

**UNIVERSITY OF MADRAS**  
**B.A. DEGREE COURSE IN HISTORICAL STUDIES**  
**SYLLABUS WITH EFFECT FROM 2020-2021**

**BHS-DSC13**

**CORE-XIII: CONTEMPORARY INDIA 1947 – 2019 CE**

Instr.Hrs.: 4

Credits : 4

Year : III

Semester: VI

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Students will acquire**

**a) adf**

**b) dfa**

**Objectives:**

- To make the students understand the unprecedented changes since its formal independence.
- To give an overview of social dimensions of change and political democracy.
- It creates awareness about the various issues and challenges facing India during the contemporary period.

**Course Outcome:**

- This course gives a picture of how India's political and economic agenda and basics of foreign policy were evolved and developed since independence.
- It also focuses on the development of education, science and technology and dwells on the consolidation of the nation emphasizing the principles of unity and integrity.

**Contents**

**UNIT I**

**[20 Hrs]**

Independence and Partition of India – Integration of Princely States – Republican Constitution of India – First General Elections – Constitutional Amendment.

**UNIT II**

**[15 Hrs]**

Nehruvian Era - Planning for India - Linguistic Reorganization of Indian States – Nehru's Foreign Policy - Indo-China War of 1952.

**UNIT III**

**[15 Hrs]**

Lal Bahadur Shastri - Indo-Pakistan War - Indira Gandhi - Nationalization of Banks – Abolition of Privy purses - Green Revolution - Indo-Pakistan War and Creation of Bangladesh – Declaration of Emergency.

**UNIT IV**

**[20 Hrs]**

Formation of Janata Party and Coalition government at the Centre – Rajiv Gandhi – New Education Policy – Information Technology – Panchayati Raj.

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**UNIT V**

[20 Hrs]

National Front Government: V.P. Singh – Mandal Commission – P.V. Narashima Rao – New Economic Policies - United Front Government.– Vajpayee Administration – Pokhran II Tests.

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