

UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMME IN HISTORY

Semester – VI

Paper No – 17 : Making of Contemporary India

1. Towards Independence and Emergence of the New State

(15 Lectures and Presentations)

Government of India Act 1935
Working of the GOI Act
Negotiations for Independence and Popular Movements
Partition: Riots and Rehabilitation

2. Making of the Republic

(15 Lectures and Presentations)

The Constituent Assembly; Drafting of the Constitution
Integration of Princely States

3. Indian Democracy at Work ca 1950- 1970s

(15 Lectures and Presentations)

Language, Region, Caste and Religion
Electoral Politics and the Changing Party System; Regional Experiences
India and the World ; Non Aligned Movement

4. Economy Society and Culture ca 1950-1970s

(15 Lectures and Presentations)

The Land Question, Planned Economy, Industry and Labour
Science and Education
The Women's Question: Movements and Legislation
Cultural Trends: Institutions and Ideas, Literature, Media, Arts

ESSENTIAL READINGS

Granville Austin, *Indian Constitution: Cornerstone of a Nation*, New Edition, OUP, 2011

Francine Frankel , *India's Political Economy, 1947-2004*, New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2006.

Paul Brass, *The Politics of India Since Independence*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press,1994.

Ramchandra Guha, *India after Gandhi: The History of the World's Largest Democracy*, New Delhi: Picador, 2007

SUGGESTED READINGS

Bipan Chandra, *etal* (ed) *India after Independence*, New Delhi: Penguin Books, 1999

Appadurai, *Domestic Roots of India's Foreign Policy 1947-1972*. New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 1979.

Rajni Kothari, *Politics in India*, New Delhi: Orient Longman, 1970.

Joya Chatterji, *The Spoils of Partition: Bengal and India, 1947-67*, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007.

Sunil Khilnani, *The Idea of India*, Penguin Books, New Delhi, 2004