

**DIRECTORATE OF DISTANCE EDUCATION
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL
TRUNCATED SYLLABUS FOR B.A. (upto 4th semester)
IN HISTORY
(Semester pattern under CBCS)
(In View of COVID-19)**

DETAILED SYLLABUS:

DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC CORE (DSC)

DSC- 1: PAPER-I (SEMESTER- I):

HISTORY OF INDIA FROM EARLIEST TIMES UP TO 300 CE.

- I. Sources & Interpretation
- II. Harappan Civilization; Origin, Extent, dominant features & decline, Chalcolithic age.
- III. The Vedic Period: Polity, Society, Economy and Religion, Iron Age with reference to PGW & Megaliths.
- IV. Territorial States and the rise of Magadha, Conditions for the rise of Mahajanpadas and the Causes of Magadha's success.
- V. Jainism and Buddhism: Causes, Doctrines, Spread, Decline and Contributions.
- VI. The Satvahanas Phase: Aspects of Political History, Material Culture, Administration, Religion.
- VII. Emergence and Growth of Mauryan Empire; State, Administration, Economy, Ashoka's Dhamma, Art & Architecture.
- VIII. The Sangam Age: Sangam Literature, The three Early Kingdoms, Society & the Tamil language.
- XI. The age of Shakas: Parthians & Kushanas, Aspects of Polity, Society, Religion, Arts & Crafts, Coins, Commerce and Towns

DSC- 1: PAPER-II (SEMESTER- II):

HISTORY OF INDIA FROM C.300 TO 1206

- I. The Rise & Growth of the Guptas: Administration, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Literature, and Science & Technology.
- II. Harsha & his Times: Harsha's Kingdom, Administration, Buddhism & Nalanda.
- III. Towards the Early Medieval: Changes in Society, Polity Economy and Culture with reference to the Pallavas, Chalukayas and Vardhanas.
- IV. Evolution of Political structures of Rashtakutas, Pala & Pratiharas.
- V. Arabs in Sindh: Polity, Religion and Society.
- VI. Struggle for power in Northern India & establishment of Sultanate.

DSC- 1: PAPER-III (SEMESTER- III):

HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1206 TO 1707

- I. Foundation, Expansion & consolidation of the Delhi Sultanate; Nobility & Iqta system.
- II. Military, administrative & economic reforms under the Khiljis and the Tughlaqs.
- III. Bhakti and Sufi Movements.
- IV. Provincial kingdoms: Mewar, Bengal, Vijaynagara & Bahamanis.
- V. Emergence and consolidation of Mughal State, C.16th century to mid 17th century.
- VI. Emergence of Maratha Power.

DSC- 1: PAPER-IV (SEMESTER- IV):

HISTORY OF INDIA: 1707-1950.

- I. Interpreting the 18th Century.
- II. Expansion & consolidation of Colonial Power up to 1857.
- III. Uprising of 1857: Causes, Nature and Aftermath.
- IV. Socio-Religious Movements in the 19th century.
- V. Emergence and Growth of Nationalism with focus on Gandhian nationalism.
- VI. Advent of freedom: Constituent Assembly, establishment of Republic.