

History
COURSE NO: HIS 503
SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC HISTORY OF MODERN INDIA
(18th – 20th Century)

Unit I Pre-colonial Society:

Caste system; family institution, social evils of the 18 Century

Pre-colonial Economy:

Agriculture, Trade and Industry

Beginning of Social change and Awakening:

The Spirit of Awakening; Social and Religious reforms; pressure of the Foreign Power; Expansion of Western Education etc

Introduction of Modern Education:

Role of the Company and British Parliament; Charles Woods Despatch; Hunter's Commission etc

Emancipation of Women:

Emancipation during British Period; Emancipation of Post British Period; Recent Legislature Enactments

Social Reform Movement:

Causes and Impact of Socio-reform Movement; Role played by different reformers.

Unit II Charter Act of 1813 and Free Trade

Provision of Charter Act of 1813 and free trade in India

Impact of the British Rule:

Disruption of Traditional economy; Commercialisation of agriculture; Rural indebtedness; rise of Money lenders; growth of Agricultural labours etc.

De-industrialisation:

Policy of the British Parliament; Oppression of the Company; High import duties etc

Land Tenure changes and Impact on Agriculture:

Permanent Settlement; Mahalwari Settlement; Ryotwari Settlement and its impact

Unit III India under Crown

Beginning of Industrialisation; Cotton Industry etc Agriculture; Finance; Rural Indebtedness, Foreign Trade

Unit IV Impact of World War I & II

Causes and consequences of its impact on industries, Finance, Capital, banking

Drain Theory:

Economic Drain and its consequences; Home Charges; Dividend on Proprietors etc

Economic Drain:

Main Proponents; Reasons for its Growth and its impact

Unit V Gandhi – His Economic Views:

Gandhi on Non-Possession, Gandhi on Capitalism, Gandhi on Industrialisation, Gandhi on Rural Economy; Gandhi on Khadi, Gandhi on Co – operative Farming

Gandhi as a social Reformer:

Constructive programme includes both social and economic schemes, emancipation of women etc

Role of women in the National movement

Role of Annie Besant, Role of Sarojini Naidu etc