Vidyasagar University

Post Graduate Syllabus

in

History

under Choice Based Credit System

(CBCS)

[w.e.f. : 2016-2017]

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

Course Distribution

SEMESTER I

HIS 101	History and Historiography
HIS 102	Environmental History of Modern India
HIS 103	Socio-Religious Reform Movements in Colonial India
HIS 104	Industrial Revolution (I) The Nature of the Industrial Revolution & the English Experience

SEMESTER II

HIS 201	State Formation in Ancient India
HIS 202	State and Economy in Colonial India
HIS 203	History of Modern World: Select Themes, 1919-1945
HIS 204 (CBCS)	Contemporary World

SEMESTER III

HIS 301	State and Economy in Early Modern India
HIS 302	Anti-Colonial Resistance, Decolonization, and After
HIS 303 (Optional)	Social History of Colonial India
	Southwest Bengal: 19th and 20th Centuries
	History of Medicine in Colonial India OR Women and Society in Indian History
HIS 304 (CBCS)	Contemporary India

SEMESTER IV

HIS 401	Social History of Science, Technology, and Medicine in India: Colonial Period
HIS 402	Industrial Revolution (II) The Continental Experience
HIS 403	History of Southeast Asia
HIS 404 (Optional)	Historical Methods
	Agrarian History of Colonial India
	Ideas and Thoughts in Modern India: Select Themes & Personalities

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (i)

HIS 101

HISTORY AND HISTORIOGRAPHY

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: What is History? Events and interpretations – Philosophy of History – Enlightenment Historiography – Empiricism – Positivism – Idealist view of history.

UNIT II: History writing and different versions of the idea of progress – T. B. Macaulay and the idea of liberty – Karl Marx and the principle of equality – G. M. Trevelyan and the literacy and social history – development of economic and social history in the early twentieth century – Maurice Dobb and the Rise of Capitalism – R. H. Tawney and the Gentry Thesis – G. Lefevbre and A. Soboul and the French Revolution.

UNIT III: Social History as History of Movements – Seventeenth century crisis, English Revolution and Christopher Hill – Social History as history of classes; Eric J. Hobsbawm and the Age of Capital, E. P. Thompson and the working class; Raphael Samuel and the history of the people – emergence of new social history.

UNIT IV: Debates in Indian History – historiography of feudalism in India; Eighteenth century crisis in India; Indian Awakening in Nineteenth century; Indian nationalism; Partition of India – modern Indian history with socio-economic perspective: peasantry, working classes, caste, tribe, gender, environment, science and technology.

Suggested Reading:

1. Bandopadhyay, S.: *From Plassey to Partition*
2. Breisach, E.: *Historiography*
3. Budd, A.: *The Modern Historiography Reader - Western Sources*
4. Cannadine, D. (ed.): *What is History Now?*
5. Carr, E. H.: *What is History?*
6. Elton, G. R.: *The Practice of History*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

7. Fulbrook. M.: *Historical Theory*

8. Geyl, P.: *Debates with Historians*

9. Gilderhus, M. T.: *History and Historians*

10. Iggers, G. G. & Wang, E: *Global History of Modern Historiography*

11. Inden, R.: *Imagining India*

12. Kaye, H. W.: *British Marxist Historians*

13. Lambert, P. & Schofield, P. (eds.): *Making Hist*

14. Lemon, M. C.: *Philosophy of History*

15. Marwick, A: *The Nature of History*

16. Morrison, K.: *Marx, Durkheim, Weber*

17. Sarkar, S.: *Writing Social History*

18. Southgate, B.: *History: What and Why*

19. Sreedharan, E.: *A Textbook of Historiography*

20. Tripathi, A.: *Itihas o Aitihasik*

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (ii)

HIS 102

ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Historiography: Ecology – colonialism as a watershed – Nationalism and the environmental discourse.

UNIT II: Communities on the margin – indigenous societies – changing patterns of lively hood, land use, forest management – colonial and post colonial experiences.

UNIT III: Water and social structure: the sociology of resource use and abuse – technology and ecological change in colonial times – the history of climate change – drought, flood, earthquake – dislocation and migration – consequences.

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

UNIT IV: Independent India – technology choice – public policy – developmental discourse – distress and protest discourse – the growth of environmental concern in India.

Suggested Reading:

1. Arnold, D. & Guha, R.: *Nature Culture and Imperialism: Essays on the Environmental History of South Asia*
2. Baviskar, A.: *Waterscapes, The Cultural Politics of a Natural Resources*
3. Cederlof, g. & Sivaramakrishnan, K. (eds.): *Ecological Nationalism: Nature, Livelihoods and Identities in South Asia*
4. D'souza, R. (ed.): *Environment, Technology and Development. Critical and Subversive Essays*
5. Das Gupta, S. & Basu, R. (ed.): *Narratives from the Margins, Aspects of Adivasi History in India*
6. Gadgil, M. & Guha, R: *This Fissured and : An Ecological History of India*
7. Grove, R., Damodaran, V., & Sangwan, S. (eds.): *Nature and the Orient: The Environmental History of South and Southeast Asia*
8. Guha, S.: *Environment and Ethnicity in India, 1200-1991*
9. Mosse, D.: *The Rule of Water, Statecraft, Ecology and Collective Action in South India*
10. Singh, S.: *Taming the Waters. The Political Economy of Large Dams in India*
11. Sivaramakrishnan, K.: *Modern Forests, Statemaking and Environmental Change in Colonial Eastern India*

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (iii)

HIS 103

SOCIO-RELIGIOUS REFORM MOVEMENTS IN COLONIAL INDIA

Lectures: 60

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

UNIT I: Orientalists, Utilitarians and the Bengal Renaissance – debates on 'Renaissance', reform and social Change – evolution of socio-religious reform movements – the difference between social and religious movements – debate over strategies - Vidyasagar and Rammohan Roy.

UNIT II: Reform or Revival – definitions and debates – Hindu shastras and social reform – religion as the basis of social reform – Hindu-Brahmo relations – Prarthana Samaj and Arya Samaj - Vedanta and revitalization of Indian life: Ramkrishna, Vivekananda and the Ramkrishna Mission - response to the movement in press and literature: a review of the work of Bhudeb Mukhopadhyay, Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, Nabin Chandra Sen, and Akshay Chandra Sarkar.

UNIT III: Nationalism, modernity, and Muslim identity in India before 1947: Islamic reformers and their movements in India - educational movements, faith, and revival movements – Syed Ahmed Khan and the Aligarh Movement, Wahabi Movement, Deoband Movement.

UNIT IV: Muslim women, reform and patronage: a study of Nawab Sultan Jahan Begam of Bhopal – issues on caste and education: Begam Rokeya Sakhawat Hossein and Sarala Debi – issues on widow remarriage and Sati – orthodox Hinduism and the Age of Consent Bill.

***Suggested Reading**:*

1. Ahmad, Q.: *The Wahabi Movement in India*
2. Ahmed, F. A. S.: *Social Ideas and Social Change in Bengal, 1818 – 1835*
3. Ghai, K. R.: *Suddhi Movement in India*
4. O' Hanlon, R.: *Caste, Conflict and Ideology*
5. Heimsath, H. C.: *Indian Nationalism and Hindu Social Reform*
6. Hurley, L. S.: *Muslim Women, Reform and Princely Patronage Nawab Sultan Jahan Begam of Bhopal*
7. Jaffrelot, C.: *The Hindu Nationalist Movement and Indian Politics: 1925 to the 1990s*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

8. Jones, W. K.: *The New Cambridge History of India Socio- Religious Reform Movements in British India*

9. Kopf, D. and Joarder, S.: (eds.) *Reflections on the Bengal Renaissance*

10. Kopf, D.: *British Orientalism and the Bengal Renaissance*: *The Dynamics of Indian Modernization 1773 – 1835*

11. Kopf, D.: *The Brahmo Samaj and the Shaping of the Modern Indian Mind*

12. Metcalf, D. B.: *Islamic Contestations Essays On Muslims in Indian and Pakistan*

13. Metcalf, D. B.: *Islamic Revival in British India: Deoband 1860 – 1900*

14. Mullatti, L.: *The Bhakti Movement and the Status of Women*

15. Nizami, A. T.: *Muslim Political Thought and Activity in India during the First Half of the 19th Century*

16. Reetz, D.: *Islam in the Public Sphere Religious Groups in India 1900 – 1947*

17. Sarkar, S.: *Bibliographical Survey of Social Reform Movements in the Eighteenth and Nineteenth Centuries*

18. Sarkar, S.: *On Bengal Renaissance*

19. Sarkar, T.: *Hindu Wife*, *Hindu Nation Community*, *Religion and Cultural Nationalism*

20. Sarkar, T.: *Rebels, Wives, Saints Designing Selves and Nations in Colonial Times*

21. Sen, P. A.: *Explorations in Modern Bengal c.1800 – 1900 Essays on Religion, History and Culture*

22. Sen, P. A.: *Social and Religious Reform. The Hindus of British India*

23. Sen, P. S. (ed.): *Social and Religious Reform Movements in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*

24. Sharma, K.: *Bhakti and the Bhakti Movement, a New Perspective*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

25. Singh, P. K.: *Arya Samaj Movement. A Study of Socio Religious, Consciousness in Western U. P 1875 – 1926*

SEMESTER I

Compulsory Course (iv)

HIS 104

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (I)
The Nature of the Industrial Revolution & the English Experience

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Defining the Industrial Revolution – validity of the concept of 'Industrial Revolution' – why did the Industrial Revolution first occur in England? – Chronology of the British Industrial Revolution.

UNIT II: Demographic Revolution – Agricultural Revolution; Enclosures in Britain – Commercial Revolution - Transport Revolution.

UNIT III: England: The 18th century background – the adoption of Free Trade – role played by labour, capital, banks, government – role of technology and science in the Industrial Revolution – the concept of a leading sector – Cotton Industry & Iron Industry.

UNIT IV: Legislations and human dimensions – changes in the occupational structure – conditions of work – social attitude – women and child labour – Factory Acts – labour organizations – standards of living.

Suggested Reading:

1. Ashton, T. S.: *Iron and Steel in the Industrial Revolution*
2. Bhattacharya, H.: *Britaine Shipabiplab O Tarpar*
3. Chambers, J. D. and Mingay, G. E.: *The Agricultural Revolution, 1750-1880*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

4. Chapman, S. D.: *The Cotton Industry in the Industrial Revolution*
5. Cipolla, Carlo M.: *The Industrial Revolution, 1700-1914* (The Fontana Economic History of Europe.)
6. Clapham, J. H.: *An Economic History of Modern Britain (Volume 1)*
7. Deane, P.: *The First Industrial Revolution*
8. Deane, P. & Cole, W. A: *British Economic Growth, 1688-1959*
9. Flinn, M. W.: *Origins of the Industrial Revolution*
10. Habakkuk, H. J.: *Population Growth and Economic Development since 1750*
11. Habakkuk, H. J. and M. M. Postan, (eds.): *The Cambridge Economic History of Europe (Volume 6)*
12. Hammond, J. L. and B.: *The Village Labourer, 1760-1832.*
13. Hartwell, R. M. (ed.): *The Causes of the Industrial Revolution in England*
14. Hobsbawm, E. J.: *Industry and Empire: From 1750 to the Present Day*
15. Hyde, C. K.: *Technological Change in the British Iron Industry, 1700-1870*
16. Jackman, W. T.: *The Development of Transportation in Modern England*
17. Landes, D.: *Unbound Prometheus: Technological Change and Industrial Development in Western Europe from 1750*
18. Mantoux, Paul: *The Industrial Revolution in the Eighteenth Century*
19. Mathias, P.: *The First Industrial Nation: The Economic History of Britain, 1700-1914*
20. Mingay, G. E.: *Enclosure and the Small Farmer in the Age of the Industrial Revolution*
21. Nef, J.: 'The Progress of Technology and the Growth of Large-scale Industry in Great Britain, 1540-1640.'. Reprinted in Carus-Wilson (ed.): *Essays in Economic History (Volume 1)*
22. Rostow, W. W.: *The Stages of Economic Growth*
23. Schumpeter, E. B.: *English Overseas Trade Statistics, 1697-1808*
24. Taylor, A. J.: *Laissez-faire and State Intervention in Nineteenth-century Britain*
25. Thompson, E.: *The Making of the English Working Class*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (v)

HIS 201

STATE FORMATION IN ANCIENT INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Introduction to political organization till the Vedic period – Kingship in the ancient period – Gopati to Bhupati – meaning of the term *Rajan-Vispati* as chief – post-Vedic terms for the King.

UNIT II: Local autonomy and imperial unity – *janapadas* and *mahajanapadas* – conditions for the rise of large territorial states – treasury and coercion in the state – regular collection of land-revenue – advent of taxation and emergence of the state.

UNIT III: Structure of polity in early medieval India – chieftaincies and feudatories – political and economic changes and the bases of the early medieval state system.

UNIT IV: State and imperial ideology in South India – the Cholas and their successors – Vijayanagara.

Suggested Reading:

1. Ali, D.: *Courtly Culture and Political Life in Early Medieval India*
2. Champakalakshmi, R: *Trade, Ideology and Urbanisation*
3. Chattopadhaya, B. D.: *The Making of Early Medieval India*
4. Claessen, H. J. M. & Skalnik, P.: *The Early State*
5. Kesavan, V.: *Political Structure in Early Medieval South India*
6. Kosambi, D. D.: *An Introduction to the Study of Indian History*
7. Kulke, H. (ed.): *The State in India*
8. Roy, K.: *Emergence of Monarchy in North India*
9. Sharma, R. S.: *Aspects of Political Idea and Institution of Ancient India*
10. Sharma, R. S.: T*he State and Vama Formation in the Mid-Ganga Plains*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

11. Thapar, R.: *Asoka and the Decline of the Mauryas*

12. Thapar, R.: *From Lineage to State*

13. Thapar, R.: *The Mauryas Revisited*

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (vi)

HIS 202

STATE AND ECONOMY IN COLONIAL INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: The colonial state: Brief overview of British expansion in India – British Parliament and the East India Company – Structure of administration: police, judiciary, bureaucracy, army.

UNIT II: The colonial ideology: Orientalist and Utilitarian phases; paternalist attitude – White racism – Divide and rule policy – Social-cultural policies and their impact (education, tribe, caste etc.).

UNIT III: The colonial economy and its impact (1): Changing pattern of English trade – Land revenue settlements – Commercialisation of agriculture.

UNIT IV: The colonial economy and its impact (2): Decline of traditional handicrafts – Emergence of modern industries and colonial industrial policy – impact of railways.

Suggested Reading:

1. Bandopadhyay, S.: *Bengal: Rethinking History*
2. Bandopadhyay, S.: *Plassey to Partition/ Palashi Theke Partition*
3. Banerjee, A. C.: *Constitutional History of India*
4. Bhattacharya, S.: *Approaches to History*
5. Bhattacharya, S. (ed.): *The Contested Terrain*
6. Bhattacharya, S.: *Ouponibeshik Bharater Arthaniti*
7. Bose, N. S.: *Racism, Struggle for Equality, and Indian Nationalism*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

8. Bose, S & Jalal, A: *Modern South Asia*
9. Bose, S.: Peasant Labour and Colonial Capital
10. Chattopadhyay, B.: *Crime and Control in Early Colonial India*
11. Desika Char, S.: *Readings in Constitutional History of India*
12. Fisher, M. H.(ed.): *The Politics of British Annexation in India*
13. Ghosh, S. C.: *The History of Education in Modern India*
14. Guha, R.: *A Rule of Property in Bengal*
15. Kerr, I. J.(ed.): *Railways in Modern India*
16. Kumar, D. (ed.): *The Cambridge Economic History of India (Volume 2)*
17. Marshall, P. J.: *East Indian Fortunes*
18. Metcalf, T. R.: *Ideologies of the Raj*
19. Ray, R. K. (ed.): *Entrepreneurship and Industry in India*
20. Roy, T.: *East India Company*
21. Roy, T.: *The Economic History of India*
22. Sarkar, S.: *Modern India/Adhunik Bharat*
23. Singha, R.: *A Despotism of Law*
24. Stein (ed.): *The Making of Agrarian Policy in British India*
25. Subramanian, L.: *History of India, 1707-1857*

SEMESTER II

Compulsory Course (vii)

HIS 203

HISTORY OF MODERN WORLD:

SELECT THEMES, 1919-1945

Lectures: 60

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

UNIT I: The First World War: historical background; factors that precipitated; nature and impact – Peace Settlement: Fourteen Points of Woodrow Wilson and Paris Peace Conference – some Issues arising out of the War: quest for security; problem of disarmament; problem of reparation – the Great Depression: causes and consequences.

UNIT II: Establishment of a Socialist State in Russia; its economic and political aspects; responses and reactions in the West – Italy and Germany between the Wars; domestic and foreign affairs – politics and ideologies of Fascism & Nazism – France and Great Britain between the Wars – the Policy of Appeasement – Civil War in Spain – The Munich Crisis.

UNIT III: Impact of the Peace Pact of 1919 on West Asia; Mandate system in Middle East – rise of Mustafa Kamal Pasha & the modernization of Turkey – Arab nationalism after World War I; role of Saudi Arab – rise of nationalism in Egypt; Anglo-Egyptian relations during the period between the two World Wars.

UNIT IV: Japan's Supremacy in East Asia – China between the World Wars – emergence of America & Soviet Russia as world powers – origin and nature of World War II.

Suggested Reading:

1. Benns, F. L.: *Europe since 1919*
2. Blanning, T, C. W. (ed.): *The Oxford Illustrated History of Modern Europe*
3. Briggs, A. & P. C.: *Modern Europe, 1789-Present*
4. Bullock, A.: *Hitler – A Study in Tyranny*
5. Carr, E. H.: *International Relations between the Two World Wars, 1919-1939*
6. Carr, E. H.: *The Bolshevik Revolution, 1917-1939(3 volumes*)
7. Chakrabarti, R.: *A History of the Modern World: An Outline*
8. Chickering, R., S. F. & B. Greiner, (eds.): *A World at Total War: Global Conflict and the Politics of Destruction, 1937-1945*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

9. Clavin, P.: *The Great Depression in Europe, 1929-1939*

10. Dickinson, Frederick, R., *World War I and the Triumph of a New Japan*

11. Fisher, S. N.: *The Middle East: A History*

12. Gathorne-Hardy, G. M.: *A Short History of International Affairs, 1920-1938*

13. Hsu, I. C. Y.: *The Rise of Modern China*

14. Joll, J.: *Europe since 1870*

15. Joll, J. & G. M.: *The Origins of the First World War*

16. Keylor, W. R.: *The Twentieth Century World – An International History*

17. Langsam, W. C.: *The World since 1919*

18. Lenczowski, G.: *The Middle East in World Affairs*

19. Nish, I.: *Japanese Foreign Policy in the Interwar Period*

20. Payne, S. G.: *A History of Fascism, 1914-1945*

21. Payne, S. G.: *The Spanish Civil War*

22. Taylor, A. J. P.: *The Struggle for Mastery in Europe, 1848-1918*

23. Taylor, A. J. P.: *The Origins of the Second World War*

24. Thomson, D.: *Europe since Napoleon*

25. Weinberg, G. L.: *A World at Arms: A Global History of World War II*

SEMESTER II

CBCS Course (i)

HIS 204

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

CONTEMPORARY WORLD

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Black American History: Abolition of slavery – the Harlem Resistance – the Lexicon and History of Prohibition – the Civil Rights Movement; Martin Luther King to Malcolm X.

UNIT II: Third World: Historical context of the emergence of the Third World – Developmental issues of the Third World – Changing face of the Third World; politics, society, economy, culture.

UNIT III: India Engaging with the World – Look East Policy – India and South Asian – India and Super Powers

UNIT IV: Feminism: Indian Feminism: Dalit Feminism & Ecofeminism – Feminist movements and women empowerment in modern world; Challenges and possibilities; Politics, society, economy – History of Black Feminism; Definition; Race, class and gender as interlocking oppressors in the lives of black women and women of colour; Black feminism and life expenses; Sexuality and choice; Concept of Womanism.

Suggested Reading:

1. Appadorai, A. and Rajan, M. S.: *India's Foreign Policy and Relations*
2. Bandyopadhyaya, Jayantanuja: *The Making of India's Foreign Policy. Determinants, Institutions, Process and Personalities*
3. Dixit, J. N.: *India's Foreign Policy and its Neighbours*
4. Dutt, V. P.: *India's Foreign Policy since Independence*
3. Ganguly, Sumit, (ed.): *India's Foreign Policy: Retrospect and Prospect*
4. Bhasiin, Kamala: *What is Patriarchy?*
5. Shiva, Vandana: *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Development*
6. Miles, Maria and Shiva, Vandana (eds.): *Ecofeminism*
7. Wayne C. Williams and Harry Piotrowski: *The World since 1945 – A History of International Relations*
8. Calvocoressi, P.: *World Politics 1945 – 2000*
9. Briggs, A. & Clavin, P.: *Modern Europe, 1789 – Present*
10. Haynes, J.: *Third World Politics*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

11. Mazrui, Ali A. & Michael, T.: *Nationalism and New States in Africa*

12. Burns, B.: *Latin America: A Concise Interpretative History*

13. Ray, B.: *Early Feminists of Colonial India*

14. Jackson, S.: *Contemporary Feminist Theories*

15. Talpade Mohanty, C. & Russo, A.: *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*

16. Simonton, D.: *Women in European Culture and Society*

17. Gilmore, S.: Groundswell: *Grassroots Feminist Activism in Postwar America*

18. Murray, P. S.: *Women and Gender in Modern Latin America*

SEMESTER III

Compulsory Course (viii)

HIS 301

STATE AND ECONOMY IN EARLY MODERN INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: State and economy in early modern India: the establishment of a centralized state under the Mughals; emphasis on military and revenue administration – extension of the core Mughal model into other areas viz. Gujarat, Ahmadnagar, Bengal.

UNIT II: Impact on agrarian society, especially in terms of the high revenue demand – relationship between the state and the landed elites viz. social and administrative – expansion and integration of the agrarian base during the Mughal period; drive for revenue and the new agrarian frontiers.

UNIT III: Indian economy and the Indian Ocean: trade network and commerce; transformations since the 15th century – maritime merchants in the Indian Ocean region – Indian merchants and their participation in the Indian Ocean and hinterland or internal trade.

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

UNIT IV: Trade and the Indian Economy: flow of precious metals and currency – the state and the need for monetization – mint administration and towns – internal and overseas markets – inland trade networks.

Suggested Reading:

1. Alam, M.: *Crisis of Empire in Mughal North India. Awadh and Punjab, 1701-1748*

2. Chandra, S.: Medieval India: *Society, the Jagir Crisis and the Village*

3. Chaudhuri, K. N.: *The Trading World of Asia and English East India Company*

4. Dasgupta, A.: *The World of the Indian Ocean Merchants, 1500-1800. Collected Essays of Ashin Dasgupta*

5. Datta, R. (ed.): *Rethinking a Millennium: Perspectives on Indian*

6. Habib, I: *Agrarian System of Mughal India*

7. Hasan, S. N.: *Thoughts on Agrarian Relations in Mughal India*

8. *History from the Eighth to the Eighteenth Century*

9. *History of India (Volume 1)*

10. Moreland W. H.: *India at the Death of Akbar*

11. Moreland, W. H.: *From Akbar to Aurangzeb*

12. Raychaudhuri, T. & Habib, I (eds.): *The Cambridge Economic*

13. Richards, J. F.: *The Mughal Empire*

14. Siddiqui, N. A.: *Land Revenue Administration under the Mughals*

15. Subramanyam, S. & Alam, M.: *The Mughal State*

SEMESTER III

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

Compulsory Course (ix)

HIS 302

ANTI-COLONIAL RESISTANCE, DECOLONISATION, AND AFTER

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Economic context of anti-colonial resistance – British land settlements and consequences – Tribal and Agrarian protests – The 1857 Revolt.

UNIT II: Organized politics and anti-colonial resistance – Congress and the educated social groups – Mass movements since 1905 and up to 1930s.

UNIT III: Process of decolonizing India – GOI Act 1935 to Constituent Assembly 1946 – Indian Independence Act of 1947 – Integration of Princely States – Establishment of the Republic.

UNIT IV: Post–independence nation building – Multicultural nature of Indian polity – Planning and development policy.

Suggested Reading:

SEMESTER III

Optional Course (i)

HIS 303 (i)

SOCIAL HISTORY OF COLONIAL INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Changing face of a discipline: What is society? – Social history to history of society – Competing Orientalist, Utilitarian, and Nationalist visions of past Indian society – aspects of post-colonial Indian society.

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

UNIT II: Marginal communities: Caste: traditional features; colonial sociology and mobility movements; lower caste aspirations and national movement – Tribe: validity of the concept and traditional features; changes during colonial rule and confrontation; tribes and national movement – Labour: consciousness and the making of a working class; capital and conditions of work; organisation, protest, and national movement.

UNIT III: Family and childhood: Patriarchy and gender; social functions of the family and household roles; changes in family structure and norms during colonial rule – Childhood and children in traditional India; debate on the ideas of childhood in colonial India; experience of children and children's literature.

UNIT IV: The city, media, leisure, and the arts: Urbanisation and urbanism in colonial India; elite and popular culture – press, literature, and changing awareness and sensibilities – the emerging arenas of sport, theatre, and cinema, and their social role – art, music, dance and their relation with wider social and nationalist trends.

Suggested Reading:

1. Bandopadhyay, K.: *Scoring Off the Field*
2. Bandopadhyay, S. (ed.): *Bengal: Rethinking History*
3. Bandopadhyay, S.: *Caste, Politics and the Raj*
4. Bandopadhyay, S.: *Caste, Protest and Identity in Colonial India*
5. Banga, I.: *The City in Indian History*
6. Bhattacharya, S (ed.): *Approaches to History*
7. Burke, P.: *History and Social Theory*
8. Chatterjee-Dube, I.(ed.): *Caste in History*
9. Das, V.: *Handbook of Indian Sociology*
10. Forbes, G.: *Women in Modern India*
11. Giddens, A.: *Sociology*
12. Guha Thakurta, T.: *The Making of a New 'Indian' Art*
13. Joshi, S. (ed.): *The Middle Class in Colonial India*
14. Kolenda, P.: *Caste in Contemporary India*
15. Lal, A.: *The Oxford Companion to Indian Theatre*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

16. Majumdar, B. & Mangan, J. A. (eds.): *Sport in South Asian Society*
17. Sakar, S.: *Writing Social History*
18. Sanyal, H.: *Social Mobility in Bengal*
19. Sarkar, S.: *Modern Times*
20. Sen, S: *Colonial Childhoods*
21. Sinha, P.: *Calcutta in Urban History*
22. Srinivas, M. N.: *Social Change in Modern India*
23. Stokes, E.: *The English Utilitarians and India*
24. van Schendel, W. & Ball, E.: *The Many Peoples of Bengal*/ Bandopadhyay, S. & Dasgupta (eds.): *Jati, Barna o Bangali Samaj*
25. Walsh, J.: *Growing Up in British India*

SEMESTER III

Optional Course (ii)

HIS 303 (ii)

SOUTH-WEST BENGAL: 19TH AND 20TH CENTURIES

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: South-West Bengal in Colonial period: impact of western education and ideas – growth of western educated local intelligentsia – new educational institutions and response of indigenous elites – emergence of modern professions – social consequences of westernization – newspapers and periodical journals.

UNIT II: Emergence of modern politics – rise of local leadership – Swadeshi militant nationalism – Non Cooperation mobilization – Civil Disobedience Movement – second phase of the revolutionary politics – Quit India movement.

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

UNIT III: Emergence of left wing politics – condition of the working class and peasants; their mobilization – students' response to radicalism.

UNIT IV: Condition of women, tribes and castes – Utkal Brahmins of Midnapur – ecology and environment; natural disasters; the Famine of 1943 and its impact on local society.

Suggested Reading:

1. Hunter, W. W.: *A Statistical Account of Bengal (volume 3)*

2. Hunter, W. W.: *Annals of Rural Bengal*

3. O'Malley, L. S. S.: *Bengal District Gazzetteer, Midnapore.*

4. Price, J. C.: *Notes on the History of Midnapore*

5. Majumdar, R. C.: *History of the Freedom Movement in India (Volumes 1 & 2)*

6. Samanta, A. (ed.): *Terrorism in Bengal (6 volumes)*

7. Chatterjee, P. K. (ed.): *Midnapore's Tryst with Struggle*

8. Das, B. S.: *Changing Profile in Frontier Bengal.*

9. Barui, B. C.: *Salt Industry in Bengal*

10. Chakraborty, B.: *Local Politics and Indian Nationalism, Midnapur, 1919 – 1944*

11. Panda, C.: *Decline of the Bengal Zaminders*

12. Risley, H. H.: *The Tribes and Castes in Bengal (Volumes 1 & 2)*

13 Greenough, P.: *Prosperity and Misery in Modern Bengal – The Famine of 1943 – 1944*

14. Bhowmick, S. P.: *History of the Bengal Nagpur Railway Working Class Movement with special reference to Kharagpur*

15. Pal, R.: *Women of Midnapore in Indian Freedom Struggle*

16. Sanyal, H. R.: *Swarajer Pathe*

17. Basu, J. C.: *Medinipurer Itihas*

18. Chaudhuri, R. M.: *Bankurajaner Itihas Sanskriti*

19. Roy, P. & Das, B. S. (eds.): *Medinipur: Itihas O Sanskritir Bibartan, Volumes 1-5*

20. Bhattacharyya, T.: *Medinipur, Bankura, Purulia (3 books)*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

SEMESTER III

Optional Course (iii)

HIS 303 (iii)

HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN COLONIAL INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Evolution of history of medicine from ancient times to the modern era: an overview – different systems of medical knowledge in India – historiography and various debates on history of medicine in colonial India – Colonialism, climate and race – Imperialism and tropical medicine.

UNIT II: History of psychiatry: its evolution and the changing nomenclature – a study of the asylums of India, particularly Bengal from the early nineteenth century to mid twentieth century.

UNIT III: The evolution of medicine in India from bedside to laboratory: the advent of hospitals, laboratories and the role of public health and sanitation – history, prevention and control of diseases: Cholera, Small Pox and Tuberculosis – Medicine and colonial army.

UNIT IV: Women, health and medicine: women in medical education, motherhood and reproductive health – Marie Stopes' manual on health and family.

Suggested Reading:

1. Arnold, D.: *Imperial Medicine and Indigenous Societies*
2. Arnold, D.: *Colonizing the Body: State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth Century India*
3. Arnold, D.: *Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India*, Cambridge
4. Attewell, G.: *Refiguring Unani Tibb*: *Plural Healing in Late Colonial India*
5. Bala, P.: *Imperialism and Medicine in Bengal*
6. Bala, P. (ed): *Contesting Colonial Authority Medicine and Indigenous Responses in Nineteenth and Twentieth Century India*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

7. Ballhatchet, K.: *Race, Sex and Class Under the British Raj Imperial Attitudes and Policies and their Critics, 1793 – 1905*

8. Basu, R. & Kumar, D. (eds.): *Medical Encounters in British India*

9. Bhattacharya, S.: *Expunging Variola. The Control and Eradication of Small Pox in India 1947 – 1977*

10. Chakrabarti, P.: *Medicine and Empire 1600 – 1960*

11. Dasgupta, N. and Palit, C.: *An Ancient Indian System of Rasayana Suvarnatantra A Treatise on Alchemy / Rasayana*

12. Dutta, A. & Palit, C. (eds.): *History of Medicine in India. The Medical Encounter*

13. Ernst, W: *Mad Tales from the Raj Colonial Psychiatry in South Asia, 1800 –1858*

14. Harrison, M: *Public Health in British India Anglo Indian Preventive Medicine 1859 – 1914*

15. Harrison, M.: *Climates and Constitutions Health, Race, Environment and British Imperialism in India 1600 – 1850*

16. Kakar, S.: *Shamans, Mystics and Doctors A Psychological Inquiry into India And its Healing Traditions*

17. Kumar D. (ed.): *Disease and Medicine in India A Historical Overview*

18. Kumar, N. (ed.): *Gender and Science Studies Across Cultures*

19. Levine, P.: *Prostitution, Race and Politics Policing Venereal Disease in the British Empire*

20. Mills, J.: *Madness, Cannabis and Colonialism The 'Native Only' Lunatic Asylums of British India, 1857-1900*

21. Mukherjee, P. B.: *Nationalizing the Body. The Medical Market, Print and Daktari Medicine*

22. Pati, B. and Harrison, M. (eds.): *Health, Medicine and Empire Perspectives on Colonial India*

23. Porter, R.: *Madness A Brief History*

24. Porter, R.: *The New Cambridge History of Medicine*

25. Sharma, M.: *Indigenous and Western Medicine in Colonial India,* New Delhi

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

SEMESTER III

Optional Course (iii) Alternative

HIS 303 (iii)

Women and Society in Indian History

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Understanding Women's History, Feminism and Gender History: Concepts, Theories and Issues; Gender: Social construction of Sexuality, Understanding Gender through Class, Caste, Race, and Community; Masculinity, Femininity, Patriarchy: Ideologies and Practices.

UNIT II: Women in pre-colonial India: Archaeology and pre-historic society; Women in the Indus Valley Civilisation; Women's Position in Vedic Society; Buddhism and Jainism; Status of Women in Medieval India: Purdah and Seclusion; Concubinage and Slavery; Gender Division of Labour in Mughal India; Engels and the Origin of Women Oppression.

UNIT III: Women in Colonial India: Social Reform Movements and Women's Issues; Women's Education; Women in Indian National Movement; Gandhian Nationalism and Women; Women's Organisations.

UNIT IV: Women in post-colonial India: Tribal and Dalit Issues; Contemporary Issues and Problems: Divorce, Dowry, Violence, Rape; Women's Movement in India; Women and Rural Development; Policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment; Issues on Women's Health.

Suggested Reading:

1. Anagol, Padma. *The Emergence of Feminism in India, 1850 – 1920*
2. Arondekar, R. Anjali. *For the Record: On Sexuality and the Colonial Archive in India*
3. Ballhatchet, Kenneth. *Race, Sex and Class under the Raj*
4. Bayly, C. A, Vijayendra Rao, Simon Szreter, Michael Woolcock, eds. *History, Historians and Development Policy*
5. Burton, M. Antoinette. *Burdens of History: British Feminists, Indian Women and Imperial Culture 1865 – 1915*
6. Clintock, Mc Anne, *Imperial Leather: Race, Gender and Sexuality in the Colonial Context*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

7. Engels, Friedrich. *The Origin of the Family, Private Property and the State in The Light of the Researches of Lewis H. Morgon*

8. Evans, Mary and Carolyn H. Williams. *Gender: The Key Concepts*

9. Forbes, Geraldine. *Women in Modern India*.

10. Forbes, Geraldine. *Women in Colonial India: Essays on Politics, Medicine and Historiography*

11. Hyam, Ronald. *Empire and Sexuality: the British Experience*

12. Kumar, Radha. *The History of Doing*

13. Levine, Phillipa. *Gender and Empire* Oxford History of the British Empire Companion Series

14. Levine, Phillipa. *Prostitution, Race and Politics: Policing Venereal Disease in the British Empire*

15. Mani, Lata. *Contentious Traditions*

16. Metcalf, Daly, Barbara. *Perfecting Women Maulana Ashraf 'Ali Thanawi's Bihishti Zewa*r

17. Minault, Gail. *Secluded Scholars, Women's Education and Muslim Social Reform in Colonial India*

18. Ray, Bharati. *Early Feminists of Colonial India*

19. Sarkar,Tanika. *Rebels, Wives and Saints: Designing Selves and Nations in Colonial Times*

20. Sarkar, Tanika. *Hindu Wife, Hindu Nation: Community, Religion and Cultural Nationalism*

21. Sarkar, Tanika and Sarkar, Sumit, eds. *Women and Social Reform in Modern India: A Reader*

22. Rege, Sharmila. *Writing Caste, Writing Gender: Reading Dalit Women's Testimonies*

23. Sangari, Kumkum and Vaid, Sudesh. *Recasting Women: Essays in Colonial History*

24. Sinha, Mrinalini. *Specters of Mother India: The Global Restructuring of an Empire*

25. Tharu, J. Susie, K. Lalita. *Women Writing in India: 600 B.C. to the Early Twentieth Century*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

SEMESTER III

CBCS Course (ii)

HIS 304

CONTEMPORARY INDIA: HISTORICAL UNDERPINNINGS

UNIT I: History of Overseas Indian Trade: Introduction to the history of trade; general nature of the study – Western Indian Ocean: Merchants and Merchandise from ancient to early medieval period; Maritime trade in Gujarat and Malabar in early modern period; commodities; transition in trade, 1750-1818 – Eastern Indian Ocean: Trade in early medieval Bengal; ports of Coromandel and Bengal in the medieval and early period; merchant communities, trade networks in Bay of Bengal littoral – the European companies since 17th century; Company trade and private trade.

UNIT II: History of Indian Sport: Social significance of sport in traditional India – Colonial India: 'sport ethic' in colonial policy, football, cricket, and nationalism and communalism – Sport in post-colonial India: promotion of sport by the Indian state, proliferation and popularization of sport, and increasing of, and professionalism in, sport in recent times – Sport and gender in post-colonial Indian society.

UNIT III: History of Indian Media: Media History – Definition and forms of media – All India Radio, Television, Newspapers and the Internet – Role of media in diffusion of culture: media, culture and the public sphere – Gender, sexuality and media.

UNIT IV: History of Indian Culture: Music; Film; Theatre

Suggested Reading:

1. Bandopadhyay, K.: *Scoring Off the Field*

2. Bhatia, N. (ed.): *Modern Indian Theatre*

3. Bor, Joep. Delvoye, Francoise Nalini. Harvey, Jane. Nijenhuis, Emmie te.: Hindustani Music: Thirteenth to Twentieth Centuries

4. V N Bhatkhande: Comparative Study of some of the leading music systems of the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th centuries

5. Bonnie C. Wade: Imaging Sound : An Ethno musicological Study of Music, Art, and Culture in Mughal India

6. Van Der Meer, Wim: Hindustani Music in the 20th Century

7. Sourindro Mohun Tagore: Universal History of Music: Complied from diverse sources

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

together with Various Original Notes on Hindu Music

8. Lewis Rowell: Music and Musical Thought in Early India

9. Ethel Rosenthal: The story of Indian Music and its Instruments

10. Ranade, Ashok Promilla: Hindustani Classical Music, Keywords and Concepts

11. Swami Prajnanananda: A Historical Study of Indian Music

12. Bhavanrav A Pingle: History of Indian Music: with particular reference to theory and practice

13. Briggs and Peter Burke: *A Social History of Media from Gutenberg to the Internet*

14. Burke, Kenneth: *Attitudes toward History*

15. Carey, James W: *Communication as Culture*: *Essays on Media and Society*

16. Gooptu, Sarmistha: *Bengali Cinema. An Other Nation*

17. Jain, Madhu ed.: *Narratives of Indian Cinema*

18. Lal, A. (ed.): *Oxford Companion to Indian Theatre*

19. Majumdar, B. & Mangan, J. A. (eds): *Sport in South Asian History*

20. Nerone, John: "The Future of Communication History." *Critical Studies in Media Communication* Volume 23, No. 3 (2006): 254–262

21. Peters, Benjamin: "And Lead Us Not into Thinking the New Is New: A Bibliographic Case for New Media History." *New Media & Society* Volume 11, nos. 1 & 2 (2009): 13–30

22. Peters, John Durham: "History as a Communication problem", In *Explorations in Communication and History*, edited by Barbie Zelizer, 19 – 34

23. Vasudevan, R: *The Melodramatic Public*: *Film Form and Spectatorship in Indian Cinema*

24. Winston, Brian: *Media Technology and Society A History: From the Telegraph to the Internet*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (x)

HIS 401

SOCIAL HISTORY OF SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND MEDICINE IN INDIA: COLONIAL PERIOD

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Colonial Science – considerations of the colonial power underpinning scientific and technological initiatives of British India – British surveys in India as colonial forms of knowledge – technology and the colonial project of India's development – Departments of Irrigation, Agriculture, Public Works, Railways – role of Asiatic Society of Bengal.

UNIT II: Western medicine in an Indian environment – colonial government, public health and state medicine – emergence of the study of tropical diseases – underpinnings of colonial power in epidemiology in colonial India – role of scientific education and technical institutions – government and private colleges – engineering and medical colleges – involvement of women in science education.

UNIT III: Nationalist science as a counter-discourse of colonial science; claim of an ancient 'national' scientific tradition for India; the search for 'scientific' texts from 'antiquity' – Nationalist medicine: Ayurveda, Unani, nationalist adoption of Homeopathy.

UNIT IV: Nationalism and the founding of institutions and associations for scientific research – Swadeshi technology: in theory and practice – response to western science: failures and successes – modern scientific outlook and the 'women question'.

Suggested Reading:

1. Arnold, D.: *The New Cambridge History of India III – 5: Science, Technology and Medicine in Colonial India*

2. Baber, Z.: *The Science of Empire*

3. Chakraborty, P.: *Western Science in Modern India*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

4. Kumar, D.: *Science and the Raj*

5. Sangwan, S.: *Science, Technology and Colonization: An Indian Experience*

6. Bernal, J. D.: *Science in History* (2 volumes)

7. Arnold, D.: *Colonizing the Body – State Medicine and Epidemic Disease in Nineteenth Century India*

8. Lourdusamy, J.: *Science and National Consciousness in Bengal, 187o-1930*

9. Habib, S. I. & Raina, D. (eds.): *Social History of Science in Colonial India*

10. Harrison, M.: *Public Health in British India*

11. Dasgupta, S.: *Jagdish Chandra Bose and the Indian Response to Western Science*

12. Kumar, D. & MacLeod, R. (eds.): *Technology and the Raj*

13. Prakash, G.: *Another Reason – Science and Imagination in Modern India*

14. Erns, W.: *Mad Tales from the Raj: The European Insane in British India, 1800 – 1858*

15. Roy, K.: *History of Public Health – Colonial Bengal, 1921 – 1947*

16. Bala. P.: *Imperialism and Medicine in Bengal*

17. Rahman, A.: *Science and Technology in Indian Culture*

18. Bose, P. K. (ed.): *Health and Society in Bengal*

19. Palit, C. et al: *Science, Technology, Medicine and Environment in India – In Historical Perspective*

20. Samanta, A.: *Malarial Fever in Colonial Bengal, 1820 – 1939*

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (xi)

HIS 402

INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION (II)

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

THE CONTINENTAL EXPERIENCE

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Concepts of the Industrial Revolution: theories of revolution, evolution, economic growth; 19th century industrial crises – Proto-industrialisation – Agricultural Revolution – 'Substitution Process' theory – Technology and the 'latecomers'.

UNIT II: France: Conditions in the ancient regime – prospects and problems in the Revolutionary-Napoleonic Period – Restoration and the return to Protectionism – Napoleon III and his 'booster' policies – decline in the post-1870 period?

UNIT III: Germany: Backwardness in the German states in 1815 – Prussian imperatives; Zollverin and the railways – growth in the period 1850-1870 – Bismarck's policies – situation up to 1914.

UNIT IV: Russia: Backwardness in the mid-19th century – Emancipation Edict and its effects – trends in the period 1860s-1870s – initiatives of Vishnegradsky and Witte – Stolypin reforms – situation up to 1914.

Suggested Reading:

1. Blum, J.: *The End of the Old Order in Europe*
2. Braudel, F: *Capitalism and Material Life*
3. Bury, J.: *France, 1814-1945*
4. Carr, W.: *A History of Germany, 1814-1945*
5. Cipolla, C. (ed.): *Economic History of Europe. Volumes (3 & 4)*
6. Cipolla, C.: *Before the Industrial Revolution*
7. Clapham, J.: *The Economic Development of France and Germany*
8. Gatrell, P.: *The Czarist Economy*
9. Habbakuk, H. & Postan, G. (eds.): *Economic History of Europe (Volumes 6-8).*
10. Henderson, W.: *Industrial Revolution on the Continent*
11. Hobsbawm, E.: *Industry and Empire*
12. Kemp, T.: *Industrialisation in the 19th Century*
13. Mantoux, P.: *The Industrial Revolution in the Eighteenth Century*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

14. Medick, H., Kriedte, P., Schlumbohm, J.: *Industrialisation Before Industrialisation*

15. Price, R.: *An Economic History of Modern France*

16. Rostow, W. W.: *Stages of Economic Growth*

17. Stephenson, G.: *A History of Russia, 1812-1945*

18. Trebilcock, C.: *The Industrialisation of the Continental Powers*

19. Wallerstein, E.: *The Modern World System*

SEMESTER IV

Compulsory Course (xii)

HIS 403

HISTORY OF SOUTH EAST ASIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Southeast Asia in Colonial Times: Concept of Southeast Asia; pre-colonial mainland Southeast Asia; the shape of pre-colonial maritime Southeast Asia – The Age of Transition, mid 18th to the early 19th centuries; establishment of colonial regimes: the question of colonial strategies – the English and Dutch in the East Indies; Indigenous Response to Imperial Rule and the framework of Resistance; Role of the British; Dutch realm in the Indonesian Archipelago; Raj, Company and Residency in Borneo; Sulu and the Philippines; British Malaya; Britain and Burma; Britain, France and Vietnam; policies of the Western Powers; southeast Asian policies; interaction and accommodation.

UNIT II: Nationalism and the Path to Freedom: national identity and unity; nationalism, anti-colonialism and the battle of ideologies; ethnic Minorities and nationalism – Nationalist movements in Southeast Asia: Filipino's Freedom from Spanish and US rule; movements in the Islands of *priyayi* and *santri*; the case of Indonesian Nationalism; Myanmar in the movement; Thailand's Constitutional Revolution; nationalist movements in Vietnam, Malaya, Cambodia and Laos; the Republic of Singapore ; nationalism and modernist reform – Southeast Asia in War and Peace: the end of European colonial empires; World War II and Japanese Occupation; colonial restoration and struggles for Independence 1945-48; revolution and decolonization during the Cold War, 1948-57; independence settlement in the Malayan region; independence settlement in Indonesia; independence settlement in Indochina.

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

UNIT III: State, Society, and Religion: social structures and strategies; women and social change in southeast Asia; migration, urban poverty and social investment; regional tensions and problems; education, reform and national awareness – Religion, values and Church-State relationships; spiritual visions of revolution and independence; state regulation and institutional religion; reformulations in popular practice; magical, millenarian and mystical practices; purist revival and secular modernism.

UNIT IV: Economic and Social Change: western merchant capitalists; Development of International Commerce from about 1820; the Great Depression; economic policy in independent Southeast Asia – Economic implications of international politics; international markets and technology; economic growth and structural change; agrarian unrest in southeast Asia – Market economies of southeast Asia; question of privatisation in the market economies – Current trends in the economic history of southeast Asia – City in Southeast Asia: patterns, processes, and policies – Globalisation in Southeast Asia.

Suggested Reading:

1. Bandyopadhyay, Shekhar. *Burma Today*: *Economic Development and Political Control Since 1962*

2. Bayly, Susan. *Asian Voices in a Postcolonial Age Vietnam, India and Beyond*

3. Bhattacharjee, G. P. *Southeast Asian Politics*: *Malaysian Indonesia*

4. Christie, J. Clive, *Southeast Asia in the Twentieth Century*: *A Reader*

5. Hainsworth, B. Geoffrey. *Southeast Asia*: *Women, Changing Social Structure and Cultural Continuity*

6. Hall, D. G. E. *A History of South-East Asia*

7. Jayapalan, N. *History of South-East Asia*

8. Jha, Ganganath. *South-East Asia and India*: *a Political Perspective*

9. Kahin, G. M. T. *Nationalism and Revolution in Indonesia*

10. McMohan, Robert J. *Major Problems in the History of Vietnam War*: *Documents and Essays*

11. Money, J.W.B. *Java or How to Manage a Colony.* Volumes 1 and 2

12. Moscotti, A.D. *British Policy and the Nationalist Movement in Burma 1917 – 1937*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

13. Rodan, Carry, Kevin Hewinson, and Richard Robinson. *The Political Economy of Southeast Asia*: *an Introduction*

14. Sardesai, D. R. *Southeast Asia*: *Past and Present*

15. Short, Anthony. *The Origins of the Vietnam War*

16. Tarling, Nicholas ed. *The Cambridge History of Southeast Asia*, *the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries*, Volume 2

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (iv)

HIS 404 (iv)

HISTORICAL METHODS

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Positivist History: the background of Empiricism; observation and prediction in history; criticism of empiricist and positivist history – Whig History; Reason and Progress; contrast with tradition.

UNIT II: Marxist History; the beginnings; Karl Marx, Marxism and History: some general themes – the Monist view of history: Determinism, critique of determinism – structuralism, history from below and new social history.

UNIT III: Annales: the agenda for Total History; Marc Bloch, Lucien Febvre and the early years – Structure, conjuncture and event: the Braudelian perspective.

UNIT IV: The history of mentalities, the history of emotions and the history of everyday life – the return of the narrative – Foucault and the history of power and discourse.

Suggested Reading:

1. Anderson, P.: *Arguments within English Marxism*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

2. Aymard, M. & Mukhia, H.: *French Studies in History*
3. Bloch, M: *The Historian's Craft*
4. Braudel, F.: *On History*
5. Burke, P: *Sociology and History*
6. Butterfield, H.: *The Whig Interpretation of History*
7. Carr, E. H.: *What is History*
8. Cohen, G. A: *Karl Marx's Theory of History: A Defence*
9. Collingwood, R. G.: *The Idea of History*
10. Goldstein, L. G.: *Historical Knowing*
11. Kay, H: *The British Marxist Historians*
12. Le Goff, J. & Nora, P. (ed.): *Constructing the Past: Essays in Historical Methodology*
13. Murphey, M. G.: *Our Knowledge of the Historical Past*
14. Plekhanov, G.: *The Monist View of History*
15. Poster, M: *Foucault, Marxism and History*
16. Ricoeur, P: *The Contributions of French Historiography to the Theory of History*
17. Stoianovich, T.: *The French Historical Method: The Annales Paradigm*

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (v)

HIS 404 (v)

AGRARIAN HISTORY OF COLONIAL INDIA

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: The late pre-colonial background – continuity or change? Layers of control: village community; the jajmani system.

UNIT II: Empire and the perspective of imperialism: the first phase: India being reduced to the status of an underdeveloped agrarian economy – the phase of direct parliamentary rule – the

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

resurgence of a neo-colonial view that India thrived under imperial rule – agricultural productivity and agrarian change.

UNIT III: Land tax and proprietary rights under the colonial rule – the transition – ecological damages – peasants' choices and insecurity – famine, malnutrition, epidemics.

UNIT IV: Transformation of authority, property, and bondage: rural indebtedness – the rise of the rich peasant – plantations – living standards and survival – how constraining was the colonial incubus?

Suggested Reading:

1. Ali, I: *The Punjab under Imperialism*
2. Amin, S.: *Sugar and Sugarcane in Gorakhpur*
3. Baden Powell, H.: *Land Systems in British India*
4. Bajpai, G.: *Agrarian Urban Economy and Social Change*
5. Baker, C. J.: *An Indian Rural Economy*
6. Baker, C. J. & Washbrook, D.: *South India*
7. Blyn, G.: *Agricultural Trends in India*
8. Bose, S.: *Agrarian Bengal*
9. Bose, S.: *Peasant Labour and Colonial Capital*
10. Breman, J.: *Patronage and Exploitation*
11. Catanach, I. J.: *Rural Credit in Western India*
12. Charlesworth, N.: *British Rule and the Indian Economy*
13. Chatterjee, P.: *Bengal, 1920-1947*
14. Frykenburg, R.: *Land Control and Social Structure in Indian History*
15. Islam, S.: *Bengal Land Tenure*
16. Kumar, D. (ed.): *Cambridge Economic History of India (Volume 2)*
17. Kumar, R.: *Western India in the Nineteenth Century*
18. Prakash, G.: *The World of the Rural Labourer in Colonial India*
19. Ray, R.: *Change in Bengal Agrarian Society*
20. Metcalf, T. R.: *Land, Landlords, and the British Raj*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

SEMESTER IV

Optional Course (vi)

HIS 404 (vi)

Ideas and Thoughts in Modern India: Select Themes & Personalities

Lectures: 60

UNIT I: Early Nationalist Responses: thoughts of Rammohan Roy – Bankimchandra Chattopadhyay's ideas in shaping Nationalism – Moderate ideology of M. G. Ranade – Extremist Ideology of B. G. Tilak – Hinduism: Swami Vivekananda and Sri Aurobindo Ghosh.

UNIT II: Hindutva: Dayanand Saraswati; VD Savarkar; MS Golwalkar – Muslim thought: Sir Syed Ahmed Khan; Mohammed Iqbal; Mohammed Ali Jinnah – Communist thought: MN Roy; EMS Namboodiripad – Socialist thought: Rammanohar Lohia; Jayaprakash Narayan.

UNIT III: Nation & Identity Concern: Jyotiba Phule; Sree Narayan Guru; E. V. Ramaswamy Naicker; Jaipal Singh; Pandita Ramabai – Ideas & views on education: Pandit Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar; Sir Asutosh Mukherjee; Acharya Satishchandra Mukhopadhyay.

UNIT IV: Makers of Modern India: thoughts and ideas of M. K. Gandhi – Rabindranath Tagore – Subhaschandra Bose – B. R. Ambedkar – Maulana Abul Kalam Azad – Jawaharlal Nehru.

Suggested Reading:

1. Ahmed, A. F. S.: *Social Ideas and Social Change in Bengal, 1818-1835*
2. Appadorai, A., *Documents on Political Thought in Modern India (Volumes 1 & 2*)
3. Basu, A.: *The Growth of Education and Political Development in India, 1898-1920*
4. Chakravarti, U.: *Rewriting History: Life and Times of Pandita Ramabai*
5. Chatterjee, P.: *Nationalist Thought & the Colonial World: A Derivative Discourse*
6. Chousalkar, A.: *Indian Idea of Political Resistance: Aurobindo, Tilak, Gandhi and Ambedkar*

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf

7. Deshpande, G. P. (ed.): *Selected Writings of Jotirao Phule.*

8. Gopal, S.: *Jawaharlal Nehru: A Biography*

9. Gore, M. S.: *The Social Context of an Ideology: Ambedkar's Political and Social Thought*

10. Guha, R.: *India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*

11. Guha, R. (ed.): *Makers of Modern India*

12. Hameed, S. S.: *Maulana Azad, Islam and the Indian National Movement*

13. Hardiman, David: *Gandhi: In His Time and Ours*

14. Heehs, P.: *Situating Sri Aurobindo: A Reader*

15. Jalal, A.: *The Sole Spokesman: Jinnah, the Muslim League and the Demand for Pakistan*

16. Jones, K. W.: *Socio-Religious Reform Movements in British India*

17. Jordans, J. T. F.: *Dayananda Saraswati: Essays on His Life and Ideas.*

18. Joshi, V. C. (ed.): *RammohunRoy and the Process of Modernization in India*

19. Kaviraj, S.: *The Unhappy Consciousness: Bankimchandra Chattopadhyaya and the formation of Discourse in India*

20. Kosambi, M. (ed.): *Pandita Ramabai through Her Own Words: Selected Works*

21. Majumder, B. B.: *History of Indian Social and Political Ideas: From Rammohan to Dayananda*

22. Nanda, B. R.: *Gokhale: The Indian Moderates and the British Raj*

23. Sarkar, S.: *Writing Social History*

24. Savarkar, V. D.: *Hindu Rashtra Darshan*

25. Tripathi, A.: *Vidyasagar: The Traditional Modernizer*

THE END

Downloaded from Vidyasagar University by 18.97.14.81 on 16 Sep 2026 : 06:17:37; Copyright : Vidyasagar University
http://www.vidyasagar.ac.in/Downloads/ShowPdf.aspx?file=/PG_Syllabus_CBCS/history.pdf