

Third Semester

Open Elective (II) Paper No: HSE. 505

India's Struggle for Freedom 1857 – 1947

Learning Objectives:

1. To know the process of the founding of the British empire and the first war of Indian Independence.
2. To know the origins of 'Indian Renaissance' in the 19th century.
3. To understand the impact of the social awakening in India and social reforms.
4. To know the origins of nationalism, the process of liberation struggle and India's independence.

Learning Outcomes:

After completing the paper, students will come to know the following

1. Understand the emergence of British rule and its process and resistance to it.
 2. Understand the Indian Renaissance and social reforms and change.
 3. Understand the origins, growth and ideologies of Indian nationalism.
 4. Understand the various phases of freedom struggle, its leaders and ideology and legacy.
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1. Foundation of the British Empire: the Imperial ideology –the 'First War of Indian Independence, 1857' –Re-conquest and reorganization - the impact of the 1857 event.
 2. 19th Century Socio-religious reforms-Rajaram Mohan Roy and Brahmo Samaj- Dayananda Saraswathi and Arya Samaj- Swami Vivekananda and Cultural nationalism.
 3. Foundation of the Indian National Congress: the Moderate Phase –Dadabai Naoroji and Economic Nationalism – Partition of Bengal – Tilak and the rise of Extremism - the Swadeshi Movement – the Home Rule Movement.
 4. The Age of Gandhian Politics: Khilafat and Non- Cooperation Movement – Civil Disobedience Movement – Bhagat Singh and Revolutionary Movement – Gandhi-Ambedkar Debates the Act of 1935 – Congress Ministries-Non-Brahmin and Dalit protests – Communalism and Nationalism.
 5. Freedom with Partition: World War II and Indian nationalism – Quit India Movement – circumstances leading to Partition and Independence - the legacy of Indian Nationalism.

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