

BA PROGRAMME HISTORY
SEMESTER IV

Paper 4: History of Contemporary India (1947-2000)

Credit: 04

**UNIT I
POLITY AND POLITICAL HISTORY**

1. Partition legacies; migration and resettlement.
2. The making of the Constitution and establishment of the Republic.
3. The integration of the Princely states.
4. Reorganization of the states.
5. The issue of National Language.
6. Political parties and major political developments.
7. India's relations with neighbours; India's foreign policy.

**UNIT II
ECONOMY, SOCIETY AND CULTURE**

8. Economic planning and the model of mixed economy.
9. Industrialization and growth of capitalism.
10. Land reforms and agrarian class structure; Green Revolution and capitalism in agriculture; rural labour and migration.
11. Caste and politics in Independent India; Dalit and Backward Caste assertion.
12. Regionalism and regional inequalities; secessionist movements.
13. Advances in science and technology.
14. Art, culture, literature and mass media.

**UNIT III
ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY INDIAN HISTORY**

15. Poverty and illiteracy; demographic trends.
16. Communalism and religious identities.
17. The caste question.
18. Gender inequalities.
19. The tribal movements and the state policy.
20. Ecology and environmentalism.
21. Liberalization and globalization.

Reading list:

1. Paul Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence* (New Cambridge History of India Series), 1990.
2. Bipan Chandra et al, *India After Independence, 1947-2000*, Penguin, New Delhi, 2000.
3. Francine Frankel, *India's Political Economy, 1947-1977*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1978.
4. Lloyd and Susanne Hober Rudolph, *In Pursuit of Lakshmi: The Political Economy of the Indian State*, Chicago University Press, Chicago, 1987.
5. Sunil Khilani, *The Idea of India*, London: Hasmish Hamilton, 1997.
6. Madhav Gadgil and Ramachandra Guha, *The Use and Abuse of Nature*, OUP, Delhi, 2004.
7. Ramachandra Guha, *India After Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*, Picador, London, 2007.
8. Maria Misra, *Vishnu's Crowded Temple: India Since the Great Rebellion*, Allen Lane, London, 2007 (Chapters 5, 6, 7 & 8)
9. Sugata Bose and Ayesha Jalal, *Modern South Asia: History, Culture Political Economy*, OUP, Delhi, 2004 (Chapters 18 and 19).