

SEMESTER V

HYC09 INDIA: NATION IN THE MAKING

The course explains India's emergence as a Nation in spite of defying the concept of nation state through its unity in diversity. The course also attempts to explain the transition from religious imagination to perception of a secular state.

Module 1

Historiography Colonial scenario Conception of India as a geographical unity - Explaining Nation and Nationalism Uniqueness of Indian experience

Impact of British Rule

- (1) Economic processes before and after the Industrial Revolution Break up of rural economy
Impoverishment of peasants and weavers Export of raw materials and import of British manufactured goods Drain of wealth Rise of Industrial Bourgeoisie and Working Class.
- (2) Revolt of 1857- Nature and consequences Tribal uprisings
- (3) Initiatives in social reforms in the 18th and 19th century

Module 2

Phases of Indian Nationalist Movement

- (1) Nationalism: trends up to 1919 Political ideology and organisations Formation of I N C -
Moderates and extremists Swadesi movement- Revolutionaries -
- (2) Gandhi and Indian Nationalist Movement (Gandhian perspectives and methods) - Impact of World War I Rowlatt Act Jallianwallabagh Non- co operation Civil Disobedience movement Quit India Movement INA Partition Integration of the States

Module 3

Major Landmarks in Constitutional Development

Acts before the 20th century Minto- Morley Reforms - MontagueChelmsford Reforms Government of India Act of 1935 Indian Independence Act of 1947 Constituent Assembly and the making of the Indian Constitution Role of B R Ambedkar

◆Module 4

Functioning of Secularism In Contemporary India

Unity in diversity Secondary contradictions Autonomous or hegemonic Workers movements, Tribal uprisings Peasants movements Caste and Gender Associations Theorising Relevance of Pluralism and multi-culturalism Compulsions of electoral politics Caste and religion in Indian politics

Readings:

1. Bipin Chandra, *Modern India*
2. -----, *Rise and Growth of Indian Nationalism*
3. -----, *India's Struggle for Independence*
4. -----, *Nationalism and Colonialism in Modern India*
5. -----, *Communalism in Modern India*.
6. Tirthankar Roy, *The Economic History of India 1857-1947*, OUP, 2006.
7. Sekhar Bandyopadhyay, *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*,
Orient Blackswan Pvt Ltd
8. S.N.Sen, *Indian History and Culture*, MacMillan India Ltd, 2007.
9. A. R. Desai, *Social Background of Indian Nationalism*
10. P.N.Chopra, et.al, *Modern India*, Sterling Publishers, New Delhi, 2005.
11. Judith Brown, *Gandhi's Rise to Power*
12. Paul Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence*
13. Ranajith Guha, *A Subaltern Studies Reader* (Ed.)
14. Peter Hardy, *Muslims of British India*
15. Irfan Habib, Dharma Kumar and T Raychoudhari, *Cambridge Economic History of India*, Vol.I& Vol II, Orient Blackswan.
16. Sumit Sarkar, *Writing Social History*