



U. G. SYLLABUS – NEP 2020

Political Science

TDC (NEP) 8th Semester

PLS: DSC 452: FREEDOM MOVEMENT AND POLITICS IN NORTH EAST INDIA

Full marks- 100

(ESE- 70 Internal- 30)

Credit- 4

Course Objectives:

1. To provide students with a historical understanding of the North East region of India in the 19th century, including the British annexation of the region and the amalgamation of Sylhet and Cachar to Assam.
2. To examine the growth of the freedom struggle in the North East, focusing on key figures such as Maniram Dewan and significant events like the Sepoy Mutiny and agrarian revolts.
3. To analyze the impact of the Indian National Congress on the North East, particularly during the Gandhian era, including the Non-Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement, and Quit India Movement.
4. To explore the role of the North East during the independence era, including the Cabinet Mission and the Grouping Plan, Congress and Muslim League politics, and the partition of the region with a focus on the Sylhet referendum and its consequences.
5. To examine language politics and the reorganization of Assam, including the anti-foreigners' agitation and its consequences, and to study autonomy and statehood movements within the North East region.

Units	Topics	Lectures
1	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Historical Profile of the North East India in the 19th Century.ii. British Annexation of the North East India.iii. Amalgamation of Sylhet and Cachar to Assam.	
2	<p>Growth of Freedom Struggle in the North East India:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Maniram Dewan and Sepoy Mutiny.ii. Agrarian Revolt: Phulaguri Dhawa (1861), Patharughatar Ran (1894).	
3	<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Formation of the Indian National Congress and Its Impact on the	

	<p>North East India.</p> <p>ii. Gandhian Era and the North East- Non Cooperation Movement, Civil Disobedience Movement and Quit India Movement.</p>	
4	<p>North East in the Twilight of Independence:</p> <p>i. Cabinet Mission & the Grouping Plan: Congress and Muslim League Politics</p> <p>ii. Partition: Sylhet Referendum and its Consequences.</p>	
5	<p>i. Language Politics and Re-organization of Assam, Anti Foreigners' Agitation in Assam and its Consequences.</p> <p>ii. Autonomy/ Statehood Movements.</p>	

Course Outcomes:

By the end of the course, students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the historical profile of the North East region of India in the 19th century and the events that led to the British annexation and amalgamation of territories.
2. Analyze the growth of the freedom struggle in the North East, including key figures, significant events, and the socio-political context of agrarian revolts and the role of Maniram Dewan.
3. Evaluate the impact of the Indian National Congress on the North East during the Gandhian era and assess the effectiveness of non-cooperation, civil disobedience, and Quit India movements in the region.
4. Understand the political dynamics during the independence era, including the role of the Cabinet Mission and the Grouping Plan, the partition of the region, and the consequences of the Sylhet referendum.
5. Analyze the language politics and reorganization of Assam, including the anti-foreigners' agitation and its consequences on the socio-political landscape of the region.
6. Examine the autonomy and statehood movements within the North East region, critically analyzing their objectives, strategies, and impact on the political landscape.

7. Develop critical thinking and analytical skills in assessing the complexities of the freedom movement and politics in the North East, including the diverse regional dynamics and the interactions with national and international forces.

8. Reflect on the historical experiences and struggles of the North East region and their relevance in contemporary political discourses, governance, and policies.

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