

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

**SECOND YEAR – SEMESTER- III**

<b>Course code</b>	<b>503C3C</b>	<b>CONTEMPORARY HISTORY OF INDIA – from 1947 to 2014 C.E.</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Core/Elective/Supportive</b>	<b>Core</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Pre-requisite</b>			<b>Syllabus Version</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>		
<b>Course Objectives:</b>						
The main objectives of this course are to: To delineate the various challenges and responses faced by India after Independence. To project the role of India in the World Affairs						
<b>Expected Course Outcomes:</b>						
On the successful completion of the course, student will be able to:						
1	To analyze the Political, Economic, Social developments under Nehru					K1
2	To understand the evolution of India’s foreign policy after Independence					K2
3	To highlight the various domestic and foreign policies of Indira Gandhi					K3
4	To discuss the Open Economy and new Liberalistic polices of Rajiv Gandhi.					K4
5	To analyze the administration of the United Front, National Democratic Alliance Government and economic reforms of Manmohan Singh.					K5
<b>K1 - Remember; K2 - Understand; K3 - Apply; K4 - Analyze; K5 - Evaluate;</b>						
<b>Unit:1</b>	<b>The Nehruvian Era</b>					<b>14 hours</b>
Integration of Native States – Linguistic Reorganization of State, 1956 – Economic Policy – Five Year Plans – Social Welfare Programmes – Foundations of Foreign Policy and Non-Alignment – Panchsheel – India and Common Wealth – India and UNO.						
<b>Unit:2</b>	<b>Indira Gandhi Era</b>					<b>14 hours</b>
Lal Bahadur Shastri – Tashkent Accord – Food Crisis-Green and White Revolution – Anti – Hindi Agitation of 1965 – Indira Gandhi- Nationalization of Banks – Abolition of Privy Purse – Indo – Pak war and emergence of Bangladesh – Split of Indian National Congress – Garibi Hatao Programmes – Pokran Nuclear Test – Jayaprakash Narayan’s Total Revolution- Proclamation of Emergency – Janata Party – Morarji Desai – return of Indira Gandhi – Administrative Reforms – Blue Star Operation.						
<b>Unit:3</b>	<b>Development of Science and Technology</b>					<b>14 hours</b>
Rajiv Gandhi– Space Research – Economic and Social Measures – Assam Accord – New Education Policy – Indo – Sri Lanka Accord – IPKF – National Front Government: V.P.Singh–Mandal Commission – P.V. Narashima Rao – New Economic Policies.						

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<b>Unit:4</b>	Coalition Era	<b>14 hours</b>
United Front government under Devagowda and I.K Gujral – National Democratic Alliance Government under Atal Bihari Vajpayee – Nuclear Tests – Highway projects – Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan – United Progressive Alliance Government under Manmohan Singh – His legislations – Domestic Violence Act of 2005 – National Rural Employment Gurantee Act and Right to Information Act, Right to Education Act – End of the Coaliation Era – 2014.		
<b>Unit:5</b>	India In World Affairs	<b>14 hours</b>
Post 1990 scenario – the Gujral Doctrine, Nuclear Doctrine – Global Terrorism-Parliament Attack of 2001 – Mumbai Terrorist Attacks of 2008 – Disarmament – CTBT – Indian Diaspora – Migration of professional workers to developed countries – Indo – US relations and Indo – Soviet relations – India’s Nuclear Policy NPT and CTBT.		
<b>Total Lecture hours</b>		<b>70 hours</b>
<b>Text Book(s)</b>		
2	Bipin Chandra, etal, India since Independence. Penguin Books, and New Delhi, 2007.	
4	Dube. S.C., Contemporary India and its Modernization, Vikas Publishing House, New Delhi, 1974	
5	Ramachandra Guha, India After Gandhi (Delhi, 2011)	
6	Sharma, R.K, Indian Politics After Independence, Swasthik Publications, New Delhi, 2012.	
8	Venkatesan G, History of Contemporary India, VC Publication, Rajapalayam, 2012.	
	Durga Das , India-From Curzon to Nehru & After, Collins, London, 1969	
	Rajini Kothari, Politics in India, Orient Black Swan, New Delhi, 2003.	

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

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