

SYLLABUS
FOR MASTER OF ARTS (HISTORY)
(Semester System)



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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

FIRST SEMESTER
MAHIS-401
HISTORY OF INDIA (EARLY TIMES-1200) - I

- Unit: I Sources
- a. Archaeological Sources: Exploration, Excavation, Epigraphy, Numismatics, Monuments
 - b. Literary Sources:
Indigenous: Primary and Secondary – problems of dating, myths, legends, poetry, scientific literature, literature in regional languages, religious literature.
Foreign accounts: Greek, Chinese and Arab Writers
- Unit: II Pre-historic and Proto-historic period
- a. Pre-historic sites and settlements: Lower Paleolithic, Mesolithic, Upper Paleolithic, and Neolithic
 - b) Chalcolithic Sites and settlements
 - c) Indus Valley Civilization: Features
- Unit: III
- a) Early Vedic Age: Society, Religion, Economy, and Polity
 - b) Later Vedic Age: Society, Religion, Economy, and Polity
 - c. Sangam Age: Society, Religion, Economy, Polity
- Unit: IV Social Change and Religious dissent
- a) Iron technology, settled Agriculture
 - b) Rise of new classes
 - c) Mahavira, - Jainism
 - d) Buddha- Buddhism
- Unit: V Emergence of Empire
- a. 16 Mahajanapadas and Republics Rise of Magadha :
 - b. The Nandas and Rise of Chandra Gupta Maurya

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. RomilaThapar : Early India
2. RomilaThapar : Ancient Indian Social History
3. RomilaThapar : Cultural Pasts
4. R. S. Sharma : Material culture and Social Formation and Ancient India.
5. R. S. Sharma : India's Ancient Past
6. R. S. Sharma : The state and Varna Formation in the Mid-Gange Valley.
7. R. S. Sharma : Indian Feudalism
8. A.L. Bashan : The wonder that was India Vol-I
9. B.K. Thapar : Recent Archeological Discoveries in India since Independence.
10. D.N. Jha : Early India
- 11.

MAHIS 403
HISTORY OF NORTH EAST INDIA (Early Times – 1947) – I

- Unit: I Sources:
- a) Literary,
 - b) Archaeological,
 - c) Oral Traditions
- Unit: II Early States in Assam: Varmanas
- a) Society;
 - b) Economy
 - c) Polity & Religion
 - d) Hiuen-Tsang
 - e) Account of Assam
- Unit: III Early States in Assam:-Palas
- a) Society
 - b) Polity
 - c) Economy and
 - d) Religion
- Unit: IV State formation in Medieval North East
- a) Ahom State
 - b) Dimasa State
 - c) Jaintia State
 - d) Manipur State
- Unit: V Ahom Relations with the Neighbours
- a) Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh : Nyishi, Adi, Mishmi, Bhutia, Khampti, Akas
 - b) Other Tribes : Nagas, Khasis, Jayantias, Kacharis

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. E.A. Gait : A History of Assam
2. P.C. choudhury : History of the civilization of the people of Assam.
3. S.L. Baruah : A comprehensive History of Assam
4. J. B. Bhattacharya : Polity and social formation in pre-colonial North East India.
5. Surojit Sinha : Tribal Polities and state systems in Pre-colonial Eastern and North Eastern states.
6. L. N. Chakravorty: Glimpses of the Early History of Arunachal Pradesh.
7. H.K. Barpujari: Assam in the Days of the Company
8. H.K. Barpujari: The comprehensive History of Assam Vol-I to Vol-IV
9. H. Boreh : History and culture of Khasis
10. M. Horam : Naga Polity

11. M. Horam : Socio-cultural life of the Nagas
12. Sangkima : Mizo Society
13. Sangkima : A Modern History of Mizoram
14. J. B. Bhattacharjee : The Garos and the English
15. P.C. Kar : The Garos in Transition
16. N. Venuh : British Colonization and Restructuring of Naga Policy
17. R. M.Laheri : Annexation of Assam
18. S. K. Bhuyan : Anglo-Assamese Relations
19. Verrier Elwin : The Nagas in the 19th Century

MAHIS 404
HISTORY OF THE WORLD (1453-1815) - I

- Unit: I a) Fall of Constantinople and its Impact
 b) Decline of Feudalism and beginning of Capitalism
- Unit: II a) Mercantilism and colonialism
 b) Renaissance
 c) Reformation
- Unit: III a) Rise of Absolutism- Factors
 b) Emergence of Nation state- Factors and Impact
- Unit: IV a) The Thirty year's War – its significance
 b) Growth of Parliamentary Institutions in England
- Unit: V a) Scientific Revolution
 b) Enlightenment Ideas

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. V. G. Firman : State and Society in Europe 1550-1650
2. Meenakshi Phukan : Rise of Modern West
3. Deays Hay : Europe in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries
4. D.H. Pennington : Seventeenth Century Europe
5. Stuart Andrews : Eighteenth Century Europe
6. J. R. Hale : Renaissance Europe, 1480-1520
7. G.R. Elton : Reformation Europe 1517-1559
8. R. Hilton (ed) : Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism
9. P.C. Coleman(ed) : Revisions in Mercantilism
10. A.R. Hall : The Scientific Revolution

SECOND SEMESTER

MAHIS 405 HISTORY OF INDIA (EARLY TIMES-1200) - II

Unit: I Ashoka

- a. Asoka's Reign
- b. Edicts
- c. The Dhamma of Ashoka – Art and Architecture

Unit: II Post Mauryan Era:

- a. Indo-Greeks
- b. Shunga and Kharavela
- c. Kushanas- Art and architecture
- d. Satvahanas

Unit: III Gupta period

- a. Samudragupta,
- b. Chandragupta-II
- c. Art and culture- literature

Unit: IV Emergence of Regional Kingdoms:

- a. Chalukyas
- b. Pratiharas
- c. Palas
- d. Cholas

Unit: V Coming of the Arabs and the Turks,

- a) Ghazanavias
- b) Ghurias and its impact

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. R. S. Sharma : Early Medieval Indian Society
2. A.L. Bashan : The wonder that was India Vol-I
3. K.A. VilakanthaShastri : A History of South India
4. D.N. Jha : Early India
5. Satish Chandra : History of Medieval India 800-1700
6. A.B.M. Habibullah : The Foundation of Muslim Rule in India

MAHIS-407
HISTORY OF NORTH EAST INDIA (Early Times – 1947) – II

Unit: I Decline of the Ahom State and Early Colonial Intervention

- a. Moamaria Rebellion
- b. Captain Welsh's Mission
- c. Burmese Aggression

Unit: II Colonial Expansion

- a. Annexation of Assam
- b. Annexation of KhasiAills
- c. Annexation of Cachar
- d. Status of Tripura

Unit: III Society and Economy in the Hills:

- a. Nagas
- b. Mizos
- c. Garos

Unit: IV Freedom Movement:

- a) 1857 and North East,
- b) National Consciousness;
- c) Peasant Uprisings
- d) Non-cooperation and Quit India Movement,

Unit: V Impact of British Rule

- a) English Education
- b) System of Governance
- c) Land Revenue
- d) Development of Roadways, Waterways & Railways

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1. E.A. Gait : A History of Assam
2. S.L. Baruah : A comprehensive History of Assam
3. J. B. Bhattacharya : Polity and social formation in pre-colonial North East India.
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12. S. K. Bhuyan : Anglo-Assamese Relations
13. Verrier Elwin : The Nagas in the 19th Century

MAHIS-408
HISTORY OF THE WORLD (1453-1815) - II

Unit I a) Industrial Revolution
 b) Development of Industrial Capitalism

Unit: II American Revolution –
 a) Causes,
 b) Events
 c) Impact

Unit: III French Revolution
 a) Causes,
 b) Events
 c) Impact

Unit: IV Napoleon
 a) Rise of Napoleon
 b) Reforms of Napoleon
 c) Causes of downfall

Unit: V Congress of Vienna
 a) Background
 b) Provisions
 c) Critical Estimate

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. Meenakshi Phukan : Rise of Modern West
2. Stuart Andrews : Eighteenth Century Europe
3. New Cambridge : Modern History, Vols.-I to VII (relevant Chapters)
4. R. Hilton (ed) : Transition from Feudalism to Capitalism
5. P.C. Coleman(ed) : Revisions in Mercantilism
6. A.R. Hall : The Scientific Revolution

THIRD SEMESTER

MAHIS – 501 HISTORY OF INDIA (1707-1857) - I

Unit: I Transition of the 18th Century-

- a) Society, Economy, Polity's, Culture,
- b) Debates thereof of 18th Century

Unit: II

- a) Emergence of Regional power
- b) Coming of the Europeans- Portuguese, Dutch, French and the British

Unit: III British Relations and Subjugations of Indian Powers-

- a) Carnatic,
- b) Bengal

Unit: IV British Relation and Subjugations of Indian Powers – Oudh, Hyderabad, Mysore Marathas and Sikhs

Unit: V Administration under the East India Company-

- a) Diwani,
- b) Regulating Act,
- c) Pitt's India Act,
- d) Character Act of 1813 & 1833

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. P.J. Marshall : The Eighteenth century in Indian History
2. P.E. Robert : History of British India
3. R.K. Mukherjee : The Rise and Fall of the East India Company
4. Irfan Habib (ed) : Essays in Indian History
5. Sekhar Bandopadhyaya : From Plassey to Partition
6. Sabyasachi Bhattacharjee : Rethinking 1857
7. Bipan Chandra : History of Modern India
8. Irfan Habib(ed) : Resistance and Modernization under Haider Ali and Tipu Sultan
9. P.J. Marshall : Problems of empire : Britain and India 1757-1813
10. B.L. Grover : Modern India
11. Sumit Sankar : Modern India
12. V.P.S. Raghuvansi : Indian Society in 18th century
13. Tara chand : History of Freedom Movement in India Vol-I and II

MAHIS-502
HISTORY OF INDIA (1857-1947) - I

- Unit: I Emergence of Nationalism: I
- a) Intellectual Movement
 - b) Emergence of Middle class
 - c) Role of Literature and press
 - d) Economic Nationalism
- Unit: II Emergence of Nationalism-II
- a) Predecessors of Indian National Congress
 - b) Foundation of Indian National Congress
 - c) Programmes and policies of the early Nationalists
- Unit: III Peasant Revolts:
- a) Background – Santhal Movement
 - b) Indigo Revolts,
 - c) Deccan Riots and Mophila Uprising
- Unit: IV a) Rise of Extremists or militant Nationalism
- b) Nationalism, Swadashi Movement and Revolutionary Activities.
 - c) Muslim Politics and the Foundation of Muslim League
 - d) Growth of Communalism
- Unit V Socio-Religious Reforms
- a) Dayanand Saraswati and Arya Samaj
 - b) Aligarh Reform Movement - Sayyid Ahmed Khan
 - c) Jyotiba Phule
 - d) Veerasalingam

MAHIS-503
HISTORY OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH - I
(Early Times – 1972 AD)

- Unit: I Sources:
- a) Literary,
 - b) Archaeological,
 - c) Oral Tradition
- Unit: II
- a) Geographical setting,
 - b) Pattern of settlement
- Unit: III Ahom-Relation with the Tribes of Arunachal Pradesh
- Unit: IV British Policy
- a) Posa
 - b) Show of force
 - c) Kotokies
 - d) Markets
 - e) Inner Line
- Unit-V Resistance Movement
- a) Adi
 - b) Nyishi
 - c) Aka
 - d) Khampti
 - e) Singpho

MAHIS-504
HISTORY OF THE WORLD (1815-1945)- I

- Unit: I a) Concert of Europe
 b) Metternich system
- Unit: II a) 1830 Revolution
 b) 1848 Revolution
- Unit: III Napoleon III –
 a) Internal Policy
 b) Foreign Policy
- Unit: IV Unification movements-
 a) Italy
 b) Germany
- Unit: V Eastern Question –
 a) Crimean War,
 b) Berlin Congress
 c) Balkan war

FOURTH SEMESTER

MAHIS 505 HISTORY OF INDIA (1707-1857) - IV

Unit: I Agrarian Policy of the British

- a) Land Revenue – Agriculture
- b) Permanent Settlement,
- c) Ryotwari,
- d) Mahalwari

Unit: II

- a) Growth of English Education
- b) Ram Mohan Roy
- c) Derozio
- d) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar

Unit: III

- a) Mercantilist Capitalism and East India Company (1757-1813)
- b) Transition of mercantilism to Free Trade imperialism (1813-1857)

Unit: IV

- Frontier Policy of the British
- a. Relations with Afghanistan
 - b. Relation with Burma
 - c. Relation with Nepal

Unit: V

- Revolt of 1857
- a. Historiography
 - b. Causes
 - c. Nature
 - d. Impact

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. K.N. Pannikar : Colonialism, culture and Hegemony
2. Bipan Chandra et.al(ed) : Freedom Struggle
3. Bipan Chandra et.al(ed) : Epic Struggle
4. Bipan Chandra et.al(ed) : Essays on Colonialism
5. Bipan Chandra et.al(ed) : India's struggle for freedom
6. Bipan Chandra et.al(ed) : Rise and growth of Economic Nationalism
7. Bipan Chandra et.al(ed) : Communalism in Modern India
8. Sekhar Bandyopadhyay : Nationalist Movement in India
9. Tirthankar Roy : The Economic History of India 1857-1947
10. A.R. Desai : Social Background of Indian Nationalism
11. S. Gopal : British Policy in India
12. K.K. Dutta : Renaissance, Nationalism and Social Change in Modern India

MAHIS – 507
HISTORY OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH (Early Times – 1972 AD) – IV

Unit: I Mc Mohan Line

- a. Factors – Shimla Conference
- b. Border Controversy
- c. Problems after 1947

Unit: II Administrative growth Colonial Period

- a. Demarcation of NEFT
- b. Govt. of India Act 1919
- c. Govt. of India Act 1935
- d. Regulation of 1945

Unit: III Administrative Growth: After India's Independence

- a. Birth of NEFA
- b. Nehru – Elwin Policy
- c. Panchayati Raj
- d. Attainment of Union Territory

Unit: IV Traditional Economy

- a. Agriculture and Supplementary activities
- b. Exchange –forms and Routes
- c. Production of utilitarian items
- d. Pattern of land Ownership
- e. Impact of the British Rule

Unit: V Traditional Religion and Society

- a. Indigenous faiths
- b. Buddhism
- c. Social Change : Factors

SUGGESTED READINGS

1. A. Mackenzie : The North East Frontier of India
2. Verrier Elwin : India's North East Frontier in the 19th century
3. Verrier Elwin : A Philosophy for NEFA
4. Verrier Elwin : Democracy in NEFA
5. M. L. Bose : History of Arunachal Pradesh upto 1992
6. M.L. Bose : British Policy in North East Frontier
7. J. N. Chaudhury : Arunachal Pradesh from Frontier Tracts to Union Territory
8. J. N. Choudhury : The Tribal culture and History of Arunachal Pradesh
9. T. Nyori : History and Culture of the Adis

