

**University of Kalyani**  
**Directorate of Open and Distance Learning**  
**M.A. HISTORY SYLLABUS**  
**SEMESTER- II**

**COR-205(CBCS Paper): Society and Culture in India- (Credit-4)**

**BLOCK 1: Fundamentals of Indian Tradition**

Unit-1: Rural communities of Modern India.

Unit-2: Social changes through the ages.

Unit-3: Caste and Social mobility

**BLOCK 2: Philosophy and theology in India.**

Unit-4: The Upanishads, the sharadarshana( Six School).

Unit-5: Charvaka and Lokayata Darshan, *Buddhism, Jainism, Vaishnavism,*

Unit-6: The Bhakti and Sufi movement, Sikh Philosophy.

**BLOCK 3: Displaying Indian heritage in art and architecture.**

Unit-7: Temple, Mosque, Dargah.

Unit-8: Some case studies.

**BLOCK 4: Elite culture.**

Unit-9: Folk tradition and their regional variety.

Unit-10: Development of Language and Literature.

**BLOCK 5: Education and press in India.**

Unit-12: Decline of traditional education and its regional variations.

Unit-13: Spread of western education, its role in socio-religious reforms and growth of nationalism.

Unit-14: Journey from colonial to post-colonial India.

**BLOCK 6: Evolution of different forms of performing art**

Unit-15: Music - North and South Indian varieties.

Unit-16: Dance and Drama: North, South and North- Eastern varieties.

## **COR-206: Colonial India- 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century- (Credit-4)**

### **BLOCK 1: Indian experience of colonialism, an overview**

Unit-1: Strategies of Colonial rule- growth of a new geo-political and administrative structure.

Unit-2: From company's management to the neo darbari mechanism of control.

### **BLOCK 2: Rural economy and society**

Unit-3: Regional variation of agrarian relations, Debate on change and continuity.

Unit-4: Subinfeudation, commercialisation of agriculture and de-industrialization.

Unit-5: Trend in agricultural ecology and output, the stagnation debate and famines.

### **BLOCK 3: Urban Economy and Society: Expansion and Compression**

Unit-6: Urban flow of capital and labour.

Unit-7: Features of new urbanisation- local and regional variations.

### **BLOCK 4: Trade and Industry**

Unit-8: Changes in the commodity composition of trade-increasing monetisation.

Unit-9: The Railways-Rise of modern industry-Structural changes.

Unit-10: New industrial relations- Debate on the comprador status of Indian Capitalists.

### **BLOCK 5: Protestant India**

Unit-11: Tribal and Peasant movements

Unit-12: Colonial policy of pacification and suppression, administrative categorisation of 'criminal tribes and castes'.

Unit-13: Demographic trends.

### **BLOCK 6: Colonial intervention and social change**

Unit-14: 'Renaissance' beyond Bengal and Socio-religious reforms.

Unit-15: Indigenous and Western education.

Unit-16: Rise of the middle class with their press and Literature-tension between tradition and modernity,

## **COR-207: National Movement in India- (Credit-4)**

### **BLOCK-1: Background of Indian Nationalism**

**Unit-1:** Social, Economic and Political background of Indian Nationalism

**Unit-2:** Historiographical Debates.

### **BLOCK-2: Politics of Associations**

**Unit-3 :** Objectives and Methods.

**Unit-4 :** The rise of the Indian National Congress, the foundation debate, myth and reality.

**Unit-5:** Moderate and extremist phases of Congress politics.

### **BLOCK-3: Different Nationalist Ideas.**

**Unit-6:** Bankimchandra, Vivekananda, Aurobindo, Tilak, Rabindranath.

**Unit-7:** Spread of radical nationalism through literature and sports, Revolutionary terrorism and students' politics.

**Unit-8:** Rise of M.K. Gandhi and the era of mass politics.

**Unit-9:** Formation of Congress Left Wing, Socialist ideas of Nehru, Subhas and Bhagat Singh.

### **BLOCK-4: Left Movement in India**

**Unit-10:** Workers and Peasants Struggle.

**Unit-11:** Indian National Army- the Naval Revolt.

### **BLOCK-5: Marginal voices of India**

**Unit-12:** The question of caste and untouchability- anti-caste movements.

**Unit-13:** Women participation in caste struggle.

### **BLOCK-6: Growth of Communal Politics in India**

**Unit-14:** The British Policy of divide and rule.

**Unit-15:** The Muslim league and Pakistan.

**Unit-16:** Partition of India and Independence.

## **COR-208: Life and Thought of Bengal in the 19<sup>th</sup> century- (Credit-4)**

### **BLOCK 1 : Life and Society in 18<sup>th</sup> century Bengal**

Unit-1: Indigenous set up- nature of changes in the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Unit-2: Debate on Bengal Renaissance.

### **BLOCK 2: Foreign agencies in action**

Unit-3: Social and cultural reactions in the indigenous society..

Unit-4: Christian Missionaries and their activities in Bengal.

### **BLOCK 3: Role of intelligentsia in 19<sup>th</sup> century Bengal**

Unit-5: Political, economic and cultural rationalism-Ideological debates.

Unit-6: Orthodox reactions.

Unit-7: Young Bengal movement.

Unit-8: Revival of Hinduism.

### **BLOCK 4: Development of Literature**

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Unit-10: Painting in 19<sup>th</sup> century Bengal.

Unit-11: Performing art in 19<sup>th</sup> century Bengal.

### **BLOCK 5: Spread of Western education in Bengal**

Unit-12: Initiative of the colonial government.

Unit-13: Private philanthropic enterprises.

Unit-14: Introduction of Western Science.

### **BLOCK 6: Women in 19<sup>th</sup> century Bengal**

Unit-15: Status and condition of Women.

Unit-16: Development of Women.

## **SEC: Practice of writing History- (Credit-2)**