

BA PROGRAMME HISTORY
SEMESTER III

Paper 3: History of Modern India (1750-1947)

Credit: 04

UNIT I

**BRITISH CONQUEST OF INDIA: THE FIRST CENTURY OF COLONIAL RULE AND
EARLY INDIAN RESPONSES (1757-1857)**

1. The British conquest of Bengal; emergence of the Colonial state and its expansion and consolidation.
2. Structure and apparatus of colonial rule.
3. Colonial economy and its impact on India.
4. Peasant and tribal uprisings; the Revolt of 1857 and its aftermath.
5. Cultural response to colonialism and the nature of the nineteenth century socio-religious reform movements.

UNIT II

COLONIAL STATE, COLONIAL ECONOMY AND EARLY NATIONALISM (1858-1914)

6. Restructuring of Colonial state after the Revolt of 1857; changes in colonial ideologies
7. Colonial state and economy.
8. Growth of Indian Nationalism; Foundation of Indian National Congress and its programme; phases of Indian National Movements: the foundation of Muslim League.
9. Nationalism and Socio religious reforms of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century
10. Peasant and tribal movements.

UNIT III

**MAHATMA GANDHI THE NATIONAL MOVEMENT, INDEPENDENCE AND
PARTITION**

11. Mahatma Gandhi's early career, his techniques and appeal.
12. Mass nationalism and Gandhian movements.
13. The role of revolutionary nationalism, Congress Socialist Party (CSP), and the Communist Party of India (CPI) in National Movement; tribal, peasant and working class movements.
14. Growth of communalism and Muslim separatism.
15. Quit India Movement: popular movements during 1945-47; Independence and Partition.

Reading List:

1. Bipin Chandra et al, *India's Struggle for Independence 1857-1947*, Viking, New Delhi, 1988. Also in Hindi.
2. Sumit Sarkar, *Modern India 1885-1947*, Macmillan, New Delhi, 1983. Also in Hindi

3. Barbara D. Metcalf and Thomas R. Metcalf, *A Concise History of India*. Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 2002.
4. Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture, Political Economy*, OUP, Delhi, 2004
5. Sekhar Bandhopadhyaya, *From Plassey to Partition: A History of Modern India*, Orient Longman, New Delhi, 2004. Also in Hindi.