



HISDSC452T

SOCIAL HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1757 TO 1947 CE

Contact Hours: 60

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

Course Objective:

This course takes you through the social history of India from the Mid-18th century to the Mid-20th century. The objective is to give an in-depth study of the forces that shaped Indian society during the period and ultimately developed a sense of nationalism, along with the emergence of new social classes, education system and social movements.

Unit I

1. Society in the 18th Century
2. Emergence of New Social Classes: Zamindars, Peasants and Moneylenders (12 Lectures)
3. Rise of the Middle Class
4. Social Legislation – Abolition of Sati, Widow Remarriage Act and Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

Unit: II

1. Indigenous Education in the 18th Century.
2. Growth of Western Education
3. Wood's Dispatch
4. Lord Curzon's University Acts
5. Spread of Women's Education in the 19th Century. (12 Lectures)

Unit III

1. Growth of the Press in 19th Century
2. Press- its role in the development of Indian nationalism
3. Role of Intelligentsia:
 - a) Bankim Chandra Chatterjee
 - b) Rabindranath Tagore
 - c) Aurobindo Ghosh (12 Lectures)

Unit IV

1. Socio-religious Reform Movement:
 - a) Brahma Samaj
 - b) Arya Samaj
 - c) Ramakrishna Mission
 - d) Aligarh Movement (12 Lectures)

Unit V

1. Social Movement in India:
 - a) Peasant Movement
 - b) Tribal Movement
 - c) Women's Movement
 - d) Working Class Movement (12 Lectures)

Expected learning outcomes:

After completing this course, the students will be able to acquire knowledge about the social condition of India in the colonial period and also, they will understand to know the forces that shaped Indian society during the period and ultimately developed a sense of nationalism, along with the emergence of new social classes, education system and social movements occurred during the period.

Suggested Reading:

1. A.C Banerjee: The New History of modern India (1707-1947)
2. A.R. Desai, Social Background of Indian Nationalism



3. B.R Grover : A new look on Modern Indian History
4. C.A. Bayly : An illustrated History of Modern India 1600-1947
5. Dutta,K.K : Social History of Modern India
6. Freedenberg, R. E: Land Control and Social Structure in India
7. I. Prasad & Subedar: History of Modern India
8. Jain, M, Sati: Evangelicals Baptist Missionaries and the Changing Colonial Discourse, 2016
9. K. K Dutta,: Social History of Modern India
10. Kothari, Rajni: Democratic Policy and Socialist Change in India
11. R. C Majumdar, An Advanced History of India, MacMillan India, 1974
12. R.C Majumdar : British Paramountacy and Indian Renaissance (Part I)
13. R.E Freedenberg, Land Control and Social Structure in India
14. Srinivas, M. N.:Social Change in Modern India
15. Sumit Sarkar: Modern India 1885-1947
16. Thomas Metealf: Ideologies of the Raj