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HISTORY OF CONTEMPORARY INDIA (1947-2000)

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UNIT I

1. National government; Partition legacies; migration and resettlement.
2. The making of the Constitution- salient features and emergence of the Republic.
3. The integration of the Princely States.

UNIT II

4. The process of national-building; land reforms; *Zamindari* abolition
5. Economic planning; the model of mixed economy; the Green Revolution
6. Development of education; science and technology; Panchayati Raj

UNIT III

7. Political parties: the Congress; the Left, the Communal and Regional parties
8. The issue of official language; problem of linguistic identity; the SRC and the reorganization of states
9. India's foreign Policy: the initial years

UNIT IV

10. Tribals, scheduled castes and state policy
11. Coalition politics and governments in the states; JP movement; decline and re-emergence of the Congress
12. Growth of caste politics and revival of communalism in the 1980s and 1990s; experiment with coalition government at the Centre, 1989-2000

Reading list:

1. Bipan Chandra, *Essays on Contemporary India*, Har-Anand Publication, New Delhi, 1999.
2. Bipan Chandra, Mridula Mukherjee and Aditya Mukherjee, *India Since Independence*, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 2008.
3. Christopher Jafferlot, *The Hindu Nationalist Movement in Indian Politics, 1925 to the 1990s*, Hurst and Company, London, 1996.
4. Francis R. Frankel, *India's Political Economy 1947-77*, Oxford University Press, New Delhi, 1978.
5. Mushirul Hasan, 'Indian Muslims Since Independence: In Search of Integration and Identity', *Economic and Political Weekly*, Vol. 23, No. 45/47, 1999, pp. 2467-76.
6. Paul R. Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence*, Cambridge University Press, New Delhi, 1992.
7. Ramchandra Guha, *India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*, Picador, New Delhi, 2008.
8. Shashi Tharoor, *India from Midnight to the Millennium*, Arcade Publishing, New Delhi, 1997.