**Curriculum plan (Odd Semester 2025-26)**

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**Class type: B.A(Prog)VIIth sem (DSE)Major**

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| **Unit to be taken** | **Month wise schedule to be followed** | **Tests/Assignments/ Revision/Presentations etc** |
| **UNIT 1**: **Economic changes from pre-colonial to colonial regimes - nature and characteristics; Colonialism and the Indian Economy**  a. P. Parthasarathy, 2011, Why Europe Grew Rich and Asia did not: Global Economic Divergence, 1600-1850, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, Ch 2 on India and the global economy, 1600–1800: Introduction pp. 21-27; Section on Bullion in the global economy pp: 46-50 & Ch 8 on Modern industry in early nineteenth-century India: Section on The debate on the nineteenth-century Indian economy pp 224-226; Section on Industrialization in early nineteenth-century India pp: 239-244; Section on State and economy in nineteenth-century India pp: 251-262. | 1st and 2nd week of August | **Tests/Assignments**  **Internal Assessment**  Tentative 24marks Internal Test schedule  - October 1st week.  - November 4th week |
| **b.** P. Parthasarathy, 2009, Historical Issues of Deindustrialization in Nineteenth Century South India, in T Roy and Giorgio Riello (eds) How India Clothed the World: The World of South Asian Textiles, 1500-1850, Brill, Leiden, pp. 415-435. | 3rd week of August,and 1st week of September |
| **UNIT 2: Population, Mortality and Famines**  a. Sumit Guha, 1991, Mortality decline in early 20th century India, Indian Economic and Social History Review, vol. 28, Issue 4, pp. 371-74 and 383-87; (Note: pages 375-382, which involve Guha’s critique of Klein, are to be de-emphasised for detailed readingand examination). | 2nd week of September |
| **b.** Ira Klein, 1984, When Rains Fail: Famine relief and mortality in British India, Indian Economic and Social History Review, vol. 21, issue 2, pp. 185-214 | 3rd week of September |
| **UNIT 3: Agriculture Industry and Railways**  a.Tirthankar Roy, 2011, Agriculture, The Economic History of India 1857-1947, 3rd edn, Oxford University Press, Delhi, Ch. 4, pp. 104-148. | 4th week of September |
| b. John Hurd, 1982, Railways, in Dharma Kumar (ed.) Cambridge Economic History of India 1754-c.1970, vol. 2, Orient Longman, Delhi, Ch. 8, pp.737-761 | 1st week of October |
| c. Rajat Ray (ed.), 1994, Introduction in Entrepreneurship and Industry in India, Oxford University Press, Delhi, pp.1-69. | 2nd & 4th week of October |
| **UNIT 4: Economy and State in the Imperial**  a. David Washbrook, 2012, The Indian Economy and the British Empire in Douglas M Peers and Nandini Gooptu (ed.) India and the British Empire, Oxford University Press, Delhi, Ch. 3, pp. 44-74. | 1stweek of October |
| b. Mukherjee, A. (2010) Empire: how colonial India made modern Britain. Economic and Political Weekly. Vol. 45(50) (December 11-17, 2010), Section 2: British Conquest of India, pp. 75-78. | 2nd and 3rd week of November |
| **Revision** | 4th week of November |

**References**

(\*) Bagchi, A. K. (2010) Colonialism and Indian Economy. Oxford University Press. Introduction. Section on Agricultural Productivity and Agrarian Change (pg. xxxiii- xxxix)

(\*) L. C. Jain, 1929, Indigenous Credit Instruments and Systems in M. M. Kudaisya (ed.) The Oxford Anthology of Business History, 2011, Oxford University Press,Delhi, Ch. 3, pp. 52-61. (Note: This reading may be used as a background reading for the section “The Bazaar” in Rajat Ray’s Introduction (previous reading) for a better understanding of the Hundi system).

(\*) Mukherjee, A. (2010) Empire: how colonial India made modern Britain. Economic and Political Weekly. Vol. 45(50) (December 11-17, 2010), Sections 1 and 2 pp. 73-75 and Section 4 pp: 78-82.

\*David Washbrook, 2022, The Political Economy of Colonialism in India In Harald Fischer-Tiné and Maria Framke (eds.) Routledge Handbook of the History of Colonialism in South Asia, Routledge, Chapter 2, pp. 23-35.

(\*) Gopalan Balachandran, 2016, Colonial India and the World Economy. c. 1850-1940, in L. Chaudhary, B. Gupta, T Roy and A. V. Swami (eds.), A New Economic History of Colonial India, Routledge, London and New York, Ch.6, pp. 84-99.

(\*) Bhattacharya, Sabyasachi (2005) ‘Introduction’ in the new edition of Kumar,Dharma ( ed.) Cambridge Economic History of India. Vol 2. Delhi.