

BACHELORS WITH HISTORY AS MAJOR (CT – II)

6th SEMESTER

HST622J2 HISTORY _ INDIAN NATIONAL MOVEMENT

CREDITS: THEORY: 4; TUTORIAL: 2

COURSE OVERVIEW

The course aims at imparting a basic understanding of the genesis and the role of the Indian National movement. It engages with the different theories of nationalism and highlights the different ways and methods adopted by the Indian leaders to coalesce the masses against British rule. The pressing social and economic issues of the period are discussed to enrich our understanding of British colonialism and its impact on the Indian economy and society. What attitude the different sections of the Indian society adopted towards the Indian National Movement and British imperialism are discussed in detail. The reasons for the emergence of communalism as an antithetical force to nationalism is also discussed. How the Indian nationalists responded to international crises and developments in the Princely states are also discussed in this course.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

After the completion of the course, the learners are expected to:

- Learn about the rise of modern political consciousness in India.
- To know about the methods of political work during freedom struggle.
- To understand the reasons for the political disempowerment of different sections of society and how the nationalist leaders addressed such issues
- Develop an understanding of the legacies of the Indian National Movement.

UNIT-I

- Historiography of Indian Nationalism
- Emergence of Organized Nationalism: Debate on the Foundation of Indian National Congress
- Nationalist Critique of Colonialism

UNIT-II

- Moderates and Extremists: Lucknow Pact
- Emergence of Gandhi as National Leader
- World War-I and Indian Nationalism
- Socialistic Orientation of the Indian National Movement

UNIT-III

- Rise and Growth of Communalism
- Participation of Women and National Movement
- Peasants and the Indian Nationalism
- Depressed Class and Indian National Movement

UNIT-IV

- Indian Capitalist Class and National Movement
- Working Class and National Movement
- Indian National Movement and Princely States

UNIT-V TUTORIAL (2 CREDITS):

- Group discussions on select themes of the course
- Essay on any one of the following:
 - ❖ Theories of Nationalism
 - ❖ Legacies of the Indian National Movement
 - ❖ Economic underdevelopment and communalism
- Guided tour to places of Historical importance: Archives, Shrines, Museums
- Review of prominent books

SUGGESTED READINGS

- Bapin Chandra, et.al, *India's Struggle for Independence*, Penguin India, 2000
- Bapin Chandra, *History of Modern India*, Orient Blackswan, 1999
- Shekhar Bandhopadhyay, *From Plessey to Partition and After*, Orient Blackswan, 2014
- Shekhar Bandhopadhyay, *Nationalist Movement of India*, Oxford University Press, 2008
- Ishita Banerjee-Dube, *A History of Modern India*, Cambridge University Press, 2014
- Sumit Sarkar, *Modern India (1885-1947)*, Pearson Education, 2014
- Sumit Sarkar, *Modern Times*, Orient Blackswan, 2015
- B. L. Grover and Alka Mahender Mehta, *A New Look at Modern Indian History*, Shree Ram Publishers, 2021
- Irfan Habib, *The National Movement: The Struggle for Freedom (1919-1947)*, Tulika Publishers, 2022