

UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS
M.A. DEGREE PROGRAMME IN HISTORICAL STUDIES
SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2023-2024

SECOND YEAR – SEMESTER- III

Course code	503C3A	LABOUR MOVEMENT IN INDIA	L	T	P	C
Core/Elective/Supportive	Core		4	0	0	4
Pre-requisite	A basic knowledge on history of labour in colonial India and idea of the various movements		Syllabus Version	2023-2024		
Course Objectives:						
The main objectives of this course are to:						
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide students with the latest information in the field of labour history 2. Inculcate an idea, understanding of basic concepts of labour history. 3. Explain the processes of change and adaptation of traditional labour in colonial India 4. Explain the theoretical basis of the tools, technologies and methods commonly used in labour history. 						
Expected Course Outcomes:						
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:						
1	Recognize the various theories of labour					K1
2	Identify spatial culture changes in various parts of the British India					K2
3	Demonstrate the role of new innovations in mobilization of labour					K3
4	Compare and contrast the different types of industries in colonial India.					K4
5	Assess the role of colonial government in industrial development					K5
K1 - Remember; K2 - Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;						
Unit:1	Industrial revolution and beginning of workers organization				14 hours	
Introduction - Industrial Revolution and the conditions of working classes - Origins of Chartist movement and its impact in Britain- Concept of Simon- First Communist International-May Celebration and its impact - Russian Revolution and its impact						
Unit:2	Industrialization and labour recruitment in India				14 hours	
The origins of industrial labour in colonial India- Conditions of labour in textiles, Jute, coal mining and plantations- Madras Labour Union-Ahamedabad Textile Labour Union-Establishment of All India Trade Union Movement in 1920 - The Indian National Congress and Labor.						
Unit:3	Beginning of the labour movement				14 hours	
The Growth of Trade Union Movement in Bombay, Calcutta and Madras and Kanpur in the interwar period - Subas Chandra Bose and TISCO Strike - The Kamagar union and the workers in Bombay- Federations of Labour Unions - Split in the AITUC.						

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Unit:4	First World War and its impact	14 hours
The colonial state and Working classes - the colonial India and I.L.O- Labour legislations- Workmen's Compensation Act - Indian Trade Unions Act - Indian Trade Disputes Act-Madras Maternity Act. And the Payment of Wages act of 1936.		
Unit:5	Independent India's Labour Legislations	14 hours
Independent India and Labour Welfare Measures - the Role of government in industrial relations- Industrial Dispute Act- Issues in labour policy and labour law reform- Trade Unionism and its effect on the Indian Economy.		
Total Lecture hours		70 hours
Text Book(s)		
1	Myres, A. Charles, Industrial Relations in India (Bombay).	
2	Karnik, V.B., Indian Labour Problems and Prospects (Calcutta, 1974).	
3	Karnik, V.B., Indian Trade Unions, A Survey (Bombay, 1966).	
4	Karnik, V.B., Strikes in India (Bombay, 1967).	
5	C.S. Venkata Ratnam, Industrial Relations (Oxford, Delhi, 2009)	
Reference Books		
1	Dharma Kumar and Megnad Desai, eds. Cambridge Economic History of India, Vol. II Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1982.	
2	Sen, S., Working Class of India: History of Emergence and Movement, 1830-1970 (Calcutta, 1977).	
3	Das, R.K., History of Indian Labour Legislation (Calcutta, 1941).	
Related Online Contents [MOOC, SWAYAM, NPTEL, Websites etc.]		

Mapping with Programme Outcomes										
COs	PO1	PO2	PO3	PO4	PO5	PO6	PO7	PO8	PO9	PO10
CO1	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	L
CO3	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S
CO3	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	M	S
CO4	M	S	S	S	S	S	S	L	S	S
CO5	S	S	S	S	M	S	S	S	S	S

*S-Strong; M-Medium; L-Low