

- i) Theories of kingship: Balban (Divine kingship); Barani (Protector of social order); Afghan despotism; Turko-Mongol traditions; Abul Fazl (social contract, viceregent of God)
- ii) Courtly culture and ceremonies: *jharokha darshan*, *tuladan*, *nauroz*
- iii) Painting the ruler: images and allegory; display of power through architecture

- iv) Statecraft and religion: juristic and Sufi Islam
- v) Rulers and religion: Alauddin Khilji, Feroz Shah Tughlaq, Akbar, Dara Sukoh and Aurangzeb

### Unit III: System of governance and the ruling classes

- i) Structure of administration: *Iqta, Mansab, Jagir*
- ii) Nobility under Delhi Sultanate: composition, changes and continuity
- iii) Nobility under Mughals: composition, changes and continuity
- iv) Lower bureaucracy and local administration: local ruling elites and intermediaries
- v) Opportunistic alliances: Mughals and Rajputs

### Unit IV: Historiography on the nature of the State

- i) Oriental and Asiatic Despotism (Bernier, Marx)
- ii) Segmentary state (Burton Stein)
- iii) Patrimonial-bureaucratic empire (Stephen Blake)
- iv) Polity of local urban groups (C A Bayly, Farhat Hasan)
- v) Medieval Indian state: centralized, not feudal (Aligarh School)
- vi) Processual approach (Sanjay Subrahmanyam, Sunil Kumar, Raziuddin Aquil)
- vii) Counter-perspectives on Mughal polity (Cynthia Talbot, Heidi Pauwels, Allison Busch)

### Unit V: Political currents in 18<sup>th</sup> century

- i) Introduction to the 18<sup>th</sup> century debate
- ii) 18<sup>th</sup> century in the Indian context:
  - a. Debates on the decline of Mughal imperial rule
  - b. Successor states: Awadh, Bengal, Hyderabad
  - c. Rise of the 'new' polities: Marathas, Afghans, Sikhs, Jats

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## HIS103C6 COLONIALISM AND RESISTANCE IN INDIA (1757-1857)

### Course Overview:

The course covers a century of British rule (1757-1857) under the English East India Company. This period marks the formation, expansion and consolidation of British political power in India, the cumulative effects of which culminated in the Revolt of 1857. The focus of this course is on Indian resistance to colonial and imperial strategies.

The course aims at acquainting the student with the dynamics of complex historical processes since the establishment of British power under the English East India Company, and its ramifications for contemporary modern state of India. It also aims at bringing 'Resistance' into focus to restore agency to the colonized subjects.

**Course Outcome:** The course would make the student conversant and up-to-date with-

- Recent debates related to the period under study for research in history
- Issues and legacies that are carried over to contemporary times.

### UNIT I: Historiography

- i) Writings of Pre-1857 period: Imperialist Historiography; Utilitarian Philosophy; Writings of Orientalists; European Critics of British Imperialism-Samuel Lucas, Karl Marx.
- ii) Historiography of Post-1857: Imperialist Reinterpretation of pre-1857 historiography; James Hutton, Thomas Munro, Henry Lawrence, HC Irwin etc.; Nationalist School; Marxist School.
- iii) Historiography of Post-1947: Marxist School; Subaltern historiography; Revisionists
- iv) Historiography on Revolt of 1857.

### UNIT II: Initial Resistance and Emergence of East India Company as a Political Power

- i) Competing narratives of 18<sup>th</sup> century; Economic, political and social transition; growth of regional powers; rise of intermediary groups
- ii) Conflict over economic resources and Resistance to British interference – *Farukhsiyar's Farman*, fortification of Calcutta, conspiracies from Fulta, Impact of Seven Years' War.
- iii) *de facto* annexation of Bengal: Significance.
- iv) Military technology: Indian Resistance and British Success.

### UNIT III: Imperial Strategy: Modernization and Resistance as defense mechanisms

- i) Revenue administration –financial mainstay of the Company; Imperial ideology behind Permanent Zamindari Settlement of Land; Regulation I of 1829— combination of revenue, judicial and police powers.
- ii) Judicial Structure: Debate on hegemony versus insecurity; local realities versus imperial ideology; Foundations of Modern India Judicial system.
- iii) Administrative Reforms: ideological underpinnings of the British Steel frame-- Indian Civil Service – a legacy in post-Independence era; Imperialist ideology behind Reforms of 1828-35 ; Subsidiary Alliance : Diplomatic, political and commercial factors that led to its introduction; preservation of ‘country trade’-- a cogent factor for British hegemony.
- iv) Modernization and Resistance as defense mechanisms: Mysore – A Case Study

#### UNIT IV: Popular, Peasant and Tribal Resistance

- i) Resistance of Gomdhar Konwar (1828); Khasi Resistance (1829-34), Singpho Uprising (1830)
- ii) *Mapilla Lhbhalla* (1836-1921): Nature, absence of class consciousness, Misinterpretation of traditional structure of agrarian society, new land-owning class, large scale agrarian indebtedness; Kolathur Uprising of 1851—Reports of TL Strange, William Logan and Charles Innes 1915; Continuity with agrarian unrest in 20th C.
- iii) Kol Uprising (1820-37): New Forest Regulations
- iv) Santhal *Hool* (1855-56); Nature, goals and methods; Crucial link between ‘crime wave’ of 1854 and the Santhal *Hool*; Significance.

#### UNIT V: Revolt of 1857

- i) The peasant armed, the peasant in Uniform: Crucial link between Revolt of Sepoys and Grievances of the Peasantry; town and country.
- ii) Social origins; Popular dimensions of 1857—Adivasis, low castes, outcastes, popular culture
- iii) Situating the Northeast in the multiple narratives of 1857

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## HIS1046 THE TWENTIETH CENTURY WORLD HISTORY

### Course overview:

The course is designed to engage the students in an inter-disciplinary method of analysing the developments of the 20<sup>th</sup> century world. The course will make the students look at certain philosophical and political movements and ideologies of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, from a historical perspective. It unfolds to the students the way to look at developments in the 20<sup>th</sup> century global existence, both in the western and non-western country so as to historically examine the significance of these developments in the subsequent period.

**Course Outcome:** At the end of the course, the students will be able to-

- Identify the historical forces that fashioned the developments of the 20<sup>th</sup> century world.
- Identify the causes of world wars.
- Evaluate what bearing did socio-cultural and political movements of equality have on the contemporary world.

### UNIT I: Concepts and ideologies

- i) Capitalism, imperialism and socialism
- ii) Communism
- iii) Liberalism
- iv) Nationalism and ethnicity

### UNIT II: Global war and impact

- i) World War I and Peace Settlement
- ii) The League of Nations; Collective Security
- iii) Rise of totalitarianism regimes: Italy, Germany, Spain, Japan.

### UNIT III: Second World War, Reconstruction and new political order

- i) Origins of the World War II and the aftermath: World Conferences
- ii) Post war de-colonization: Africa; West Asia
- iii) Rise of Communist China
- iv) New World Order: UNO

### UNIT IV: The Cold War and its impact

- i) Origins of Cold War
- ii) The World in two Blocs
- iii) Cold war in Asia: Korea, Vietnam, Afghanistan; Tensions in Cuba and Palestine;
- iv) Cold War in Europe: Division of Germany
- v) World peace and NAM

## UNIT V: Post-Cold War World

- i) Détente and End of Cold War: Disintegration of USSR
- ii) Unipolarism and the Neo-Liberal turn
- iii) Socio-Political issues of the Twentieth century: Civil Rights Movement; Racialism and Apartheid
- iv) Economic and Political Unions: European Union, NAFTA, SAARC

### Readings:

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## HIS 2016

### COLONIAL NORTHEAST INDIA (1826 - 1947 CE)

**Course Overview:** The course is designed to acquaint the students with the process of colonial penetration of the region and introduction of new mode of administration. The students will be introduced to the opening of the region to colonial exploitation and its implications in the region. Various resistance movement and struggle for freedom in the region, emergence of the region as directional category of 'northeast' and its gradual integration with the new nation state forms core of this course.

#### **Course Outcome:**

- The students will be in position to explain the impacts of colonialism in the region.
- Students will be able to grasp the development of modern political institutions, emergence of identity consciousness and gradual integration of the region with the new nation in the making.

#### **Unit 1: British Occupation & Expansion**

- i) Sources
- ii) Establishment: Treaty of Yandabo and its impact in the Northeast
- iii) Consolidation: David Scott and Captain Jenkins
- iv) Expansion: Annexation of Cachar, Jaintia & Khasi Hills, Garo Hills, Lushai Hills, Naga Hills
- v) Relation with Trans Inner Line tribes: Balipara & Sadiya frontiers, NEFA

#### **Unit 2: Resistance, Political Consciousness, and Early Organisations**

- i) Gomdhar Konwar, Piyali Phukan, U. Tirot Singh, the Khamti and the Singpho rebellion
- ii) Decline of the old aristocracy; Emergence of national consciousness; Early organisations (Jorhat Sarbajanik Sabha, Assam Association, Ryot Sabha)
- iii) Growth of Modern Education: American Baptist Missionaries, Language Debate
- iv) Partition of Bengal: Response and Reaction (Swadeshi Movement, Growth of Revolutionary Terrorism, Growth of Students Movement)

#### **Unit 3: Freedom Struggle and Assam**

- i) Local Self Government in Assam (India Council Act 1892, Morley-Minto Reforms); Government of India Act 1919 (Dyarchy) and colonial intervention in tribal areas; Non-cooperation Movement
- ii) Simon Commission, Civil Disobedience Movement – Cunningham Circular, Line System



- iii) Government of India Act 1935 (Provincial Autonomy and Administration of Tribal Areas); Rise of the Left and new Political parties; Immigration and Muslim Politics
- iv) Quit India Movement & INA; Cabinet Mission Plan and the Grouping Controversy – Sylhet Referendum.

#### Unit 4: British Paramountcy in Manipur

- i) Anglo Manipur War 1891; Manipur State Darbar and Administration of Justice; Introduction of Military Police
- ii) Transition from Lallup System of Revenue to New Revenue Administration
- iii) Administration of Hills Areas (Lambu System), Introduction of House Tax and Pothang System
- iv) Anglo-Kuki War 1917-1919; Nupi Lan 1904 & 1939; Zeliangrong Movement
- v) Manipur and the Second WW; Merger with Indian Union in 1949

#### Unit 5: British India and Tripura

- i) Administrative changes
- ii) Resistance Movement: Tipra, Reang, Jamatia
- iii) Tripura in the World War I and II
- iv) Merger with Indian Union

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## HIS2026 GENDER HISTORY

**Course Overview:** The course introduces the basic concepts and precepts of gender history. It seeks to engage the students in feminist debates and discourse of gender history. The course is designed to both create gender sensitivity and encourage research in the field. The course is built on an interdisciplinary approach of understanding gender.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of the course students will be able to -

- Explain the central concepts of feminism, and gender
- Situate women's march towards a more equitable and just social order.
- Engage in an interdisciplinary way to situate the women's question in the larger socio-political and cultural milieu.

### Unit I: Key concepts

- i) Sex, Gender, Sexuality, Feminism
- ii) Sex-Gender debate, stereotype, LGBTQTAI+
- iii) Patriarchy, Sexual Orientation
- iv) Gender History; Women Studies

### Unit II: Sources and Tools

- i) Conventional sources and its limitations
- ii) Alternative tools: autobiography, biography, life history, photographs, memoirs, private correspondence, interviews, ethno-social studies
- iii) Folk tradition, Oral tradition, Oral History

### Unit III: Theoretical perspectives

- i) Liberal feminism
- ii) Socialist feminism
- iii) Radical feminism
- iv) Post structural/post-modernist feminism
- v) Queer theory

### Unit IV: History of Women's visibility

- i) Suffragette Movement, Civil Rights Movement in UK and USA
- ii) Women in politics and religion in early and medieval India
- iii) Constitutional and property Rights, Dalit Feminism and the question of double marginality
- iv) Women in Literature

### Unit V: Women in public sphere

- i) Matrilineal societies: North East India, Kerala and Africa
- ii) Women in political movements of Assam

## iii) Women agency in peace process: a case of NE India

**Readings:**

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## HIS203A6

### SOCIAL HISTORY OF ANCIENT INDIA

**Course Objectives:** The course is designed to acquaint student with the various approaches to studying the social history of ancient India and the social structure and religious traditions that shaped early Indian society. It examines the social and material milieu in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C.E that led to social protest and the emergence of sectarianism in Brahmanical religion. It also examines the position of women in early India through the prism of contemporary literature and art.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- Discuss the various approaches to studying social history of ancient India
- Explain the social structure and religious traditions that shaped early Indian society.
- Examine the social and material basis leading to socio-religious changes.
- Determine the status of women in early Indian society

#### **UNIT I: Historiography and Approaches**

- i) *Itihasa-Purana* tradition
- ii) Writings on ancient India: Greek, Roman, Arab
- iii) Colonial Historiography: Orientalists, Imperialists, Utilitarians, Nationalists
- iv) Post-Colonial Historiography – Marxists

#### **UNIT II: Society and Social formations**

- i) Emergence of *varna-jati, varnasramadharma*
- ii) Untouchability
- iii) Slavery

#### **UNIT III: Early Indian Religious Traditions – Continuity and Change**

- i) Harappan
- ii) Vedic Age
- iii) Epico-Pauranic Age
- iv) Emergence of Sectarianism in Brahmanical Religion

#### **UNIT IV: Social Protest in the First Millennium B.C.E.**

- i) Factors leading to emergence of Heterodox Sects
- ii) Emergence and development of Jainism: regional developments
- iii) Emergence and development of Buddhism
- iv) Minor sects: Ajivikas and Charvakas

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## HIS 203B6 SOCIAL HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA

### Course Objective:

The course is designed to provide insight into the composition and structure of Medieval Indian society. It particularly focuses on the dominant socio-religious traditions and movements that developed during the period. It further looks at the position and role of women in society, politics and religion.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of the course, students will be able to:

- Understand and assess the nature of Medieval Indian society.
- Examine the dominant trends and developments of society and religion.

### Unit I: Medieval Indian Society

- i) Historiography of Medieval Indian Social History: Themes and Sources
- ii) The Zamindars
- iii) The Peasantry
- iv) Workers and Artisans

### Unit II: Devotional Faiths and Movements

- i) Bhakti in India: Background, Features, Nirguna and Saguna Bhakti, Ideas of Dissent, Protest and Reform
- ii) The North Indian Sant Tradition: Kabir, Dadu, Nanak and the Sikh Faith

### Unit III: Regional Traditions of Bhakti

- i) The Maharashtrian Saint Tradition – The Warkari Tradition, Jnaneswar, Eknath, Chokhamela, Namdev, Tukaram, The Cult of Vithoba
- ii) Bhakti in Eastern India: Assam, Bengal and Orissa.
- iii) South Indian Bhakti: Virasaivism

### Unit IV: Sufism: Forms, Institutions, Practices

- i) Origin, Concepts and Practices
- ii) Sufis in India, Silsila and Khanqahs- Chishti, Suhrawardy, Qadiri and Naqshbandi

### Unit V: Women in Medieval India

- i) Women in Politics
- ii) Devotion and Dissent: The Women Bhakti Saints of India (Akka Mahadevi, Maharashtrian Bhakti Saints, Mirabai)
- iii) The Position and Situation of Women in Medieval India: An Overview

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## HIS203C6 SOCIAL HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA

**Course Overview:** The course is designed towards an understanding of the concept of Social History. It makes an in-depth study of the forces that shaped Indian society during the colonial period. It examines intervention of the colonial state and its impact on issues such as class, caste, women, education and public health.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- Examine the concept of Social History
- Illustrate the social history of Modern India
- Explain the forces that shaped Indian society in the colonial period

### **Unit I: Concepts and Historiography**

- i) Historiography
- ii) Concepts: What is Social History; Sanskritization; Westernization; Secularization.
- iii) Evangelicalism and Utilitarianism
- iv) Cultural Hegemony: White Man's burden

### **Unit II: Colonial Intervention and New Social Classes**

- i) Zamindars, Mahaldars, Moneylenders
- ii) Tenants and Kisans
- iii) Emergence of Middle Class: professionals; businessmen
- iv) Industrial and agricultural labour.

### **Unit III: Colonial State and Social Change**

- i) Bentinck's Reforms
- ii) Modern Education and New Intelligentsia
- iii) Press
- iv) Public Health

### **Unit IV: Ideology, Social Reform and Revivalist movements**

- i) Brahmo Samaj; PrarthanaSamaj; Ramkrishna Mission
- ii) Wahabi Movement; Aligarh Movement
- iii) Arya Samaj

### **Unit V: Social Issues: Caste and Women**

- i) Contribution of Jyotiba Phule, M K Gandhi, BR Ambedkar and Periyar to caste and dalit related issues.
- ii) The Gandhi-Ambedkar Debate

- iii) Contribution of Pandita Ramabai, Begum Rookeya Hussain, Tarabai Shinde, Kamaldevi Chattopadhyay, Chandraprova Saikiani

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**HIS 204A6****INDIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIA: HISTORICAL CONNECTIONS****Course Objectives:**

This course aims to introduce students of Indian history to shared and connected historical experiences of people in India and Southeast Asia. It will acquaint students to the diverse socio-political and cultural landscape of Southeast Asia, and will highlight India's connections with SE Asia from ancient times to contemporary times.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to:

- Identify the different countries of SE Asia and their unique geo-political location and significance
- Identify and explain myriad strands of connections that India has historically shared with SE Asia
- Explain the importance of trade and trading networks in establishing contacts and collaborations
- Identify Northeast India's shared political and cultural heritage with SE Asia
- Explain the contemporary geo-strategic political and economic partnerships

**Unit I: Introduction**

- i. Countries in SE Asia
- ii. Geography, Political and Cultural Landscape

**Unit II: Socio-Political Connections**

- i) Spread of Buddhism
- ii) Indianization/Sanskritisation/Hinduisation
- iii) Sanskrit and the Epic Tradition; Jatakas
- iv) Temples, Sculptures, Epigraphs, Paintings: Brahmanical and Buddhist
- v) Performing Arts: theatre, drama, dance forms

**Unit III: Connections: Trade networks, People and Places**

- i) Maritime Linkages; Maritime Silk Route
- ii) Intra-Asian Trade in pre-colonial times
- iii) Colonial connectivity: contemporary experiences of colonialism, Trade between colonial India and colonial Southeast Asia

**Unit IV: Northeast India and SE Asia**

- i) Networks of overland trade
- ii) People: Community Linkages; Migration
- iii) *Zomia* and the idea of a regional connectedness; Shared cultural heritage

**Unit V: Continuity of Connections in the contemporary world**

- i) Strategic geo-political connections: ASEAN and India; BIMSTEC; BMIC; Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC)
- ii) Look East Policy to Act East Policy: A Historical Overview of India's engagement with Southeast Asian countries
- iii) Forging new pathways: Asian Highway Network (special reference to AH 1)

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## **HIS 204B6 HISTORY OF EAST ASIA: CHINA AND JAPAN 1839-1949 CE**

**Course Objectives:** The objective of this course is to understand the History of East Asia, beginning with the opening of China to the West, reaction to Western imperialism up to the establishment of the Communist Republic in modern China. It also deals with Japan's transition from feudalism to modernity, internal reconstruction, changes in socio-economic and political structures up to the rise of militarism.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- Explain the History of East Asia and the Communist Republic in modern China. Interpret Japan's transition from feudalism to modernity
- Examine the rise of militarism.

### **Part I: China**

#### **UNIT I: Opening Up of China**

- i) Opium Wars (1839 -1860), Unequal Treaties
- ii) Increasing Western Economic Interests; Open Door Policy

#### **UNIT II: Emergence of Nationalism**

- i) Popular Movements: Taiping, Self-Strengthening Movement, Boxer Rebellion
- ii) Nationalism in China: Revolution of 1911, Sun Yat Sen and Three Peoples Principles
- iii) Emergence of the Republic and Yuan Shi Kai, Warlordism (1916 1925)
- iv) New Intellectual ideas and May Fourth Movement

#### **Unit III: Communism in China**

- i) Political crisis in the 1920's
- ii) Problem of early industrialization
- iii) KMT and The First United Front
- iv) Communist Party under Mao Tse Tung, Second United Front, Long March, The Chinese Revolution (1949), Establishment of the Peoples' Republic of China.

### **PART II: Japan**

#### **UNIT IV: End of Isolation to Meiji Restoration**

##### **A. Pre- Restoration Period**

- i) Tokugawa Shogunate
- ii) Japan and the West Perry Mission, Harris Treaty

##### **B. Meiji Restoration (1867 68)**

- i) Meiji Constitution; Rise of Political Parties

- ii) Processes and nature of modernization: Abolition of feudalism, industrialisation, Zaibatsu, military changes

#### **UNIT V: Emergence of Japan as an Imperial Power**

- i) Sino- Japanese War, 1894-95
- ii) Russo-Japanese War, 1904-05
- iii) Washington Conference
- iv) Manchurian Crisis; Rise of Militarism

#### **Reading List:**

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**THIRD SEMESTER****HIS3016****HISTORY: METHODS AND HISTORIOGRAPHY**

**Course Overview:** The Course is designed to familiarise students with the basic concepts relating to the nature, methods and practice of the discipline of history imbued with a Philosophy of History. It also provides an overview of the major historiographical traditions of the discipline relating to the early and medieval times.

**Course Outcome:** This course will enable students to

- Assess the different approaches and trends in history.
- Evaluate and critique historical processes.

**Unit I: Interrogating 19<sup>th</sup> Century Frameworks**

- i) Introduction to Philosophy of History, Scientificity, Objectivity and the Factual Basis of History or Source Utilisation.
- ii) Interpretation and History – Problems and Perspectives
  - a. Chronological, Descriptive and Political History of the Positivists.
  - b. Whig Notions of Change and Progress.
  - c. Ethnocentrism and Teleology

**Unit II: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Frameworks – I**

- i) The Marxist Approach or the Economic Interpretation of History – Historical or Dialectical Materialism, The Base Superstructure Model and its Critique.
- ii) Variations and Marxist Influences  
The History from Below of the British Marxists  
The Subaltern School

**Unit III: 20<sup>th</sup> Century Frameworks – II**

- i) The Annales Perspective: The idea of Total History and the Interdisciplinary Approach (Marc Bloch and Lucien Fabvre – 1<sup>st</sup> Generation)  
The use of multiple/alternate sources of history (Oral, folk, etc.)  
The Comparative and Regressive Methods.
- ii) Fernand Braudel's Global and Environmental Perspective (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Annales)
- iii) What is Micro-history?  
The History of Mentalite (Mentalities)  
Significant dimensions in the Annales view and its practice by Emmanuel Le Roy Ladurie and others (3<sup>rd</sup> Generation Annales)

#### Unit IV: New Questions, Perspectives and Methods of History

- i) Postmodern Perspective – Michel Foucault
- ii) Oral History Method

#### Unit V: Historiography

- i) What is Historiography?
- ii) Overview of Early Historical Tradition: Greek (Herodotus, Thucydides), Roman (Livy, Tacitus), Chinese (Ssu Ma-chien).
- iii) Overview of Medieval Historical Traditions: Christian (St Augustine) and Islamic (Ibn Khaldun).

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## HIS 3026 INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

**Course Overview:** The course traces the genesis and various trends of the Indian National Movement. It analyses the various forces at work during the movement that led to partition and independence. The involvement of women in the National Movement is integrated in the course.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- Trace the genesis and various trends of the Indian National Movement.
- Analyse the forces that led to Partition and Independence
- Assess participation of women and marginalized groups in the National Movement

### **Unit I: Historiography and Genesis of Indian National Movement**

- i) Historical debates on the Indian National movement
- ii) Rise of Political Consciousness: Peasant and tribal uprisings
- iii) The Economic Critique of colonialism
- iv) Provincial Association and Foundation of Indian National Congress

### **Unit II: Early Phase up to 1919**

- i) Moderate and extremist phase – their strategies, issues and political vision
- ii) Partition of Bengal and Swadeshi Movement
- iii) Hindu revivalism
- iv) Formation of Muslim League
- v) Split in the Congress and rise of Revolutionary activities
- vi) Ghadar Movement; Home Rule Movement
- vii) The Lucknow Pact

### **Unit III: Gandhian Phase**

- i) Gandhi's early career, his elevation to the leadership of all-India politics,
- ii) Creation of a strong organizational structure for the Congress
- iii) Non-cooperation and Khilafat
- iv) The Years of stagnation: The Swarajist and No changers
- v) Simon Commission
- vi) Civil Disobedience Movement
- vii) Gandhi Irwin Pact; Round Table Conference; Poona Pact

### **Unit IV: Emergence of New Forces**

- i) The Depressed Classes
- ii) Peasant movements
- iii) Trade Unionism.

- iv) Right and Left wing; Revolutionary Terrorism
- v) Communalism: Liberal and Extreme Phase

### Unit V: Towards Independence

- i) Provincial autonomy
- ii) Quit India Movement
- iii) Subhas Bose and the INA
- iv) Partition and Transfer of Power

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**HIS 3036****SOCIETY, CULTURE & ECONOMY OF ASSAM (UP TO 1947 CE)**

**Course Overview:** The paper deals with the social transformation and economic changes in Assam up to the end of colonial rule. The student will be acquainted with various transitional stages and culmination of Assamese identity under the colonial administration. It will introduce the students to development of Assamese linguistic identity and implications thereof. Emergence of plantation economy, modern resource exploitative industry and their role in the shaping of the society and economy is sought to be carried out in the paper.

**Course Outcome:**

- The students will learn the transformation of the society in Assam over the ages.
- The students will learn the long-term impact of the colonial rule and responses of the Assamese nationalists and their role in shaping the contemporary Assamese society.

**Unit 1: Society & Economy in Early Assam**

- i) Migration and Racial Composition: (from the east and west)
- ii) Introduction of *Varnasramadharma* and its development: Emergence of professional groups
- iii) Land grant economy: Emergence of feudalism/feudal-like formations.
- iv) Religious Developments: Animism, Brahmanical Religion, Jainism and Buddhism
- v) Cultural Developments: Arts and Crafts, Sculpture, painting, Architecture, Development of Literature
- vi) Trade and Trade Routes

**Unit 2: Society in Medieval Assam**

- i) Social Structure: Caste, Tribe & Women
- ii) Social Organisation: The Paik System, Caste-Class Relations, Material Conditions.
- iii) Tantricism; Saktism; Saivism; Tribal Religious Beliefs and Practices; Islam in Assam
- iv) Neo-Vaishnavism: Sankardeva & Post Sankardeva Phase, emergence of Sanghatis; Socio Cultural Impacts; Development of Satra institution and relation with the state, patronage, conflict and resistance; Developments of Vernacular language and literature (religious and secular); art, architecture, paintings; education (tol, pathsalas and satriya system)

### Unit 3: Economy in Medieval Assam

- i) Agriculture: extent, modes, irrigation and produces
- ii) Industries and crafts: Textile, cotton and silk, handicrafts
- iii) Metals and minerals – gold, iron, salt; technology and methods of production
- iv) Medium of Exchange: Ahom, Kachari, Koch, Jaintia coins
- v) Trade: Internal & external; trade routes; local and frontier trades; hills plains dynamics; conditions of trade & Transport-Communication System.

### Unit 4: Society in Colonial Assam

- i) Introduction of modern education and growth of a New Middle Class
- ii) Issues of social reforms, child marriage, widow remarriage and the Opium Question
- iii) The Language controversy, growth of Assamese language and literature; *Asomiya Bhasa Unnati Sadhini Sabha*, Assam Sahitya Sabha
- iv) Colonial State and the Satra and other religious institutions and organisations
- v) Colonial state and its role in the spread of new institutions: DHAS, KAS

### Unit 5: Economy in Colonial Assam

- i) Agriculture– Advent of plantation crops - Tea, Cotton, Jute
- ii) Industry – Coal, Oil & Timber
- iii) Transport and Communication – Waterways; Railways; Roadways
- iv) Trade & Market

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## HIS304A6 ECONOMIC HISTORY OF EARLY INDIA

Course Overview: This course deals with the major themes of economy in early India. The focus is on the pattern of change and continuity from tribal economy through trade, money economy, growth of towns and urbanization till the growth, development and decline of feudal economy.

Course Outcome:

- Understanding the food gathering to settled agricultural practices
- Acquiring the knowledge of emergence of industries and labours
- Understand trade and commerce of early India
- To comprehend the origin, growth and decline of feudalism

### **Unit I: Pre-History to Harappan**

- i) Stone Age food gathering
- ii) Advent of food production-Neolithic Culture
- iii) First urbanisation economy: Towns, Agriculture, Craft, Technology, Trade

### **Unit II: Rural to Urban economy (1500-200 BCE)**

- i) Vedic Economy- Change and continuity/ Pastoralism, Transition to agricultural economy
- ii) Second Urbanization in the Ganga Valley: Agriculture, Craft, Trade, Guilds, Visti
- iii) Sate control economy of the Maurya

### **Unit III: Trade and Commerce**

- i) Inland and Foreign: Indo-Roman; and Indo- China
- ii) Mechanism of Trade: Trade Routes Land and Sea Routes, Trade centers
- iii) Forms of Exchange Currency and Coinage, Usury; Credit and banking

### **Unit IV: Land system and Feudalism (300-1200 CE)**

- i) Land ownership, Survey and Measurement, Revenues
- ii) Early Feudal economy (Satavahanas and Guptas)
- iii) Decline of Feudal Economy – Post-Gupta Period (700-1200 CE)

### **Unit V: South India (500-1300 CE)**

- i) Bramhadeya
- ii) Agraharas
- iii) Temples as centre of economic activities

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## HIS304B6

### ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MEDIEVAL INDIA

**Course Overview:** This course will undertake a study of major themes in Medieval Indian economic history. Emphasis shall be put on new forms, techniques, technologies and groups that emerged in the economic scenario.

This course will acquaint students with developments in agriculture as a result of both political intervention and technological change. It will study the impact of these new changes on the agrarian social structure and agrarian economy. This course will also introduce students to aspects of trade and commerce in Medieval India. Emphasis will also be on the emergence of new urban centres and the various causal factors behind the phenomenon. This course will also focus on the dynamic changes that occurred in trade between India and Europe with new trade and shipping networks as well as with formation of European trading companies.

**Course Outcome:** At the end of this course, students will be able to—

- Analyse the agrarian economy of Medieval India
- Explain the different forms of land revenue administration
- Identify trade networks and impact of trade on the economy
- Explain the different processes of urbanisation in Medieval India
- Explain the impact of European commerce on the Indian economy in the post-16<sup>th</sup> century period.

#### **Unit I: Agriculture production and Land Revenue Administration**

- i) Extent and expansion of cultivation;
- ii) Technological Changes: Improvement in irrigational facilities; agricultural implements
- iii) Change in consumption patterns and emergence of new crops
- iv) Administrative machinery; methods of assessment; magnitude of revenue demand
- v) Revenue assignments and revenue grants

#### **Unit II: Agrarian structure**

- i) Traditional landed elites; Zamindars; local rulers and chiefs
- ii) Peasants, villages community and property rights
- iii) Peasant discontent and Revolts
- iv) Population estimates of Mughal India.

#### **Unit III: Trade, Commerce and Industry**

- i) Indian merchants and trading practices

- ii) Traders, guilds and network; media of exchange
- iii) Inland trade
- iv) Long-distance trade: Land routes, Sea routes
- v) India's connection and position in global trade networks and economy
- vi) Mughal economy and the potentiality for capitalist developments

#### Unit IV: Towns and Urban Centres

- i) Types of towns and cities
- ii) Growth of urban centres; regional shifts in urbanisation
- iii) Port cities; Port complexes
- iv) Markets, market networks, and hinterlands
- v) Nadir Shah's sacking of *Shahjahanabad* and the impact on Indian economy

#### Unit-V: Advent of European Commerce and the aftermath

- i) Portuguese domination in Indian Ocean
- ii) Intra-Asian Trade and Dutch East India Company
- iii) English East India Company
- iv) Debate on the economy of India in the 18<sup>th</sup> century

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**HIS304C6****ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA (1757 TO 1947)**

**Course Overview:** The Course deals with the economic history of modern India. It examines the processes of change that Indian Economy underwent as a result of its encounter with colonial and imperial domination. The course introduces the students to the wide scholarship in the field of economic history of modern India. It situates and at the same time examines the origins of the economic transformation of India within the broader nexus of imperialism and integration of colonies in the capitalist world system.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- Critique colonialism
- Explain the facets of colonial economy
- Analyse the various changes and response of Indian economy vis-a vis colonial encounter

**Unit I: Historiography and 18<sup>th</sup> century Indian Economy**

- i) Historiography
- ii) Nature of Indian Economy in the mid eighteenth century: notion of Self-sufficient Village Community
- iii) Phases of economic exploitation: Merchant capital, industrial capital, finance capital.)

**Unit II: Colonial Economy and State Policy**

- i) Mercantilism: British Overseas Trade
- ii) Decline of Monopoly and growth of laissez faire; British Investments in India
- iii) Decline of Traditional Industries : Debates on Deindustrialisation
- iv) Drain Theory; Constituents of Drain of Wealth.

**Unit III: Agrarian Transformation**

- i) British Land Revenue Settlements
- ii) Commercialization of agriculture
- iii) Rural Indebtness; Famines and Famine Policy

**Unit IV: Industrial Change and Banking**

- i) Emergence of New Industries
- ii) Growth of Indian capitalist enterprises
- iii) Railways and the Guarantee System
- iv) Commerce, Banking, British tariff policies; Currency and Insurance

## Unit V: Demography and Colonial Legacy

- i) Demographic changes
- ii) Process of Urbanization
- iii) Growth of agricultural proletariat, Landless labourers and Agricultural workers

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## FOURTH SEMESTER

### HIS4016 INDIA SINCE INDEPENDENCE

**Course Overview:** the course deals with the diverse problems and issues that confronted India after independence in the backdrop of colonial legacy. It creates an awareness of the historical milestones in the process of nation building and social engineering. It analyses the developmental process during the period under review.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to :

- Enumerate the problems and issues of post-independence India.
- Analyse the process of Nation building
- Examine the developmental processes of India after independence

#### **Unit I: Nation building**

- i) Legacy of the colonial experience and National Movement
- ii) National Consolidation and Integration of the princely states
- iii) Making of the Constitution
- iv) Basic features and institutions of the constitution

#### **Unit II: Trends in politics and state reorganisation**

- i) Elections and politics of government formation
- ii) Casteism, Communalism and Regionalism
- iii) Reorganization of states: Early phase (1953-1966); Later Phase (1967-2000)

#### **Unit III: Economic transformation**

- i) The Five-Year Plans: achievements and failures
- ii) Privatization to nationalisation
- iii) New agricultural strategy
- iv) Globalization and Economic reforms since 1991

#### **Unit IV: Nation and Society**

- i) State and Religion
- ii) Caste and Ethnic mosaic
- iii) Education
- iv) Health care; Food security
- v) National Imagination and Popular Culture: Bollywood; Cricket

## Unit V: Foreign Relations

- i) India and Non-Aligned Movement
- ii) India's relations with neighbours : Pakistan, China, Sri Lanka.

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## HIS 402A6

### ART AND ARCHITECTURE OF EARLY INDIA

#### Course Overview:

The course is designed to introduce students to aspects of early Indian artistic traditions. It examines the evolution of Indian art and architecture from the pre-historic period to the thirteenth century. It also focuses on regional schools of art, painting and Iconography.

#### Course Outcome:

- Understanding the concept of art and architecture of early India
- Acquiring the knowledge of painting and sculptural tradition
- To comprehend the origin and growth of religious and secular architecture
- Gathering the knowledge of Iconography in early India.

#### Unit-1: Introduction

- i) Understanding Art: Ideals of Indian Art, Symbolism
- ii) Types, medium, factors, contributing to art activities, principles of appreciation.
- iii) Understanding architecture: Plan, Elevation and Section, Corbelled Arches, Vaults

#### Unit II: Painting Traditions

- i) Pre and Proto-Historic Art: Mural paintings; Rock Paintings; Petroglyphs, Cave Paintings, Monochrome and Polychrome
- ii) Manuscript painting (8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> C.E.): Western Indian School of painting and Pala School of Painting.

#### Unit III: Sculptural traditions

- i) Stone and Bronze Sculpture
- ii) Mauryas and post Mauryan
- iii) Regional schools

#### Unit IV: Architecture: Religious and Secular

- i) Harappan town planning; Vedic and Mauryan
- ii) Rock cut caves: Barabar-Nagarjuni Hills, Hinayana, Mahayana and Brahmanical Caves
- iii) Buddhist Architecture: Stupa, Chaitya and Vihara
- iv) Temples: Nagara Dravida and Vesara

## Unit V: Iconography

- i) Hindu Deities: Siva, Vishnu, Devi, Surya, Ganesa, Karttikeya
- ii) Buddhist: Dhyanī Buddhas, Avalokitesvara, Prajnaparamita, Tara
- iii) Jain: Tirthankara Images

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## HIS402B6

### Art and Architecture in Medieval India

#### Course Overview:

This course will familiarise students with various developments in the field of art and architecture in medieval India. It will acquaint students with new techniques and technologies that emerged in the 12<sup>th</sup> century CE and the evolution of a composite Indo-Islamic style. It will analyse the interplay of architecture and art with political ideology and its impact on society and culture. Various regional art and architectural forms will also be studied. This course will approach the study of art and architecture not only through its material aspects, but will also take a holistic understanding of the greater political, economic and social dimensions that went into the formation of a dynamic, cosmopolitan material culture.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course, students of Medieval Indian history will be able to:

- Explain new developments in architecture
- Explain the projection of ideology and power through art and architecture
- Identify the regional developments in art and architecture
- Explain the significance of art and architecture in socio-cultural norms

#### Unit I: Continuities and new forms

- i) Art and Architecture as sources of history; tools of power and ideology projection
- ii) Architectural re-use: Temple materials in early Sultanate architecture
- iii) Political assertions: Mosques, *Minars* and a new ruling elite
- iv) 13<sup>th</sup> century: Emergence and development of arch and dome
- v) Mausoleums and memory

#### Unit II: Physical manifestation of authority

- i) Sultanate sites of power: Khilji and Tughlaq
- ii) Hampi
- iii) Gardens in the Political Landscape: Lodis, Babur
- iv) *Fatehpur Sikri* and the Political Mindscape of Akbar
- v) *Shahjahanabad*

#### Unit III: Regional Architecture

- i) Deccan
- ii) Gujarat
- iii) Malwa

- iv) Bengal

#### Unit IV: Visual Art

- i) Materials, Media, and Technique
- ii) Stylistic features: Murals; Calligraphy; *Parbhinkari*
- iii) Schools of Painting: Deccan, Mughal, Rajasthani, Pahari

#### Unit V: Art and Society

- i) Music and musicians; Court musicians; Bhakti and Sufi influences
- ii) Dance forms: Courtly culture and patronage; Regional forms
- iii) Textiles: Domestic production, Elite and popular consumption, Trade

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## HIS402C6 ART AND ARCHITECTURE IN MODERN INDIA

**Course Overview:** The course is designed to introduce students to aspects of Art and Architecture of Modern India. It examines Indian art during the Raj also as an interplay of colonialism and nationalism.

**Course Outcome:** Upon completion of this course students will be able to

- Appreciate art history
- Examine the impact of colonial art and architecture on Indian art and architecture
- Explain the various trends of visual and performative Art in colonial India
- Contextualize art and architecture of Assam.

### **UNIT I: Concepts and definitions**

- i) Art History as a genre
- ii) Art and architecture as a part of culture and emblem of Power
- iii) Art and its various forms: Visual and performative
- iv) Definitions: Art, fine arts, architecture, sculpture, paintings; aesthetics.

### **UNIT II: Paintings**

- i) Early European Painting in India: The Company Style or Patna Style
- ii) European painters: Thomas and William Daniel, Joshua Reynolds, George Chinnery, and others
- iii) Victorian Painters
- iv) Indian Painting under British Imperialism : Bengal School
- v) Establishment of Art Schools

### **UNIT III: Colonial Architecture**

- i) Early colonial influence: Church architecture; forts
- ii) Fusion of Styles and Techniques
- iii) The Indo-Saracenic Revival : Indo-Gothic
- iv) Public and Government Buildings : Clock Towers, Courthouses, municipal buildings, colleges and town halls
- v) Town Planning: Lutyen's Delhi

### **UNIT IV: Performative and Visual Art**

- i) Music :Hindustani and Carnatic Music
- ii) Dance : Folk and classical
- iii) Vocal : Rabindra Sangeet
- iv) Cinema and Theatre in Colonial India
- v) Photography in Colonial India

## UNIT V: Art and Architecture in Modern Assam

- i) Public and Buildings in colonial Assam: Assam Type Houses
- ii) Colonial influence on Folk Culture :Bihu
- iii) Assamese Music : Contributions of Jyoti Prasad Agarwala, Bishnu Prasad Rabha, Hemanga Biswas and Bhupen Hazarika.
- iv) Painting : decline of manuscript paintings; new influences ; portrait and scenery paintings
- v) Theatre and Cinema : Ban Theatre; Bhaskar Natya Mandir; The making of *Jyomati*(1935)

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## HIS 4036 ETHNOHISTORY

**Course Objective:** The course is designed to acquaint the students with the methods and approaches of writing history of the preliterate societies. It aims at highlighting distinctive social processes of the oral societies and modes of transmission of knowledge and memory. The course brings forth the process of marginalization and otherization of oral cultures as ‘people without history’ due to limitations of conventional approaches of writing history.

### **Course Outcome:**

- Students will be able to understand distinctive social processes of both literate and pre-literate societies. This will help the students in dealing with various cultural artefacts as tools of reconstructing their pasts.
- Students will develop the ability to understand the nuances of orature as carriers of memories from the pasts.
- Students will be able to understand the impact of colonial and modern history writing on the oral societies in the region and its implications.

### **Unit 1: Concepts and Contexts**

- i) Ethnohistory: Definition and Scope
- ii) Limitations of Conventional History in Writing History of ‘People Without History’: Departures from Colonial Frames and Scientific Claims
- iii) Inter-disciplinary approach and Ethnohistory: Anthropology, Archaeology and Historical Linguistics

### **Unit 2: Orality and Memory**

- i) Oral Communities and their Worldviews
- ii) Notions of Space, Time and Knowledge
- iii) Uses and Ways of Remembering/Documenting Pasts

### **Unit 3: Sources and Interpretation: Literature & Orature**

- i) Textual and Visual Archive: Administrative Correspondences, Documents & Reports; Newspapers, Magazines and Brochures; Missionary Reports; Ethnographies and Ethnographic Collections; Paintings, Photographs and Films; Maps, Aerial Imagery and Spatial Analysis.
- ii) Oral Archives and Material Objects: Oral Histories; Language, Totems and Customs; Stories and Lore; Toponymy of Places and People; Textiles and Everyday Household Objects; Body Art, Painting, Sculpture and Architecture; Music and Sound.

- iii) Habits of Orality: Cognitive, Emotional and Intellectual Domains Mediating Thought and Action.

#### **Unit 4: Methods of Ethnohistory**

- i) Ethnomethodology
- ii) Doing Oral History
- iii) Phenomenological Approach
- iv) Indigenous studies

#### **Unit 5: Ethnohistory in Northeast India**

- i) Geography and Settlement Patterns; Hill and Valley: Accommodation and Conflict.
- ii) Literate and Oral Communities in Pre-Colonial North-East; Colonial Encounter: Colonial Governmentality, Classification of Communities and the Construction of Tribes.
- iii) Nation-State and Ethnic Communities: Colonial Continuities; Assimilation and Resistance; Burden of 'National' Histories.
- iv) Beyond Nationalist Frames: Possibilities of Ethnohistory in Northeast India.

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## **HIS 4046 DISSERTATION**

**Course Overview :** In this course, students are made to work towards writing a dissertation on a topic of their choice. The orientation towards this starts from the first semester itself when they are informed of this requirement. The students are assigned mentors under which they are to develop their dissertation. The dissertation should be the outcome of the learning of the student as s/he gets the opportunity to engage in the creation of knowledge with practical application of historical concepts, tools and techniques. The Departmental Advisory Committee (DAC) may select one or more area on which the students may lay emphasis in selecting their topics of dissertation. The DAC would also issue the style sheet and the schedule of submission

**Course Outcome:** The student after completion of the dissertation would be able to

- Carry out historical research
- Undertake doctoral research
- Undertake research projects.