

St. Xavier's College (Autonomous), Ahmedabad

FACULTY OF ARTS

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS (SF)

BA. Hons. (Economics) SF

SEMESTER-4

SEC: ECONOMIC HISTORY OF INDIA FROM 1857 TO 1947

CREDIT DISTRIBUTION, ELIGIBILITY AND PRE-REQUISITES OF THE COURSE

Course Title & Code	Credit Distribution of The Course			Eligibility Criteria	Pre-requisite(s) of the Course (if any)
	Lectures	Tutorial	Practical / Practice		
Economic History of India from 1857 TO 1947 (ECHSE441C)	4	0	0	10 + 2 from a recognized board in any stream	None

Learning Objectives:

- 1 Understand the historical, political, and economic background of India during the colonial period with emphasis on British expansion and policy frameworks
- 2 Explain the structural changes in India's economy during colonial rule in terms of national income, population, agriculture, and occupational patterns

Course Outcomes:

- 1 Analyze the impact of British colonial policies, trade practices, and governance on India's economic structure and development
- 2 Evaluate changes in agrarian systems, demographic trends, and economic indicators during the colonial period using basic economic reasoning

Unit I: Colonial Expansion and Economic Policies in India

- Historical Background of India in the Pre-colonial Period
- Advent of European Powers in India
- Expansion of the British Empire under the East India Company
- Expansion under the Governor-Generals
- Commercial and Trade Policies of the East India Company
- Economic Policies of the British Government
- The Revolt of 1857: Economic Causes and Consequences
- Mercantilism and Colonialism in India

Unit II: Economic Structure and Agrarian Economy under Colonial Rule

- National Income during the Colonial Period
- Methods of Measuring National Income
- Population Growth and Demographic Trends
- Occupational Structure in Colonial India
- Urbanization during the Colonial Period
- Changing Agrarian Trends in Colonial India
- Agricultural Techniques and Methods in British India
- Irrigation System under Colonial Rule

Books and references

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3. Kumar, D., & Desai, M. (Eds.). (1983). The Cambridge economic history of India: Volume 2: c.1757-c.1970.
4. Bandopadhyaya, S. (2014). From Plassey to Partition and After. Orient Blackswan Private Limited.
5. Dutt, R.C. (1994). The Economic History of India. Forgotten Books.
6. Habib, I. (2006). Indian Economy 1858-1914, A People's History of India, Vol.28, Tulika.