



Semester-Ist

Multidisciplinary Course:MDC-His-01

Indian Freedom Struggle (1855 to 1947)

Full Marks: 75

Pass Marks: 30

Total Credits: 03

Course Objective: This course aims at helping the students comprehend the different streams of freedom struggle against the British rule. It hopes to acquaint the students with both the exploitative structure of colonial rule as well as the remarkably heroic role played by freedom fighters against this rule. It further seeks to enable the students to appreciate the sacrifices of different sections Indians – the Adivasis, women, people of all religions, farmers and labourers – to attain independence.

Learning Outcomes : After the completion of this course, a student is expected to –

- Narrate the important events of Indian Freedom Struggle
- Identify the main features of colonial exploitation
- Recount the contribution of the freedom fighters
- Appreciate the significance of the struggle and the worth of independence
- Develop a critical understanding of the connection between the past events and the contemporary times

Unit I:

- I. Nature of British colonial rule: Social and Economic exploitation
- II. Santal Insurrection:Hul of 1855: Causes, Course and Impact
- III. Revolt of 1857: Causes, Course and Impact

Unit II:

- I. Rise of nationalism
- II. Formation of Political Organisations and the Birth of Congress
- III. Social and Religious Reform Movements

Unit III:

- I. Era of Mass movements: Non-Cooperation, Civil Disobedience and Quit India movements
- II. Revolutionary movements:Chapekar brothers, Prafulla Chaki, Ashfaqulla, Bhagat Singh, Chandrashekhra Azad, Surya Sen, Pritilata Waddadar, Bina Das
- III. Azad Hind Fauj: Subhash Bose and Laxmi Sehgal



Suggested Readings:

- Bipan Chandra : Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India
- A. R.Desai : Social Background of Indian Nationalism
- Bipan Chandra, Sucheta Mahajan: India's Struggle for Independence (Also in Hindi as भारत व स्वाधीनता संघर्ष)
- Bipan Chandra: Modern India (Hindi translation as आधुनिक भारत)
- B L Grover : Modern India (Hindi translation as आधुनिक भारत)
- वी. डी. महाजन : आधुनिक भारत
- तराचंद : भारत के स्वाधीनता संग्राम का इतिहास
- शेखर बंदोपाध्याय:प्लासी से विभाजन तक