

UNIVERSITY OF LADAKH



SYLLABUS
OF
THE INTER-DISCIPLINARY COURSE
OF
HISTORY
(UNDER NEP – 2020)

(Implemented w.e.f Academic Session 2023-24)

UNDERGRADUATE INTER-DISCIPLINARY COURSE IN HISTORY (NEP-2020)

HISTORY OF INDIA AND LADAKH-AN INTRODUCTION

Semester – I

Credit – 3

Hrs. 45

Max Marks – 75

Objective: This course introduces the students (not opting for history as the core subject) to the historical past of India. The learner will be acquainted with the various stone-age cultures, civilizations, kingdoms and empires that flourished in the Indian subcontinent. It also focusses on the growth and development of different socio-economic and political processes from the pre historic times to the contemporary times. It also aims at providing the student some knowledge about the processes of state formation and the functioning of administration and economy in the Delhi Sultanate and Mughal Empire. The course further studies the foundation of British rule in India and the response by Indian society in the form of revolt of 1857 followed by the rise of nationalism under Gandhi and independence. It also aims at enabling the learners to understand the regional history. Keeping in view the importance of local history, this course is designed in way to make students familiarized with the history of Ladakh history. It will enable the students to understand the importance of different sources and the debates related to the early inhabitants of Ladakh. It also intends to make students understand the aspects of the origin, foundation and the consolidation of the Namgyal Dynasty of Ladakh.

Unit – 1: Pre-History, Proto-History and Early Indian History

- 1.1 Relevance of Sources in History.
- 1.2 Pre-Historic period in India: Phases and Features
- 1.3 Proto-Historic Period in India: Harappan Civilizations (chief features and decline)
- 1.4 Early Historic Period: Vedic Period (Religion and Society)
- 1.5 Age of Mauryas and Guptas: Conquest and Administration.

Unit – 2: Medieval Indian History

- 2.1: Delhi Sultanate: Foundation and Administration.
- 2.2: Mughal India: Administrative Structure and Decline.
- 2.3: Peninsular India: Foundation of Vijayanagar Empire and The Rise of Marathas.

Unit – 3: Modern Indian History

- 3.1 Foundation of British Rule in India: Battle of Plassey and Buxar.
- 3.2 Resistance to British Domination: Revolt of 1857 (Causes and Consequences);
- 3.3 Emergence of Nationalism (Role of Gandhi in National Movements).
- 3.4 Partition and Independence: Mountbatten Plan and Independence Act of 1947.

Unit – 4: History of Ladakh

- 4.1 Introduction to Prominent Sources
- 4.2 Early Settlers of Ladakh: Mons and Dards

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4.3 Namgyal Dynasty; with Special Reference to Singe Namgyal

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