

Semester –III: History Minor

Socio-Cultural History of India Through The Ages:

1. **Society and Religion of Ancient and Early Medieval India, (A Broad Overview)With Special Reference to the Position of Women , Trade and Commerce , Crafts and Guilds Debate on Feudalism :** Vedic Religion ,the Basic Framework of Brahmanical Religion, Buddhism , Jainism and Social Protest , Saivism, Vaishnavism ,the Rise of Sectarian Cults –Mother Goddess.
Social Life : Social structure from Varna to Jati-Family Life & Status of Women.
2. **Art , Architecture , Science , Literature and Culture of Ancient and Early Medieval India:**
Ancient Indian Architecture and Sculpture – Stupa, Chaitya, Temples of Different Styles ; Islam and the Introduction of the New Forms –Emergence of an Indo Saracenic Style.
Literary products of Classical India-Epics and Puranas –Kautilya’s Arthashastra ; Literary Developments in the Gupta age ;Brief survey of the Scientific Knowledge –Astronomy, Mathematics , Medicine ;History Writing in Sultanate India –new developments in Medicine.
3. Socio-Cultural Impact of Islam : A Brief Overview of the Delhi Sultanate and the Socio-Cultural Contributions of the Independent Sultans of Bengal.
Society , religion , Culture and economy of the Sultanate Era :
The Nature of the Impact of Islam on Indian Society –Sufism-Syncretism and the Bhakti movement. (A Broad Overview)
4. Socio-Cultural Consolidation of the Mughal empire under Akbar :Akbar’s Relation with the Rajput’s; Evolution of Akbar’s Religious Policy .
5. Changes in the Rajput Policy and the Religious Policy of the Mughals in the reign of Aurangzeb.**(Rajput Policy –State and Religion: Changes since the Death of Akbar)**
6. Mughal Art , Architecture and Culture
7. **English Education in Bengal up to 1857and the Cultural and Literary History in the colonial period , which Helped Emerge Indian National Consciousness:**
British Orientalism: Bentick, Macaulay, Western Education and Social Reform .
8. **Indian Response to Westernization :** Raja Ram Mohan Royand Social Reform -Young Bengal-The Brahmo Movement , Vidyasagar and Social and educational Reform – Prarthana Samaj –Arya Samaj,Aligarh Movement and the Modernization of Islam
9. **Socio Cultural Background of the Early Resistance to Colonial Rule :** Wahabi and Faraizi Movements-Santhal RebellionThe Revolt of 1857,The Ideology and Programme

of Militant Nationalists, the Swadeshi Movement The Birth of All India Muslim League , Revolutionary Terrorism in Bengal and Punjab.

Impact of the First World War on Indian Economy, Society and Polity.

10. **Gandhi and Indian National Movement** : Socio-Cultural Scenario/Background of Rowlatt Satyagraha-Khilafat-Non Cooperation –Civil Disobedience and Quit India Movement, Subhas Chandra Bose , the Indian National Army, Culture of Communalism Culminating in the Partition and Transfer of Power .

Select Bibliography:

1. H.C. Roychaudhury , K.K. Dutta, R.C. Majumdar , Advanced History of India.
2. N.K. Sinha & N.R. Ray, History of India
3. Satish Chandra , Medieval India,
4. Ram Saran Sharma , Ancient India
5. S.N. Sen , Advanced History of Ancient and Medieval India.
6. Irfan Habib , Medieval India: The Study of a Civilization
7. Satish Chandra , Medieval India , Part Two: Mughal Empire
8. Sekhar Bandopadhyay, From Plassey to Partition
9. Sumit Sarkar, Modern India , 1885-1947
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11. Mushirul Hasan ed, India's Partition Process , Strategy and Mobilization
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12. Jaya Chatterjee, Spoils of Partition, The Bengal and India 1947-67.
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14. Piyush Chauhan , Consultant Editor , A History of India , From Early Times to AD 1206.