



**HISDSC453T**

**ECONOMIC HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1757 TO 1947 CE**

Contact Hours: 60

Full Marks = 100 [ESE (70) CCA (30)]

*Objective:*

*This course takes you through the economic history of India from the Mid-18th century to the Mid-20th century. In the process, the students will be familiarized with the economic ideas, policies and structures of British Colonialism and its interface with the Indian realities.*

Unit I

1. Indian Economy on the Eve of colonial rule
  - a) Rural Economy
  - b) Urban Economy
2. Economic Transition:
  - a) Commercialization of Agriculture, (12 Lectures)
  - b) De-industrialization

Unit II

1. Land Revenue Policy:
  - a) Permanent Settlement:
  - b) Mahalwari Settlement
  - c) Ryotwari Settlement.
2. Tenancy Legislation (12 Lectures)

Unit III

1. Rural Indebtedness: Causes & Consequences
2. Famines: Causes and its effects, Famine Relief Policy during colonial period
3. Evaluation of Irrigation System
4. Agricultural Policy before Independence. (12 Lectures)

Unit IV

1. Rise of Modern Industries: Cotton Textiles, Jute Industry, Tea Plantation.
2. Trade and Tariff policy: Policy of Discriminating Protection.
3. Cooperative Movement in India
4. Growth of Foreign Trade and Its Impact on Economy. (12 Lectures)

Unit V

1. Drain of Wealth
2. Fiscal policy before independence.
3. Development of Communication: Railways, Road Transport, Water transport
4. Trade Union Movement: Legislation
5. The Partition and Indian Economy (12 Lectures)

*Expected learning outcomes:*

*After completing this course, the students will be able to acquire knowledge about the economic history of India under colonial rule and the students will become familiar with the economic ideas, policies and structures of British Colonialism and its interface with the Indian realities.*

Suggested Readings:

1. A.C Banerjee: The New History of Modern India (1707-1947)
2. B.R Grover: A new look on Modern Indian History
3. Bisheswar Prasad: Bondage and Freedom, Vol. 2
4. C.A. Bayly : An Illustrated History of Modern India 1600-1947



5. D. Kumar: The Cambridge Economic History of India
6. Dodwell: A Sketch of the History of India
7. Dadabhai Naoraji, Poverty and Un-British Rule in India
8. G.S Chabra: Advance History of Modern India
9. I. Prasad & Subedar: History of Modern India
10. N. Jayapalan, Economic History of India.
11. R. C Majumdar: History of Bengal, Vol. 2
12. R. C Majumdar, An Advanced History of India, MacMillan India, 1974
13. R.C Majumdar: British Paramountcy and Indian Renaissance (Part I)
14. R.E Freedenberg: Land Control and Social Structure in India
15. Romesh Dutt, The Economic History of India Under Early British Rule -
16. Sumit Sarkar: Modern India 1885-1947
17. Thomas Metealf: Ideologies of the Raj
18. Thompson & Garret: Rise and Fulfilment of British Rule in India
19. Tirthankar Roy, The Economic History of India 1857-1947